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ISRAELI JETS HIT TERRORIST BASES ABOUT 10 MILES FROM SYRIAN BORDER By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 6 (JTA) — Israel Air Force, jets raided terrorist bases northeast of Tripoli in northern Lebanon Monday morning. A military spokesman said hits were scored on the targets and all aircraft returned safely to their bases.

The targets were further north than any hit by Israeli air raids in the past, in an area of Lebanon about 10 miles from the Syrian border known to be effectively under Syrian control. The main target was described as headquarters serving two dissident groups of the Palestine Liberation Organization opposed to Yasir Arafat. The raid was described as a routine operation to disrupt terrorist plans.

Beirut Radio reported Monday that eight Israeli aircraft attacked buildings used by the Syrian National Socialist Party in three villages in the Akka region of northern Lebanon.

The targets were said to be protected by Syrian-based SAM-2 and SAM-6 missiles, but none was fired at the attackers. The Syrian National Socialist Party specializes in car bombings and suicide attacks in south Lebanon and in the south Lebanon security zone, according to Israeli sources.

PERES: ISRAEL ADHERES TO POLICY OF NOT INTRODUCING NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO THE MIDDLE EAST By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Oct. 6 (JTA) -- Premier Shimon Peres declared at Sunday's Cabinet meeting that Israel adheres to its long-standing policy on nuclear weapons: "We will not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the area." The Foreign Ministry issued an identical statement.

Peres spoke in response to a story in the Sunday Times of London that Israel has produced up to 200 nuclear weapons at a secret underground plant in the Negev. Peres told the Cabinet that Israel has frequently been faced with sensational reports in the world media relating to the nuclear reactor at Dimona in the Negev. There were no comments from any of the Ministers and no further discussion of the matter.

According to the Sunday Times' report, which was headlined around the world, Israel's nuclear weapons arsenal was disclosed by Mordechai Yanunu, a 31-year-old nuclear technician who worked at Dimona for 10 years before he was laid off with 180 Dimona workers last November: Vanunu presently lives in Australia.

If the Times' report were true, Israel would rank sixth among the world's nuclear powers. (See reaction from Washington, P.3.)

On The Eve Of The Reagan-Gorbachev Summit: U.S. JEWS URGE REAGAN TO KEEP HIS PLEDGE TO RAISE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOVIET JEWRY AT MEETING IN ICELAND

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 (JTA) -- The American Jewish community is mobilizing rapidly to urge President Reagan to fulfill his pledge to raise the issues of human rights and Soviet Jewry when he meets with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev at their preparatory summit in Reykjavik, Iceland Oct. 13-14.

Morris Abram, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said 100,000 telegrams will flood the White House this week, wishing the President success in his efforts to achieve peace, and to strengthen the cause of human rights, including free emigration for Soviet Jews, guaranteed by the USSR as a signatory to the Helsinki Accords.

The same call was issued from thousands of pulpits at Rosh Hashanah services all over the U.S. this past weekend, Abram said. He also told a news conference that there would be a Jewish presence in Reykjavik during the summit, which coincides partly with Yom Kippur. There is no official Jewish community in Iceland.

Jewish Leaders To Meet In Washington

Abram, who is chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said representatives of more than 100 Jewish communities across the country will meet in Washington Wednesday for a "national leadership assembly." They will be briefed at the State Department and will meet with the chairmen of key Senate and House committees to promote a million-signature petition campaign on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

Abram was joined at his news conference by Alexander Goldfarb, whose seriously ill father, Dr. David Goldfarb, has been waiting for a Soviet exit visa since 1981.

The elder Goldfarb, a scientist, is a personal friend of Nicholas Daniloff, the American correspondent arrested in Moscow last month for alleged spying and released last week in exchange for a Soviet spy, held by U.S. authorities and for prominent Soviet dissident Yuri Orlov.

