

MASS ANTI-TERRORISM DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY IN PARIS

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- A mass demonstration against terrorism and the countries and organizations which back it will be held here Tuesday. Jewish organizations have called for a protest march from the Memorial to the Unknown Jewish Martyr to Bastille Square, once a symbol of terror and oppression.

French Jews, who traditionally have close links with Turkey's Jewish community, were shocked and dismayed by the Saturday morning attack on an Istanbul synagogue which left at least 21 worshippers dead and wounded several others.

The Central body of French Jewry (CRIF) cabled a message of solidarity and sympathy to the Turkish Chief Rabbi. CRIF president Theo Klein called on the French government and the governments of all democratic nations "to take all the necessary measures to prevent the reoccurrence" of such outrages.

The government has issued an official statement condemning the murder and expressing its shock.

Special security measures were visible near Jewish and Israeli institutions in Paris and throughout France. Eight hundred members of the national police have been brought to Paris. Most of them are assigned to patrol near synagogues, Jewish community centers and other threatened sites.

REAGAN SENDS MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY TO ISRAEL'S AND TURKEY'S PRESIDENTS OVER TERRORIST KILLINGS IN ISTANBUL

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- President Reagan has sent messages to the Presidents of Israel and Turkey expressing the "sympathy of the American people" over the terrorist attack on Istanbul's largest synagogue Saturday in which 21 worshippers were killed and four were wounded.

State Department spokesman Bernard Kalb, in announcing Monday that the messages had been sent, repeated the Department's condemnation of the attack and "its shock at the terrible loss of life."

"There can be no justification for this brutal and indiscriminate attack," Kalb said. "Attacks, such as this, deserve the condemnation of all civilized countries."

Kalb said that the United States does not know which "particular terrorist group or country" was responsible for the attack. The U.S. also does not know which group carried out the hijacking of the Pan American plane in Karachi, Pakistan, last week.

However, the four terrorists captured in Karachi are Palestinians, as are believed to have been the two terrorists who died while throwing hand grenades and firing submachine guns in the Istanbul synagogue. President Mohammed Zia of Pakistan said Monday that he had good relations with the Palestinians, particularly Yasir Arafat, head of the PLO.

But Kalb said that the U.S. has "confidence" that Pakistan would carry out the prosecution of the hijackers. Zia said the hijackers would be tried, noting that Pakistan's law carries the death penalty for terrorism.

UN CHIEF OUTRAGED BY ATTACK IN A SYNAGOGUE IN ISTANBUL

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Monday that he is "deeply shocked and outraged by the attack against a synagogue in Istanbul during the weekend and the resulting loss of human life."

A statement released through his spokesman said the Secretary General "condemns in the strongest possible terms this odious and senseless act of terrorism." The statement also condemned the hijacking of a Pan American airliner at Karachi airport last Friday. It recalled that the General Assembly adopted a resolution last December condemning international terrorism and the taking of hostages.

The statement said the Secretary General "strongly feels that every effort should be made by the international community and individual member states to implement this resolution and bring to an end such abhorrent practices."

At The International Conference For Soviet Jewry: JEWISH LEADERS PLAN TO

APPEAL TO GORBACHEV TO ALLOW SOVIET JEWS TO LEAVE FOR ISRAEL

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Sept. 8 (JTA)-- Jewish leaders plan to issue a strong appeal to Mikhail Gorbachev to allow Soviet Jews to leave for Israel, when they convene here Wednesday for a two-day meeting of the Presidium of the International Conference for Soviet Jewry.

Sources close to the Conference said Russia's abrasive conduct during and after last month's meeting at Helsinki "has convinced us that an appeal must be launched to world opinion to leave no doubt in the Soviet leader's mind that civilized humanity will not tolerate a continuation of the current 'closed gates' policy practiced by the Soviet Union in refusing permission for its Jewish citizens to migrate abroad."

The sources were referring to the brief meeting at Helsinki August 18 between Israeli and Soviet diplomatic delegations. It was the first such contact since Moscow broke diplomatic relations with Israel nearly 20 years ago. The Soviet delegates terminated the meeting after 90 minutes because the Israelis raised the issue of Jewish emigration from the USSR.

The Conference will be attended by delegates from a dozen countries. Natan Shcharansky will take the occasion to meet with President Francois Mitterrand to thank him for his personal intervention which helped secure Shcharansky's release last February after nine years in the Soviet Gulag. Shcharansky will be accompanied by his wife, Avital.

Others attending the conference include Leon Dulzin, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives; Lionel Kopelowitz, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews; Israel Singer, secretary general of the World Jewish Congress; Abraham Foxman, assistant national director and head of the international affairs division of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; and Theo Klein, president of CRIF, the representative body of French Jews.

