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ISRAELI AIR FORCE JETS HIT TERRORIST BASE IN LEBANON By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Israel Air Force jets bombed a terrorist base in Lebanon southeast of Sidon Thursday. A military spokesman said the target was an encampment of El Fatah, the mainstream terrorist group of the Palestine Liberation Organization loyal to Yasir Arafat.

The spokesman said the tented camp was in a wooded area far from civilian centers. It was heavily defended by anti-aircraft batteries but none was fired at the Israeli planes, he said. Beirut Radio reported that three Israeli planes carried out the bombing while three others flew cover at a higher altitude.

The attack was the second Israeli air raid on south Lebanon in three days and the sixth this month. On Tuesday, Israeli jets bombed the bases of the Popular Front organization and the dissident PLO faction headed by Abu Musa, Arafat's rival.

Meanwhile, the Israel Defense Force denied Beirut reports of heavy exchanges of fire between Shiite Moslem groups and the Israel-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) in a region north of the security zone Wednesday night. The IDF reported the security zone quiet.

A Nepalese soldier of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was wounded Wednesday by an unidentified assailant who shot him at point blank range after asking for a water bottle. The Nepalese unit replaced the French UNIFIL contingent this week east of Tyre. The French troops were withdrawn after suffering four dead and 33 wounded in recent attacks by Shiite extremists.

U.S. WARNS THAT THE RETURN OF PLO TERRORISTS TO SOUTH LEBANON WILL INCREASE THE TENSION IN THE AREA By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- The State Department warned Thursday that the increasing return to Lebanon of Palestine Liberation Organization terrorists will increase the tension in the already volatile south Lebanon.

The reason for the recent Israeli raids on terrorist bases in Lebanon is believed to be based on evidence that Palestinian terrorists, driven out by Israel in 1982, are infiltrating back closer to Beirut and the coastal highway that links the city with southern Lebanon. There have been reports that there are as many as 8,000 Palestinians in various parts of Lebanon.

Asked about this Thursday, State Department deputy spokesman Charles Redman said, "There have been reports over the past several years that Palestinian fighters of various factions, taking advantage of continued civil strife, have been drifting back to Lebanon." He said he could not confirm if the 8,000 estimate was correct.

"Obviously the return to Lebanon of armed personnel, of whatever faction, can only damage the prospects for ending the cycle of violence," Redman added. "It cannot help efforts to restore

Lebanese unity, sovereignty and independence and to bring about national reconciliation."

View Of Syria's and Iran's Roles

On a related issue, Redman appeared ambiguous over whether the United States supported Israel Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's charge that Syria and Iran were behind much of the violence in south Lebanon. "Damascus and Teheran have criticized the Israeli presence in south Lebanon," he said. "Both have expressed support for attacks on Israeli forces and on the South Lebanon Army."

At the same time, he noted that Syria has "expressed its support" for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) while Iran opposes UNIFIL.

"Our position is clear," Redman said. "Support for acts of violence are harmful to efforts to achieve stability in south Lebanon. The cycle of violence there must end and there should be a settlement."

The U.S. position on south Lebanon is that the parties to the conflict must reach an agreement that will ensure stability for south Lebanon and security for northern Israel. This position was restated Tuesday when the U.S. abstained from a UN Security Council vote calling on Israel to withdraw all its forces from south Lebanon and to allow UNIFIL to extend its activities to the Israeli border.

CONSENSUS DEVELOPS IN ISRAEL AGAINST UN RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM LEBANON SECURITY ZONE By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- A strong consensus has developed in Israel against the UN Security Council resolution calling for Israel's abandonment of the south Lebanon security zone and the deployment of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) along the Israel-Lebanon border.

The resolution was adopted Tuesday evening by a 14-0 vote. The United States abstained. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's swift condemnation of the resolution at the UN was echoed in statements here Wednesday by Premier Shimon Peres, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy.

The Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee's majority of Labor and Likud MKs strongly supported the government's policy of no change in the status quo, defended by Rabin who appeared before the committee Wednesday. Hawks and doves in opposition parties at opposite ends of the political spectrum favored changes reflecting their particular views.

Peres, addressing the World ORT Convention here, said he hoped the Security Council would "come to terms with reality" with respect to UNIFIL. By reality he meant Israel's determination not to permit UNIFIL to deploy further southward.

Peres noted, however, that the Lebanese government wants UNIFIL to remain "and one can clearly understand that ... If UNIFIL leaves

Lebanon, the chaotic situation there would be worsened."

Security Zone Should Remain As Is

Rabin told the Knesset committee that the security zone has been relatively effective and should remain as is, neither extended nor reduced. He rejected the argument of former Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan, a member of the Tehiya Party, that the zone be expanded northwards to the Litani River.

