

THE AFTERMATH OF A STABBING

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- An atmosphere of tension and hatred pervaded the Old City Tuesday after a third night of anti-Arab violence and vandalism by Jews reacting to the fatal stabbing of yeshiva student Eliahu Ambi in the Moslem quarter Saturday.

The violence spread to the run-down Shmuel Hanavi suburb of West Jerusalem where the victim had lived. Shots were fired in the air and passing vehicles were stoned. Seven people were arrested.

The usually bustling streets of the Old City were unnaturally quiet Tuesday. Local Arabs staged a strike to protest the attacks on Arab property by religious Jews. It was only partially effective. But many Arab shops were locked behind iron gates. Arab schools dismissed their classes early and the cheering youngsters rushing home seemed to be the only ones oblivious of the grim mood in their neighborhood.

There was fear in the air, too. Arab homes on Khaladiye Street, near the scene of the killing, were attacked by Jews during the night. One shop was set on fire. One resident, who said he was an American citizen but refused to identify himself further, told reporters he saw several yeshiva students throw a kerosine-soaked rag at his home but it failed to ignite.

On street corners, Arab shopkeepers and religious Jews eyed each other with palpable hatred and it was apparent that only the heavy police presence prevented further violence.

Shamir Condemns The Violence

Premier Yitzhak Shamir condemned the violent demonstrations that followed Amd's funeral Sunday. "The rioting harms security and our national interests," Shamir said on a Monday radio interview. But Likud hardliner Ariel Sharon, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, called for harsher measures against terrorists in another radio interview. He was echoed by Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz of the religious Shash Party.

About 300 Orthodox Jews live in the Old City's Moslem quarter, despite an official policy to keep Jews, Moslems, Christians and Armenians separated in their own neighborhoods. One Jewish resident denounced his Arab neighbors. "They are all collaborators," he said. "They all saw the murder but wouldn't help."

A friend of Amd, keeping a vigil at a small torchlight placed on the sidewalk where he was killed, read psalms. Other yeshiva students passed out copies of a poem by a Jewish woman in the quarter. "If Jewish blood spills and no one protests, our children will cry," one verse said.

"Only if all the Arabs leave will there be an end to terrorism," said Yori Harel, a long-time resident of the Moslem quarter. His friend, Mordechai Vardi, added, "Only by increasing our presence here can we cope with their murders."

But an Arab, pointing at a group of yeshiva students gathered menacingly near his souvenir shop, said, "Talk about terrorism?" This is terrorism."

PRETRIAL MOTIONS PRESENTED IN THE CASE OF 17 DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO SELL U.S. ARMS TO IRAN
By Margie Olster

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- The disclosures of the Reagan Administration recently that it approved covert shipments of American weapons to Iran "have no bearing whatsoever" on the prosecution of 17 defendants, including four Israelis, charged with conspiracy to sell American weapons to Iran, an Assistant U.S. Attorney told a court here Monday.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Lorna Schofield made the statement in her opening remarks at a pre-trial motion hearing in Manhattan's U.S. District Court. The defendants in the case face charges of conspiracy to resell \$2.5 billion of American arms to Iran and of falsifying the documents needed to gain U.S. approval for the sales.

Schofield told Federal Judge Leonard Sand that she had discussed the case with Justice Department officials and people in the National Security Council who informed her that this case is not related to any of the covert arms shipments approved or orchestrated by the Reagan Administration.

Defense attorneys challenged the prosecution's statement, noting a remarkable convergence of the accounts of defendants in the case and the events confirmed by the Reagan Administration and other sources in the past weeks.

Cites A 'Startling Overlap'

Attorney Paul Grand, representing the alleged middleman in the conspiracy, Sam Evans, told the court--there was a "startling overlap, coincidence and identity," between what the defendants had said on tape and what was actually happening in government.

On the tapes recorded secretly from December 1985 to April 1986 with the help of an Iranian informant, Cyrus Hashemi, who posed as an Iranian arms buyer, the defendants said they believed the policy toward selling weapons to Iran was under evaluation within the government.