COALITION CRISIS AVERTED AFTER SHARON APOLOGIZES TO PERES FOR REMARKS ON ISTANBUL TERRORISM

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- The coalition crisis threatened by Ariel Sharon's remarks faded Monday as swiftly as it arose 24 hours earlier when the Likud hardliner implied that the terrorist attack on an Istanbul synagogue Saturday was the result of "weakness" shown by the Israeli government.

Sharon sent a letter of retraction, published here Sunday night, which Labor Party Ministers said entirely fulfilled Premier Shimon Peres' requirement for a full recantation. Likud circles seemed relieved that a showdown was averted. But this was coupled with embarrassment over Sharon's behavior.

Peres cancelled Sunday's weekly Cabinet meeting and demanded that Sharon retract and apologize for his allegation on a Saturday radio interview that "the unceasing pursuit of dubious and baseless peace plans at a time when our enemies are waging an unending war against us contributed to the weakening of Israel's shield ... and has exposed Jews abroad even more to Palestinian terror."

Sharon, who is Minister of Commerce and Industry, stated in his letter to Peres:

"There is no connection between the decisions of the government and what happened in Istanbul. There is no connection between our sincere and general striving for peace and the murder of Jews. I have never once believed that this had to be the answer to the PLO's murder and terror organizations to the Israel government's desire for peace, as has been attributed to me. It is they who, due to their murderous nature, have chosen that course."

The letter added: "We must stand stalwart against the PLO's terror which is backed by Syria and Libya. Failure on our part to stand united against that terror will only encourage its activities ... At this very moment, the entire world is awaiting the reaction of the Israel government. We must stand united against the dangers which confront us."

ISRAEL TO REVIVE PROJECT EXODUS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- The recent thaw in relations between Israel and the Black African nations that broke diplomatic ties with it after the 1973 Yom Kippur War will revive a project undertaken by Israeli ophthalmologists 27 years ago to eradicate eye diseases common to tropical Africa.

Four Israeli ophthalmologists will establish eye clinics in Africa shortly. Their work is a continuation of Project Exodus, established in

1959 by the late Prof. Isaac Michaelson of Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem to fight such eye diseases as trachoma and river blindness.

Michaelson had succeeded in eradicating them in Israel and his procedures were introduced in many African countries by Israeli doctors in the 1960s. An international symposium dedicated to Michaelson's memory recently closed in Jerusalem.

It was organized by Hadassah Hospital and attended by ophthalmologists from 26 countries including Poland, Hungary, Lesotho, Liberia and Haiti. The symposium dealt with another area of Michaelson's expertise--ocular circulation and neovascularization.

RABIN IS WASHINGTON-BOUND FOR TALKS WITH PENTAGON OFFICIALS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8 (JTA)-- Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin left for Washington Monday morning for meetings with Pentagon officials on military cooperation between the two countries. He is expected to raise such questions as Israel's participation in the Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars) program and the U.S. financed Lavi fighter-plane project.

Sources here said Rabin will also press the U.S. to grant Israel status similar to that enjoyed by the NATO countries, including the right to purchase and sell military equipment to the U.S. under favorable conditions such as special discounts, loans, credits and purchasing advantages.

FCC JUDGE APPROVES SALE OF KANSAS RADIO STATION WHICH HAD BROADCAST RACIST AND ANTI-SEMITIC PROGRAMS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- A Federal Communications Commission judge has approved the sale of a Kansas radio station which had broadcast racist and anti-Semitic programs.

Charles Babbs, owner of KMCS-FM, formerly KTLT-FM, in Dodge City, sold the station for \$10,000 to the Community Service Broadcasting, Inc., the citizens group which has been trying for three years to get the license held by Babbs and his former wife, Nellie Babbs.

FCC Administrative Law Judge John Frysiak said last Thursday the agreement to sell the license for the radio station ended a controversy that became a national issue ever since CSB first challenged the renewal of the license to the Babbses in 1983.

The station broadcast anti-Black and anti-Semitic programs in 1982 and 1983. In 1985 the FCC refused to rescind the station's license because the FCC said the programming was protected by the First Amendment.

However, since April the FCC was reviewing whether the transfer of ownership to Babbs from his wife, whom he has since divorced, was illegal. His wife was believed to have been behind the racist programs. Babbs sought to change the format and ceased broadcasting in June.

The Babbses' application for license renewal had been opposed by the Dodge City Citizens for Better Broadcasting, the National Black Media Coalition, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Community Relations Bureau of Kansas City, Mo., the Jewish War Veterans and Kansas Attorney General Robert Stephan.

HANK GREENBERG DEAD AT 75

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 (JTA)-- Harry Benjamin "Hank" Greenberg, the slugging first baseman who became the first Jewish inductee into the Baseball Hall of Fame, died last Thursday at his Beverly Hills, Calif., home. He was 75 and had been ill with cancer for 13 months.