Similarly, he spurned the warning by Mapam MK Eliezer Granot that Israel was in danger of being sucked back into the Lebanon morass. Another leftist MK, Yossi Sarid of the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM), reasoned that if the Shiite Moslem extremists, such as the Hezbollah, want so desperately to get UNIFIL out of Lebanon, that should be reason enough for Israel to want it to stay.

All Israelis were angered by the implication of the Security Council's resolution that Israel's refusal to allow UNIFIL to operate along the international border was somehow responsible for recent attacks on it. The French contingent suffered the most casualties.

Chief of Staff Levy said in an interview that he detected a link between the attacks on French UNIFIL troops and the recent spate of terrorist bombings in Paris. They were premeditated attacks on the French as were the terrorist attacks in Paris and have nothing whatever to do with Israel, Levy said.

CHIRAC SUPPORTS CONCEPT OF AN INTERNATIONAL MIDEAST PEACE CONCLAVE By Margie Olster

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Prime Minister Jacques Chirac of France told the General Assembly Wednesday that France approves of the concept of an international peace conference on the Middle East and is ready to play a role in such a forum. In his address to the Assembly he also said France welcomed as "favorable" signs that dialogue is becoming an increasingly popular method of resolving the Mideast conflict.

Chirac said peace in the Middle East requires "mutual recognition of the parties concerned" and the recognition of both Israel's right to exist and the right of Palestinians to self-determination.

Dealing with the problems facing the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), he said the continued attacks against it will leave no alternative other than to "retrench" to insure its own safety. He stated that France does not intend to withdraw its troops from UNIFIL but that it might have to reduce its size. French troops have been under heavy fire from Shiite extremists. In recent weeks four French soldiers were killed and 33 wounded.

Chirac refrained from placing responsibility on Israel for these attacks although France, in a special Security Council debate earlier this week on UNIFIL, contended that UNIFIL was made vulnerable because Israel refuses to allow it to deploy southward to the international border-the security zone in south Lebanon.

Recalling France's historically intimate ties to Lebanon, Chirac said, "Side by side with other national contingents of UNIFIL, French soldiers have too often paid for a peace mission with their lives. But of late, the situation has become intolerable."

Chirac continued, "The United Nations force is no longer just being caught in the sporadic clashes between the enemies it is supposed to keep apart; it has become the target of methodically prepared attacks which soon will leave it no alternative other than to retrench in order to insure its own safety."

Speaking to reporters at a press conference later in the day, Chirac reiterated that France has no intention of withdrawing its contingent from UNIFIL, the single largest contingent with about one quarter of UNIFIL's total 5,827 soldiers. Chirac said UNIFIL provides "an element of security for Israel" and Israel has manifested its approval for UNIFIL.

The attacks on Nepalese soldiers Wednesday who had replaced French soldiers in the most volatile UNIFIL positions demonstrated that the attacks on the French contingent were not aimed specifically at the French, Chirac said. He also contended that there is no link between the wave of bombings in Paris recently and the attacks on French UNIFIL soldiers.

Chirac devoted a large part of his General Assembly address to the problem of terrorism, which has hit home in a series of bombing attacks in Paris this month. He called for international "cooperation" in strengthening air and maritime security and in using all other international channels to eradicate terrorism.

Chirac also suggested striking at the cause of terrorism and cited "the complicity of states that are willing to close their eyes to terrorist organizations' activities..."

SHAMIR MEETS WITH IVORY COAST F.M. By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir met with Ivory Coast Foreign Minister Simeon Ake on Wednesday and asked him to intervene with other African countries to recognize Israel. It was the first meeting between the two Foreign Ministers since both countries formally resumed diplomatic ties last week when Ivory Coast reopened its Embassy in Jerusalem.

Shamir told Ake that Israel is ready to increase aid to Ivory Coast. To date, Israel has provided only agricultural and medical assistance to that country. But Shamir's spokesman, Avi Pazner, indicated that Israel is not willing to provide other types of assistance, presumably military aid.

Ivory Coast broke diplomatic relations with Israel after the Yom Kippur War in 1973. The two countries agreed to resume diplomatic relations at a meeting in Geneva last January between Premier Shimon Peres and President Felix Houphouët-Boigny.

Shamir arrived here Tuesday for one week of talks with Foreign Ministers and diplomats, including officials from Soviet bloc countries, and to address the United Nations General Assembly on September 30. His meetings this week concentrated on the debate in the General Assembly on the UN Interim Force in Lebanon and on terrorism.