The defendants said they believed the Administration would approve the arms shipments. In a later tape, the defendants said the arms deal had been approved and that Vice President George Bush favored it, Secretary of State George Shultz was against but nevertheless it would go forward. These positions on the Iran policy within the Administration have also been confirmed, Grand said.

The defendants also said arms sales would be allowed only for the purpose of furthering contacts with Iran.

Sand did not rule on the attorneys' motions which would require the U.S. Attorney's office to produce evidence of what the Administration's policy on shipping arms to Iran has been in fact for the past two years and not what the Administration purported it to be.

Sand told the defense attorneys that he was not certain that such material would be relevant to or would help the defendants' case. He did not

rule on the motion Tuesday but is expected to do so within the month.

U.S. Attorney William Kunstler, attorney for defendant Nicos Minardos, asked the court to produce the autopsy and toxicology reports on the government's key witness, Cyrus Hashemi, who died in London apparently of leukemia in July. The U.S. Attorney's office has said that its investigation indicated that Hashemi died of "apparently natural" causes. Kunstler indicated that it is possible that Hashemi was killed.

He noted that Hashemi's death could only help the prosecution and hurt the defense because the defense would not have the opportunity to cross-examine the key witness.

Kunstler also made a motion to exhume Hashemi's body to investigate the possibility of a murder. It was denied.

Hashemi, an Iranian expatriate, has emerged as one of the intriguing puzzle pieces in the case. Last week, press reports indicated that former U.S. Attorney General Elliot Richardson had arranged a contact between American officials and Hashemi last year in efforts to free American hostages in Lebanon.

According to defense attorneys in the case, Hashemi played a similar role in 1980 when the Carter Administration contacted him to expedite the release of the American hostages in the U.S. Embassy in Teheran. Hashemi was indicted in 1984 for selling American weapons to Iran, after an FBI surveillance of his room in 1980-81 revealed his activities.

Attorneys have said Hashemi made a deal with the U.S. Attorney's office to act as an informant in this case in exchange for leniency on the 1984 charges.

Refers To An Unconfirmed Rumor

Kunstler referred to an unconfirmed rumor during the hearing. He suggested that a defendant named in the indictment, John de la Roque, who is still a fugitive, is really Lt. Col. Oliver North of the Marine Corps, a highly placed official of the National Security Council. North is reportedly one of the chief architects of the Iranian-U.S. arms exchange and often disguises himself and uses false names to conceal his identity.

On the tapes, the defendants discuss de la Roque's role in the negotiations. He is said to be, on the tapes, a former member of the Delta Force who is very friendly with Marine Corps Commandant Gen. P.X. Kelley and with other top Administration officials. On one of the tapes, Evans told Hashemi that de la Roque met with Bush's aides in West Germany to discuss the covert shipment of arms to Iran.

The defense attorneys also made motions to subpoena North, National Security Advisor John Poindexter, Bush and other government officials. Sand did not rule on this motion.

TERRORIST INVOLVED IN STABBING OF YESHIVA STUDENT WAS ONE OF THOUSANDS RELEASED IN 1985 PRISONER EXCHANGE By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- The leader of three terrorists arrested for fatally stabbing yeshiva student Eliahu Ambi in the Old City Saturday was one of more than a thousand security prisoners released from Israeli jails in a 1985 exchange for three soldiers held by terrorists in Lebanon, Haaretz reported Tuesday. He recently completed another prison term.

He has not been identified by name but his terrorist connection is with the Syrian-backed Abu Musa gang of El Fatah dissidents opposed to Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasir Arafat, according to reports. The pro-Arafat "Force 17" of El Fatah claimed responsibility for the stabbing but Israeli authorities say the killers were operating for George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, based in Damascus.

The terrorist suspect was sentenced to 11 months for membership in a terrorist organization after being freed in the prisoner exchange, and only just released. According to reports, he was mocked by fellow prisoners for the relatively inconsequential offense for which he was sentenced the second time and was determined to prove himself by stabbing a Jew.