Alexander Goldfarb said: "While we are gratified that Yuri Orlov, a great human rights activist, was released by the Soviets following the release of Nicholas Daniloff, and while we hope for the release of my father and many other long time refuseniks, I want to make this clear. We are not fighting for individual tokens of goodwill ... but for the intrinsic right of human beings to live in the country of their choice.

"When the free world accepts tokens of goodwill instead of demanding the fundamental human right to live where one chooses, it condones a modern form of the slave trade and that is profoundly disappointing and distasteful to us."

STUDY SHOWS TERRORIST HIT NON-JEWISH TARGETS AT HIGHER RATE THAN ISRAELI OR JEWISH ONES DURING 1980-1985

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 (JTA) - Middle East terrorist actually struck at non-Jewish targets at a higher rate than Israeli or Jewish ones during the first five years of the 1980's, a study released here shows.

The study, prepared by the World Jewish Congress, presents a comprehensive statistical analysis of terrorism against Jewish and Israeli targets in Europe from 1980-1985.

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Jewish and Israeli targets during the period, the 20 most devastating were carried out by individuals connected with Palestinian terrorist organizations. These 20 attacks accounted for 70 percent of all fatalities and casualties.

Bystanders were especially at risk, the study shows. In these attacks, the majority of victims were passers-by who did not directly belong to the target group, the study notes.

Statistics Belie Political Claims

Although the terrorists generally claim an anti-Israel motivation, the study finds that in three out of four incidents the targets were local Jewish community institutions -- such as synagogues -- rather than specifically Israeli-related targets. "The statistics belie the political claims of these murderers, demonstrating they act out of base racism and anti-Semitic motives," the WJC

But the terrorists do not target only Jews. During the period analyzed, Middle Eastern terrorist attacks resulted in 1,387 casualties. Of these, 747 individuals (54 percent of the total) were non-Jewish.

The report stresses, however, that statistics cannot tell the whole story. "Statistical accounts do not express the sense of intimidation which is today prevalent among Jewish communities in Europe as actual and potential targets of local and international terrorism."

The study, "Terrorism against Jewish and Israeli Targets in Europe, 1980-1985," was prepared by the WJC research arm, the Institute of Jewish Affairs, and is based on reports made available by the national Jewish communities in Europe.

YOM KIPPUR PLAYOFF GAMES LEAVE SOME JEWISH FANS TORN, IF NOT ANGRY. By Andrew Muchin

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 (JTA) -- This Yom Kippur, some Jews may be contemplating not only their own misdeeds, but also one they consider to have been committed by the Commissioner of baseball.

The beloved New York Mets professional baseball team is scheduled to play one and maybe two National League playoff games here in the world's largest community of Jews on the holiest day of the Jewish calendar.

The Mets will play the fourth of a best-ofseven-game series with the Houston Astros at 8:20 p.m. Sunday, October 12 at Shea Stadium here. The fifth game, if necessary, would take place at 3:10 p.m. Monday.

Although the decisions in years past by Hall of Famers Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax not to play important baseball games on Yom Kippur won universal respect, some Jewish Mets fans no doubt are feeling a wee bit torn, if not angry.

Yet, the Jewish agencies have decided not to go to bat for them, although their leaders, some of whom are baseball fans, were displeased with the scheduling of the games.

Says Scheduling Is Unfortunate

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, urged Jewish baseball fans to follow the example of Greenberg and place the sanctity of Yom Kippur above that of baseball.

It finds that of 154 terrorist attacks on The scheduling this year is unfortunate, but as Jews we have no right to impose our religious calendar on the rest of the country," he said. "Doing without the Mets for one day," he added, "might even have the effect of reminding Jewish fans of their religious obligations.

Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said Jews can't demand rescheduling because the Mets are "a private enterprise." He told the JTA that Jewish baseball fans "will know what to do" about this dilemma. "I'm a baseball fan. This poses absolutely no problem." He said ADL has made no contact with the Commissioner of baseball. Peter Ueberroth, over the schedule and doesn't plan to.