The Israeli Foreign Minister met with Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti of Italy on Wednesday. The meeting focused on the issue of terrorism. Pazner said Shamir welcomed Italy's tough stance against terrorism and invited Italy to cooperate with Israel in all aspects to fight

against this scourge. Andreotti told Shamir that he feared the wave of terrorism in France would spread to Italy, Pazner said.

Andreotti, who is also the President of the 21-member Council of Europe and former two-time Prime Minister of Italy, said he believed his country took the correct steps to enforce strong measures against terrorism, Pazner said. The Italian Foreign Minister also said the Italians had taken a lesson from the Israelis on how to deal with terrorists.

ZOA LEADER SAYS HIS ORGANIZATION WILL CAMPAIGN AGAINST REAGAN MIDEAST PLAN

BALTIMORE, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- The Administration's recent decision to funnel American aid to the West Bank through Jordan shows that President Reagan's 1982 peace plan for the Middle East "is very much alive," the outgoing president of the Zionist Organization of America warned in a message to delegates here for the ZOA's 85th national convention.

Aleck Resnick of Baltimore said the ZOA would campaign "vigorously" against the "flawed concepts" behind the Reagan Plan, which he said "virtually assigns Judea and Samaria to Jordan."

Some 600 delegates from all sections of the country are taking part in the convention, which began Thursday in the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel.

The ZOA leader acknowledged that "we are living under one of the most pro-Israel Administrations in history. Never before have there been so many strategically important agreements between Washington and Jerusalem. We are proud of U.S.-Israeli cooperation on the Strategic Defense Initiative, the Israel-based Voice of America transmitter, the Free Trade Agreement and the possibility that Israel may enjoy privileges equal to those of America's NATO allies." But he cautioned the convention delegates not to fall prey to "a false sense of security."

"No administration lasts forever," Resnick said. "It is important to develop a bipartisan approach in Washington that would make us beholden to no one party. We must underscore the common purposes and goals of our country and its only sister democracy in the Middle East. We must also make clear that a strong and secure Israel is in America's best interests -- not just the interest of American Jews."

Resnick, who is completing two two-year terms as head of the ZOA, said the organization would oppose all U.S. arms sales to Arab states at war with Israel and would combat "the continuing perception that there is somehow a difference between Arab radicals and so-called Arab moderates, even though their end goal is the destruction of Israel."

SURVIVING MEMBERS OF BRIGADES THAT FOUGHT FASCISM IN SPAIN TO MARK THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Surviving veterans of the International Brigade, the army of volunteers which fought on the side of the Spanish Republic against the Nazi-backed rebels under Gen. Francisco Franco in the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39, will gather in Jerusalem next Monday for their 50th anniversary congress.

The veterans, from 15 countries, will be joined by 60 Israelis who were among the volun-

teers from Palestine in the first effort to stem the tide of fascism in Europe a half century ago. According to Jerusalem-born Salman Salzman, organizer of the congress, 300 volunteers from Palestine fought in Spain, all of them Jews except three Arabs and two Armenians.

He said at a press conference here Wednesday that 20 percent of the 40,000 volunteers were Jewish, including members of the American Abraham Lincoln Brigade and the Thaelman Brigade made up of German anti-fascists.

The congress will open with an address by President Chaim Herzog of Israel. A grove of more than 1,000 trees will be dedicated near the Beth Shemesh-Jerusalem highway, in honor of the Spanish war volunteers. Known as the Peace and Brotherhood Grove, it is financed by Salzman out of his personal savings.

BACKGROUNDER ON PREMIERSHIP ROTATION

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- The rotation of power next month affects only Premier Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who are scheduled to exchange jobs. The rest of the Labor-Likud Cabinet will remain intact with each Minister retaining his present portfolio, unless some Ministers balk.

The rotation is part of the Labor-Likud unity coalition agreement reached in 1984. It will be carried out according to law which requires the entire Cabinet to resign along with the Prime Minister. The basic formalities will be observed.

Peres will submit his resignation. President Chaim Herzog will go through the statutory consultations with all coalition parties. The latter will ritually recommend that Shamir become Prime Minister and Herzog will ask him formally to take office.

Shamir will appoint a government identical to the existing one, apart from his exchange with Peres. Some changes are possible. Health Minister Mordechai Gur and Gad Yaacobi, Minister of Economics and Planning, both Laborites, have intimated they would not serve under Shamir. Should they leave the Cabinet, Shamir, in consultation with Peres, would propose successors.