DROP LAVI AND BOLSTER NAVY, U.S. OFFICIAL TELLS ISRAEL

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- U.S. Deputy Undersecretary of Defense Dov Zakheim believes Israel should abandon plans to build its second-generation jet fighter plane, the Lavi. Instead, he said Israel should use the funds, mainly U.S. military assistance grants, to beef up its navy with more missile boats and submarines.

Zakheim, the Pentagon's chief costs expert, met with ranking Defense Ministry officials and Israel Defense Force senior officers here last week. His message disappointed his Israeli hosts, though his opposition to the Lavi has long been known.

The Israelis maintain that the production figures on the Lavi projected by Zakheim and other Pentagon officials are unrealistically high and that the Israeli cost-per-unit figures are more realistic.

The American suggestion that Israel build more missile boats and submarines also poses financial and technical problems. Israel has never built submarines, and U.S. naval shipyards build only nuclear subs. They have not built conventional undersea craft for decades.

The Americans have suggested two West German shipyards and Zakheim proposed that Israel pay for the vessels in goods or services rather than cash. But the Israelis say the costs are too high for a barter deal.

On the other hand, the U.S. is interested in building missile boats for Israel, although Haifa Shipyards has considerable experience with that type of craft and is badly in need of orders.

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Israeli travel agents are offering a civil marriage package trip to Cyprus in cooperation with the Cypriot authorities for couples who cannot marry in Israel because of religious restrictions. The package includes travel expenses, marriage fees and a week's room and board for \$887, Haaretz reported Tuesday. The travel agent deals with the paper work. According to Cypriot authorities, about 300 civil marriages are performed in the town of Pafos alone each year.

FOCUS ON ISSUES

AND THEN THERE ARE NONE

By Murray Zuckoff

CHICAGO, Nov. 18 (JTA)-- The Jewish people faces a calamitous situation brought on not by its traditional enemies but by a segment within Jewry itself which divides the world first into "them" and "us" and invariably rejects "them" and ends with "us" alone.

This "dichotomous thinking", as Rabbi Harold Schulweis termed it, is dangerous because "it will rip us apart until there is only the solipsistic cult of one."

The consequence of "the acrimony, the biting rhetoric, the incivility that threatens the delegitimation of persons, the disenfranchisement of movements" was sounded by Schulweis, the spiritual leader of Valley Beth Shalom in Los Angeles, at the 55th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

Addressing a plenary session of the GA, which was attended by more than 3,000 Jewish communal leaders from North America and abroad, Schulweis, who was the scholar-in-residence at the GA which ended Sunday, pinpointed the source of the "dichotomous thinking" as the "anger in us: a cumulative anger which has broken loose of its traditional constraints, a long-festering rage against Jewish impotence which has reached its breaking point; a resentment not against specific targets but generalized against a whole range of things. The anger, long repressed, strikes out against any accessible target, including ourselves."

'Massive Psychic Trauma'

Focusing on this anger, Schulweis observed that it has been engendered by a world which has brutally terrorized and relentlessly assaulted Jews to a point where it has produced a "massive psychic trauma." The twin elements in the traumatic process are the Holocaust and the betrayal and abandonment of the Jews by the world at large in the time of their greatest need.

"Now, forty years after the volcanic earthquake that shook the foundation of Jewish trust, the tremors continue to explode," Schulweis said.

"But now they reveal more than Nazi-fascist atrocity. In recent years, documents record the betrayal of allies, the callousness, the abandonment of the Jews by prelates, princes, presidents; by putative allies in Foreign Offices, Parliaments, Congress -- even by the 'great Jewish hope' of those years, the apotheosis of non-Jewish friendship, Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

Western Civilization As The Culprit

Jewish anger, Schulweis continued, "spreads out not only against Nazism or fascism. Post-Holocaust anger is against the whole of Western civilization--liberalism, rationalism, universalism, pluralism, humanism, democracy, the gods that failed at Auschwitz."