The same goes for the American Jewish Committee. The agency's executive vice president. Dr. David Gordis, last month urged in response to a reporter's question that the games be rescheduled. But he said he doubted that AJCommittee would deal with the issue any further, explaining that it wasn't important enough and that the scheduling was only an inconvenience that likely was unintentional.

Not Of Major Concern

The American Jewish Congress has had no comment pro or con. "We felt really that it was not of such a major concern," explained Israel Levine, director of communications.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York also has taken no position, contending "that baseball is separated from religious life, according to Michael Miller, executive director.

However, Miller said that after the playoffs he "would probably be shooting off a letter" asking that Ueberroth take into consideration important dates of all religions when scheduling games. That would "allow all religious baseball fans to enjoy without guilt," he said.

Miller added that he was encouraged by the Jewish organizations' public statements. "Take a look from where we've come," he said, when Jews used to express no outrage at such scheduling.

That feeling was echoed by Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, president of the Rabbinical Assembly. But he cautioned that "this is not one of the great issues of our time."

Tried To Alter The Schedule

The so-called offensive playoff schedule is the creation of Ueberroth's office, according to a spokesman, Richard Levin. "Unfortunately this year Yom Kippur came in the middle" of the playoffs, he said. "We really regret it." In the American League playoffs, only the fifth game, if necessary, would be played on Yom Kippur-at 3 p.m. October 13 in Anaheim, Calif.

Once the Commissioner's office realized the National League conflict, it unsuccessfully tried to alter the schedule, Levin said. However, the playoffs couldn't begin earlier because only one day off separated them from the regular season. Neither could they begin later, because the World Series, the culminating event of the season, runs into late October, which presents risks of inclement weather.

ABC-TV Refused Changes

Why then wasn't the Sunday night game moved to the afternoon and the Monday afternoon game to the evening, so they wouldn't fall on Yom Kippur? Levin said the Commissioner's office suggested those changes during late July and August to the televiser of the games, ABC-TV, which refused.

An ABC programmer, Karen Dyton, denied that Ueberroth's office tried for six weeks to change the schedule. "They did not once suggest changing the schedule until about a month ago," she told the JTA.

By then, it was too late to make a change because of contractual obligations to other concerns, according to Dyton. Besides, she said, ABC all along was "merely following the schedule that major league baseball gave us...Whenever they schedule the games, we put them on."

Jews, of course, have the identical relationship to their worship on Yom Kippur. Thus, New York Times sports columnist George Vecsey predicts a Divine solution: torrential rain throughout Yom Kippur, preventing any baseball

ISRAELI TEAM DEFEATS SWISS IN THE DAVIS CUP EUROPEAN FINAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 (JTA) -- Israel's national tennis team defeated host Switzerland 4-1 in the Davis Cup European Zone B final last week, moving Israel for the first time into the 16nation final round of competition for the following year's cup.

Most of the matches in the surprise victory were lengthy and hard-fought. Israeli veteran Shlomo Glickstein defeated Roland Stadler 4-6, 6-8, 8-6, 6-1, 4-3 (retired) when Stadler dove and broke a leg. Then Amos Mansdorf of Israel defeated Jakob Hlasek 6-2, 1-6, 6-3, 3-6, 12-10. In doubles, Hlasek and Markus Gundhardt beat Glickstein and Shahar Perkiss 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

Israel clinched the best-of-five-match competition with Glickstein's victory over Hlasek 6-3, 1-6, 8-6, 10-12, 11-9. In the final match, Mansdorf defeated Gundhardt 7-5, 6-3.

The competition was rescheduled to begin last Wednesday, rather than on the weekend, in

order not to conflict with Rosh Hashanah. The Israel Tennis Association paid \$15,000 to the Swiss to make up for the resulting lost revenue.

RICHARD STRAUS DEAD AT 60 By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6 (JTA) -- Richard Straus, the Washington correspondent for two German language Jewish weeklies, died Saturday afternoon of injuries received in an automobile collision earlier in the day. He was 60 years old.