On the Likud side, some Ministers want Yitzhak Modai to be re-appointed Finance Minister, a portfolio he was forced to give up earlier this year in an altercation with Peres. Labor objects to this. Modai is presently Minister of Justice, having exchanged portfolios with Moshe Nissim.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- The tiny Japanese community of Jerusalem grew by seven this summer when a group from Japan came to study Hebrew at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. It is believed that this was the first time a group from Japan came to the university for the specific purpose of studying Hebrew. The oldest student was 80 years old and the youngest was 27. They all said it was difficult to learn Hebrew, but that they enjoyed themselves. One woman had already studied some Hebrew in Japan, so it was not as difficult for her.

OVER 4,000 FOREIGN VISITORS ATTENDED AGRITECH-86 IN TEL AVIV

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- More than 4,000 foreign visitors attended Agritech-86, the week-long exhibition of Israeli agricultural technology at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds which closed Thursday.

According to the organizers, the attendance was double the number expected, and many orders were placed for Israeli agricultural equipment by representatives of Asian, African and Eastern European countries with which Israel has no diplomatic ties. About 20 percent of the overseas buyers were from Spain, which established diplomatic relations with Israel early this year.

Highlight Of The Event

But the highlight of the event was the agreement between an Israeli firm manufacturing irrigation equipment and the Chinese National Institute for Agricultural Research for the Israelis to build a five-acre permanent model exhibit in Beijing.

The deal was especially significant because the official delegation of the People's Republic of China which was scheduled to attend the fair, cancelled at the last minute.

Nevertheless, the Israel Export Institute reported that China has contracted to buy Israeli plants and a Singapore merchant signed contracts for the large-scale purchase of Israeli agricultural equipment for shipment to China.

NO PROGRESS IN THE CASE OF A TORONTO RABBI MURDERED IN PITTSBURGH

By Ron Csillag

TORONTO, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Police in Pittsburgh admit there has been no progress in the case of murdered Toronto rabbi Neil Rosenblum. Rosenblum, 24, was gunned down last April on a quiet corner in a Pittsburgh suburb while returning from late synagogue services. He was in Pittsburgh to celebrate Passover with his month-old daughter, his wife Manya and his in-laws.

Police say a car pulled up to Rosenblum and one of two men asked him for directions. Before he could reply, the young rabbi was shot six times. He later died of multiple wounds.

But before lapsing into unconsciousness, Rosenblum identified the car his assailants were riding: a dark Corvette. Police scoured the state and turned up thousands of cars of the same description. No arrests were ever made.

Detectives said there was no real motive in the killing. They speculated it was probably done just for a thrill or perhaps for racially motivated reasons, since Rosenblum was dressed in traditional Orthodox Jewish clothing.

Special Reward Fund Established

Over the summer, a special reward fund was established in Pittsburgh for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the case.

In May, a caller to a Pittsburgh crime tip telephone hotline said he would divulge information on the killers, provided the reward money was raised from \$31,000 to \$50,000. Pittsburgh police turned to Toronto and after an intense week-long blitz, the additional money was raised here.

PERES CALLS ON WORLD JEWRY TO UNITE BEHIND ISRAEL

By Yitzhak Rabi

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Premier Shimon Peres called on world Jewry Thursday night to unite behind Israel to enable her to meet the challenges of peace, aliya and economic growth.

Addressing more than 5,000 people at the Western Wall, among them 1,500 American Jews participating in five United Jewish Appeal missions to Jerusalem, Peres vowed that Israel will never stop its efforts on behalf of Soviet Jews.

"The fate of Soviet Jews is on the top of our agenda," Peres declared. He said he raised the issue during his meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze at the United Nations in New York Monday. "We won't give up until Soviet Jews will come to Israel, and they will come," Peres declared.

The Premier said that Israel would continue its efforts for peace. He appealed to the Arab countries to meet Israel at the negotiating table, without preconditions.

The gathering at the Western Wall was preceded by a 45-minute march through the streets of Jerusalem. The UJA leaders were joined by delegations from deprived neighborhoods all over Israel that are beneficiaries of Project Renewal.

The march and the gathering at the Western Wall marked the conclusion of the opening phase of the 1987 UJA/Federation Campaign. The largest of the UJA missions was the Presidents Mission, which had about 700 participants.

Martin Stein, national chairman of the UJA, and Marvin Lender, chairman of the President's Mission, called the mission "a great success." They said it proved again that "we are all one people with one destiny." The UJA hopes to raise \$750 million in 1987, compared to \$690 million raised in 1986.

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MONTREAL (JTA) -- Dorothy Reitman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and Barbara Stern, chairman of its Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, are encouraging the community to call for the immediate release of refusenik Ida Nudel from the Soviet Union. Nudel, who lives in Bender, Moldavia, served a four-year sentence in Siberia for a minor infraction of a municipal law. She is ill and is prevented from joining the only surviving member of her family, Ilana Fridman, in Israel.