Raised in the Lower East Side of Manhattan and the Bronx, Greenberg was a high school baseball star and basketball player. He played first base and left field with the Detroit Tigers for 12 seasons, (1930,1933-41,1945-46) interrupted by the more than four years that he served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He spent his final season, 1947, with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Greenberg hit 331 home runs in his career, with 1,276 runs batted in and a .313 lifetime batting average. In 1938, he hit 58 home runs, the most ever by a right-handed batter. He led the American League in home runs five times and runs batted in four times, and was the League's Most Valuable Player in 1935 and 1940. In four World Series he batted .318.

Following his retirement as a player, he became part-owner and later general manager of the Cleveland Indians baseball team. He was dismissed, but returned to baseball as vice president and general manager of the Chicago White Sox.

In addition, he was elected into the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

'Hank Greenberg Had Class'

"As the first great Jewish baseball player of this century, Greenberg used to recall "Remarks about my being a 'sheenie' and a Jew all the time." But he denied rumors that anti-Semitism among opposing players thwarted his unsuccessful attempt in 1938 to break Babe Ruth's record for home runs in a season.

Not religious, Greenberg nevertheless sat out a game during Yom Kippur at the height of the League race for first place. A Detroit newspaper carried a headline in Hebrew that day, accompanied by the English translation: "Happy New Year, Hank."

Greenberg apparently condemned the racism that the first Black major league baseball player constantly faced. As Greenberg stood near Brooklyn Dodger Jackie Robinson at first base during a 1947 game, Greenberg told him: "Don't let them get you down. You're doing fine. Keep it up."

Robinson later said that that was the first encouragement he received from an opposing player. "Hank Greenberg has class," he said. "It stands out all over him."

LAWMAKER URGES CHANGE IN PASSPORTS TO PROTECT PERSONS FROM TERRORISTS

By Michael Solomon

MONTREAL, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- Jerry Weiner, Minister of State for Immigration, proposed Sunday that Canada drop a citizen's place of origin from its passports to protect them should they fall into the hands of terrorists while travelling abroad.

"The act of being a Canadian should guarantee the same security to everyone," Weiner, the only Jewish Minister in the Brian Mulroney government, told a Canadian Jewish Congress committee. "When we identify a citizen's place of

origin we are placing Canadians at risk in saying you are not as equal as other Canadians," he said.

Weiner said he would raise the issue in the Cabinet this week and ask that the change be made immediately. He spoke in response to a question by Gerda Frieberg, a Holocaust survivor from Toronto who expressed fear that Canadians born in Israel, the U.S. or other other countries targeted by terrorists could be singled out for persecution. Weiner, in his remarks, referred to the terrorist attacks in Karachi and Istanbul this weekend.

If his proposal is accepted, it would reverse a June decision by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark that a citizen's birthplace must remain on passports for identification and customs purposes.

A Case In Point

A case directly related to this issue was raised by the Israel-born Canadian film-maker Simcha Jacobovici. He has asked that all traces of origin be deleted from his passport on grounds of potential persecution. "I am proud to be from Israel, but that's my business. A passport is supposed to provide your protection. It is not an ID card," he said.

Jacobovici was told by officials to apply for a new passport showing only his city of birth, not the country, a policy consistent with the recommendations by a United Nations conference in 1963.

"This seems kind of silly," Jacobovici said in Toronto. "Are we to assume that terrorists are totally ignorant of geography?" He cited the hijacking of an Air France plane to Entebbe, Uganda, in 1976 where the terrorists seized the passengers' passports and separated Jews from non-Jews.

Jacobovici said he started legal proceedings against Clark's ruling in Ontario Superior Court last Friday. He said he hoped to have the decision declared unconstitutional on grounds that it violates guarantees that Canadians will not be discriminated against because of their origins.

SEARCH FOR SUNKEN ISRAELI SUBMARINE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8 (JTA)--A specially equipped U.S. Navy aircraft carrying Israeli and Egyptian observers began a systematic search over Egyptian territorial waters Saturday for traces of the Israeli submarine Dakar which disappeared 18 years ago.

The mission, to have begun a week earlier, was delayed because the Egyptian authorities refused to allow the plane to take off from the Alexandria airfield. The search for the Dakar, however, is a joint effort by Israel and Egypt with technical assistance and equipment provided by the U.S.

The search plane, an Orion P-3 reconnaissance aircraft equipped with magnetic detectors, carries a crew of 22. If the wreck is spotted, future searches will be conducted by surface craft employing sophisticated underwater equipment. They would include underwater television cameras similar to those used by a French team which found the wreck of the liner Titanic off Newfoundland last summer.

The Dakar, a British submarine of World War II vintage purchased by Israel, was lost with her 69-man Israeli crew on her delivery voyage to Haifa. The undersea craft was last heard from on January 25, 1968.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL TO BE ERECTED IN NEW YORK CITY

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- A museum that will serve as a memorial to the Holocaust and to the Jewish culture that was destroyed by Nazism is to be erected in Battery Park City.