Gentile history has bequeathed to the Jewish people "blood libel," "ghetto" "pogrom," "deicide" and "genocide," he observed. And the Jewish response by some Jews to Western civilization, Schulweis said, is: "We have nothing to learn from you and your ethos. How dare you lecture to us about morality, freedom of conscience, the treatment of minorities, the mandate of pluralism-- after Dachau, after Treblinka, after the White Paper, after the Bermuda Conference, after the Struma and the St. Louis? After Buch-

enwald and Birkenau, Western civilization has forfeited all claims to moral credibility. We are exempt from your hypocritical double standards for us."

'Denominational Apartheid'

More and more Jews view Westernization as betrayal and those who accept its values as collaborators in the destruction of Judaic tradition, Schulweis said. This leads to exclusivism of "them" versus "us" and is eventually internalized as "some of us." But which "some" now begins to fester as suspicion of fellow Jews who do not adhere to the cultist "us."

Schulweis pointed out that this erosive and corrosive process leads Hebrew schools, yeshivot, day schools, summer camps, youth programs, nurseries and toddler programs to be denominationally segregated. The denominations do not fraternize, he noted.

"They do not sing, or dance or play and certainly do not pray together," he said. The denominations claim common festivals and fasts but do not celebrate them in common. The end result, Schulweis declared, is "denominational apartheid."

Jewish anger has its place if it is a catharsis to unite, he said. But excessive and obsessive anger threatens to tear the Jewish people apart. Finding the proper target for anger mobilizes psychic and physical energies to combat the forces which menace and threaten the survival of the Jewish people. But generalized anger, indiscriminate anger is impotence turned inward against "some of us." It leads to the abandonment of the world and to self-proclaimed cultist purity, Schulweis declared.

This, however, he said, is a sterile form of existence. "How we define ourselves and others, whom we include and exclude, with whom we choose to relate and whom we choose to ignore, determines our agenda and our future," he said. "The post-Holocaust question before us is not who is a Jew or who is a rabbi or who is my neighbor or who is my brother or sister, but what shall be the character of Judaism."

To live in the world "is to live in a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-religious universe. To live with Egyptians and Syrians, with Blacks and Chicanos. The world is our place, even as God is the place of the world," Schulweis said. To be engaged in the world "means to related to non-Jews -- Christians, Moslems, gentiles, nations, churches --and with a vision and wisdom to turn a new leaf in Jewish history."

Changes In Attitudes

There are changes in attitudes, statements and conciliar declarations of the churches and "We must take advantage of these changes," he stated. "Something new is happening among leading theologians... We and our children must read and hear new voices in old institutions."

Schulweis referred to the churches' position on the conversion of the Jews, the understanding of the spiritual and emotional meaning of Israel, the internal questioning of Christian prejudices, the change of teaching texts in Christian schools, the respect and relevance of Jewish tradition and contemporaneity.

"I am more interested in the changing attitudes and teachings of the churches' contemporary leaders than in their ancestors' failings; more in the churches' descendants than in the churches' ancestors...I am more interested in

gaining new friends than in fixating on old enemies," he said.

Schulweis said that for too long a time Jews have spoken about "the conspiracy of evil." It is now time to begin speaking about "the conspiracy of good."

In an impassioned plea to the assembled Jewish leaders at the General Assembly, Schulweis called attention to "a muted part of contemporary Jewish history," to the "tragic neglect of uncounted, unknown, unsung, unbefriended gentiles who risked their lives and the lives of their families to shelter, feed and protect our hounded people during the Nazi era."

Schulweis referred to "zechor," the Jewish imperative to remember. This imperative, he pointed out, refers not only to the evil but also to the good. It is not fair that the goodness of the gentiles who helped be forgotten, he said.

"We properly hunt down the predatory criminals and their collaborators and bring them to the bar of justice. We need --our people needs-- a Simon Wiesenthal to search out the rescuers, record their lives in our history, help them and raise them to high honor."