The Montgomery County police reported that the car in which Strauss and his wife, Elaine, were riding collided head-on with another car in Rockville, Md. Elaine Straus was reported in critical condition at Suburban Hospital.

The driver of the other car was charged with driving while intoxicated, driving at excessive speed for road conditions and failure to keep right of the center line.

Straus, who lived in Bethesda, Md., was the Washington correspondent for the Aufbau, the German-language Jewish weekly published in New York, and the Juedische Allgemeine in Dusseldorf, West Germany. He also worked for the International Visitors Information Service and was taking part, on behalf of the West German government, in a review of West German high school history texts to determine whether they described accurately the Nazi period.

Born in Germany, he came to the United States in the 1930's. He served with the Army in Europe during World War II. A graduate of Georgetown University's foreign service school, Straus was a State Department foreign service officer from 1948 to 1979. He was a recipient of an award from the West German government for efforts to reconciliate Jews and Germans.

SWEDISH JURIST PICKED AS THIRD MAN ON THE TABA PANEL By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Oct. 6 (JTA) -- Gunnar Karl Andreas Lagergren, a 74-year-old international jurist from Sweden, will be the third member of the three-man panel to arbitrate the Israeli-Egyptian border dispute over Taba, it was announced here Monday by Pinchas Eliav, the Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva.

Eliav said Lagergren was the first choice of both the Israeli and Egyptian delegations which met here September 29 to complete the panel of arbitrators. He was not immediately identified to allow time for him to be officially informed and to accept the post.

Israel and Egypt agreed earlier on the other two arbitrators, Dietrich Schindler of Switzerland and Pierre Bellet of France. Both are international jurists. The panel and delegates from both countries will open the arbitration proceedings here on December 3. The process is expected to last a year.

Lagergren was born in Stockholm and received his law degree from the University of Stockholm. He has been a judge and arbitrator in numerous international litigations and disputes since 1949 and since 1967 has been President of the Supreme Restitution Court in the Federal Republic of Germany.

He also served as President of the Court of Appeals for western Sweden, a judge at the Stockholm Court of Appeals and since 1977 as judge of the European Court of Human Rights.

U.S. URGES ISRAEL TO ACCEPT SAFEGUARDS AND INSPECTION FOR ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6 (JTA) -- The State Department repeated Monday its long-standing request that Israel accept international safeguards and inspection for its nuclear facilities.

"We believe that regional security will be enhanced if all states in the region would adhere to the nuclear non-proliferation treaty," State Department deputy spokesman Charles Redman said. "We are concerned about the existence of unsafeguarded nuclear facilities in Israel and made our concern known to the government of Israel."

Redman's comments came after he was asked about a report in the London Sunday Times that Israel has 200 nuclear warheads. He would not comment on whether the U.S. believes Israel has any such warheads.

"Israel has stated that it will not be the first state to introduce nuclear weapons in the region," Redman said. He added that Israeli Premier Shimon Peres "reiterated that policy" on Monday.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE INTRA-JEWISH UNDERSTANDING AND UNITY URGED BY JEWISH LAY LEADERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 (JTA) -- Nineteen lav leaders representing a spectrum of U.S. Jewish religious denominations have urged the establishment of programs to promote intra-Jewish understanding and unity.

In a joint statement last week, the leaders expressed concern that the Jewish "extended family" in the U.S. is threatened by "a mood of acrimonious discord," caused to a great extent by "differences over Jewish conversion and divorce procedures!

The leaders, who had met semi-monthly since last November in a task force organized by the American Jewish Committee, proposed seven strategies to build unity:

"A return to civil discourse among Jews...We" must work to lower the decibel level of our

internal squabbles...

*"...Renew a commitment to joint action on a common Jewish agenda, including solidarity with Israel, support and rescue of oppressed Jews...strengthening Jewish education ... and seeking a more just American society."

*"...the educational programs of each movement should stress...the factors that unite all Jews

and promote mutual respect."