Survivors of the Holocaust joined with Governor Mario Cuomo and Mayor Edward Koch and the co-chairmen of the New York Holocaust Memorial Commission -- George Klein, Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau and State Senate Majority Leader Manfred Ohrenstein -- in signing a 99-year lease for the land on which the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust will be built.

At the dramatic ceremony last Thursday, Elie Wiesel, chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, said: "Only those who were there will know what it meant to be there. And yet we must communicate that knowledge any way we can through the language of memory. May this museum become a vehicle for that language."

Jewish leaders, city officials and Israeli diplomats also attended the lease-signing ceremony in full view of the Statue of Liberty. The museum, which will cost an estimated \$60 million to construct, will be built by the New York Holocaust Commission, which was appointed by Cuomo and Koch, the founding chairmen.

"The Holocaust Museum will bring to New Yorkers and citizens of the world who visit the city a solemn reminder of the horrible crime committed against the Jewish community, a crime against all humanity," Cuomo declared.

"The Museum will serve as a beacon of hope, to demonstrate to Jews and non-Jews alike that we will never forget the six million, that we will never rest in our fight against intolerance, that we are all, indeed, responsible for each other within a family whose embrace is world wide," the Governor said.

Koch said that the Museum will serve as a tribute to the collective memory of Jews, "a memory that spans the ages and enables us to resist as we always will the efforts of any barbarians to destroy us." He noted that anti-Semitism is still present, even in countries like Greece which has no longer a meaningful Jewish population.

The museum --designed by architect James Stewart Polshek -- will be built in conjunction with a 34-story residential tower, which will help finance the project.

Ground breaking for the museum is anticipated in the spring of 1987, with an opening projected for 1989, according to Dr. David Blumenfeld, executive director of the Holocaust Commission.

The complex will be part of the 92-acre Battery Park City landfill development along the Hudson River. An agreement between the State and the Holocaust Commission will make construction of the museum possible, at no cost to Battery Park City Authority bondholders, Meyer Frucher, President of the Battery Park City Authority, said.

The museum is planned as a multi-faceted institution, with innovative educational resources and programs. The focal point will be a 60-foot-high monumental memorial hall that will be illuminated and glow through the night, symbolizing the eternal flame.

A permanent exhibition in the museum will explore nineteenth and early twentieth century European Jewish civilization; the brutal process by which the world of European Jewry was destroyed; the liberation of the concentration and death camps; and the struggle of survivors to rebuild Jewish life in America and Israel.

CHURCH ESTABLISHED AT SITE OF THE SOBIBOR DEATH CAMP

WARSAW, Sept. 8 (JTA)-- A Roman Catholic church has been built on the site of a former Nazi torture chamber at the Sobibor death camp, where 200,000 Jews were killed by gassing, the World Jewish Congress reported here.

According to the WJC, European Jewish communities are outraged at this development, coming in the wake of the continuing controversy over the erection of a Carmelite convent in a building which stored gas canisters in the Auschwitz death camps.

Virtually all of the victims at Sobibor were Jewish. From April 1942 to October 1943 some 200,000 Jews from Poland, The Netherlands, France, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union were transported to the camp outside of Lublin where they were killed in the gas chambers and cremated.

The church was erected on the site of a tiny chapel which the Nazis had converted to a torture chamber. The church contains no reference to being on the site of a camp created to murder Jews, and there is no sign or plaque memorializing the victims, the WJC reported.

European Jewish leaders stressed that neither the local Capucine Order nor other Catholic officials had consulted or given prior notice of the plans to establish a church at Sobibor.

On October 14, 1943 Sobibor was the scene of one of the most courageous and daring prisoner rebellions of the war. Some 300 Jewish inmates killed the SS contingent and their Ukrainian aides. After the rebellion the Nazis razed the camp.

Meanwhile, the American CBS television network has announced it is filming a multi-million-dollar movie based on the escape, with an international cast. Surviving members of the rebellion will be consultants.

DOV ZAKIN DEAD AT 64

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held Sunday for Dov Zakin, a veteran leader of Mapam and a member of the World Zionist Organization, who died last Thursday, apparently of a heart attack. He was 64 years old.

Born in Baranovich, Poland, Zakin immigrated to Palestine in 1937. He was active in Hashomer Hatzair, was a co-founder of Kibbutz Hahashan in the Upper Galilee and initiated Mapam's first Arab branch. He held various offices in the party and was a member of the Seventh, Eighth and Tenth Knessets.

Zakin was found dead in his apartment after he failed to appear at a scheduled meeting with WZO Executive chairman Leon Dulzin.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Several Katyusha rockets exploded in Galilee during the last 48 hours. There were no casualties or damage.