He pointed out that few young Jews know about the Christian families who hid Anne Frank; the heroism of Mother Maria of Paris, Father Bernard Lichtenberg, and the villagers of Le Chambon who were responsible for the rescue of thousands of Jews in Nazi-occupied France; the leaders of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church who refused to deport Jews to the Nazis; the Portuguese Consul Aristides de Sousa Mendes who saved thousands of Jews from death and deportation; the Italian army's rescue of thousands of Croatian and Yugoslav Jews; and the sewer workers of Lvov who protected 17 Jews for 14 months living in the sewers of Lvov, infested with vermin, rats and cold.

Why, Schulweis declared, "should Jewish children know only the killer of the dream and not the heart and hand of gentile rescuers?" Knowing this, he concluded, would permit mercy to control anger and offer a more hopeful vision and heritage to the next generation.

KATYUSHA ROCKETS FIRED AT ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- A number of Katyusha rockets were fired at Israel from south Lebanon Tuesday. One exploded in Galilee causing slight damage but no casualties. The others fell in the security zone north of the border. They were the first Katyushas fired into Israel in two months.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir said Tuesday that there is no danger of war in the near future and he doesn't think Syria wants a confrontation with Israel. He said on a radio interview that Israel is not worried about threats and bellicose statements emanating from Damascus and would not be drawn into a clash. If Syria attacked Israel, it would pay a heavy price, Shamir said.

LENINGRAD ACTIVIST ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- Leningrad activist Albert (Chaim) Burstein was arrested Monday as he spoke by phone from a local post office to Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry director Lynn Singer. He was sentenced to 15 days in jail for "resisting arrest," the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported.

According to the SSSJ, Burstein, 21, is one of Leningrad's most daring refuseniks and has been a target of beatings, threats and harassment by the KGB. On November 5 he was forcibly prevented from flying to Vilnius in Lithuania to join activists there commemorating the Holocaust. The next day KGB agents beat him again and threatened to kill him, the SSSJ reported.

JEWISH OFFICIAL CONDEMNS PROPOSAL IN ISRAEL TO STAMP IDENTIFICATION CARDS OF CONVERTS TO JUDAISM

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA) -- A proposal in Israel to stamp the identification cards of converts to Judaism to indicate they were not of Jewish birth was condemned here Monday by Ernest Michel, executive vice president of the UJA Federation in New York.

The proposal, by the Interior Ministry in Jerusalem earlier this year, raised a storm of protest in Israel and abroad. It was not implemented.

Michel, addressing the annual luncheon of American Women for Bar Ilan University to honor veteran New York UJA leader Myrtle Hirsch, said: "This is no policy for Israel to adopt. I deplore it as I'm sure every one of you does."

Michel recalled growing up in Nazi Germany and being forced to carry an identity card "in which the Nazis identified me as a Jew and gave me -- and every other Jewish male -- the middle name of Israel. Every Jewish woman and girl was given the middle name of Sarah for her identity card, which was also stamped with the epithet, 'Jude'."

But, Michel added, "I think it would be wrong of us to exaggerate the failings of Israeli society. Israel was created out of hundreds of different civilizations. It would be folly to expect that, after a brief 38 years, Israel should turn out to be an ideal society. Yet it is a nation that every one of us can take pride in and rejoice in as we share in its achievements."

Hirsch, chairman of Project Renewal for the UJA-Federation women's campaign since 1980, was honored as "a dedicated, Zionist, outstanding humanitarian and devoted communal leader in the United States and Israel."

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- The Supreme Court agreed last week to hear the appeal of Lithuanian-born Juozas Kungys, a war crimes suspect, against a Federal appellate decision to strip him of his U.S. citizenship. Kungys, 70, a resident of Clifton, N.J., is accused of lying about his Nazi past when he immigrated to the U.S. in 1948 and obtained citizenship in 1954. He is alleged to have participated in the massacre of more than 2,000 Jews in Lithuania in 1941.

TEL AVIV (JTA) -- Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin began a week-long visit to Scandinavia Sunday for talks with government leaders and meetings with the local Jewish communities. He will be visiting Denmark, Sweden and Finland.