*"...encouraging and fostering those who promote understanding and cooperation among

scrious consideration for a national 'beth din' (Jewish religious court) with local branches...

*"As a general rule, before a Jewish movement or organization decides on a position or a policy statement, it should consider the effect on fellow Jews and on the unity of the Jewish peo-

*The convening of local dialogue groups, both lay and rabbinic.

Local AJC chapters nationwide reportedly are organizing task forces similar to the one that produced the statement. Jewish leaders have traded criticism over the

past few years over questions of Jewish identity. Traditionally, that identity is transmitted through the mother or conversion.

However, the Reform movement believes that either parent can transmit Jewish identity. Moreover, conversions performed by Reform and Conservative rabbis aren't accepted by some Orthodox rabbis. And the Reform movement accepts a civil decree of divorce as sufficient, while Orthodox and Conservative Jews require also a "get" (Jewish

These disagreements all contribute to an increasing number of children considered Jewish by some Jews, but not by others. Some leaders believe this could cause a rupture of the Jewish pcople.

One of them, Rabbi Irving Greenberg, last month announced a program of dialogue and education sponsored by his National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership to attempt to settle these same disputes.

The 19 AJCommittee signatories were members of national organizations and educational institutions of Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist and Reform Judaism as well as Jewish umbrella organizations.

Among them were Stuart Eizenstat, a former assistant to President Carter and member of the board of United Synagogue of America; Jacob Stein, former special assistant to President Reagan and past chair of the Conference of Presi-dents of Major American Jewish Organizations: and Alfred Moses, an AJCommittee national vice president and a former special adviser to Carter.

Their statement stemmed from their belief that Jews have "a common history and a common destiny...And we share the knowledge that the anti-Semites do not distinguish one kind of Jews

from another."

AJCommittee staff member Larry Grossman said lay leaders were invited rather than rabbis because the latter "tend to reflect institutional interests" while "we felt that lay people might have a more objective way of looking at these issues, more down to earth."

ISRAELI DIPLOMATS ATTEND ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES IN WARSAW

JERUSALEM, Oct. 6 (JTA) -- The first Israelis of diplomatic rank posted to Warsaw in nearly 20 years attended Rosh Hashanah services there over the weekend, to the delight of the local Jewish community, according to a report from the Polish capital published in Davar Mon-

The diplomats, Alex Ben-Zvi and David Koren, will head the Israeli interests office to be opened in Warsaw shortly. They and their families were applauded by about 130 other worshippers attending the service, which was conducted by a cantor from Jerusalem, Benyamin Glickman.

The services were also attended by Israelis working on the former Israel Embassy building at 24 Kashevitzky Street, which will house the interests section. The building has been vacant since Poland broke diplomatic relations with Israel in 1967 and in need of repairs.

Heavy security surrounded the synagogue, according to the Davar report. The Jewish community had requested it after the attack on an Istanbul synagogue by Arab terrorists last month. The Polish authorities provided uniformed police and plainclothesmen who wore black skullcaps whenever they entered the synagogue.

The synagogue was built several years ago with government assistance. The Jewish population of Poland is estimated at some 5,000, but only about 200 still attend prayer services. There has been no Jewish wedding for years. One elderly worshiper at the Rosh Hashanah services told the Davar correspondent, "We are not used to the presence of children."

BURG RESIGNS FROM THE CABINET

JERUSALEM, Oct. 6 (JTA) -- Yosef Burg, who served in virtually every Israeli government since 1948, received a warm, emotional farewell from his colleagues at Sunday's Cabinet meeting. Burg, 77, submitted his resignation to Premier Shimon Peres last Friday and it became effective

48 hours later, according to the law.

His last portfolio was Religious Affairs Minister. His successor, former Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, selected by the National Religious Party, is expected to be approved by the Knesset Tuesday. Hammer, leader of the NRP's young guard" faction, was elected party leader last summer at the NRP's convention. Burg has been a Minister almost without interruption for 35 years and a member of the Knesset for 38 years. He will retain his Knesset seat.