

ISRAELI TEEN-AGE GIRL KILLED BY ARABS DURING PASSOVER OUTING By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 6 (JTA) -- Jewish settlers reacted with outrage Wednesday to the killing of an Israeli teen-age girl during a violent encounter in the village of Beita, near Nablus.

Two Arab villagers were killed in the incident and at least 14 other Israelis and several villagers were wounded. One of the Israelis, an armed guard, was reportedly in serious condition at the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem.

The incident occurred about 1:30 p.m., when a teen-age group of hikers from the settlement of Eilon Moreh was attacked by rock-throwing villagers outside Beita. A curfew was imposed on the village, as the army assembled the men in the village, in an effort to trace the attackers.

The group of 16 teen-agers, accompanied by two armed adults, was taking a Passover hike in the Samarian hills around the village, south of Nablus.

As the youths were resting, they were attacked by stones. One of the youths told reporters that the guards chased the attackers, firing at them, and apparently hitting them.

According to a Jewish settlement leader, the Arabs offered to stop the stoning and allow the youths to leave through the village.

But as the group entered the village, it was again attacked by rocks, one of which mortally wounded 15-year-old Tirza Porat. The guards again fired, but they were trapped and their weapons were seized.

Some of the teen-agers were surrounded and beaten. Others fled the village in the direction of the main Jerusalem-Nablus Road. Local villagers brought some of the children to safety. Arab ambulance services were rushed to the scene, apparently at the calls of local residents.

CBS Crew Shocked

A passing CBS News television crew followed the ambulances into Beita and was shocked to see the dead, the wounded and three Jewish children wandering around.

"It was the most incredible picture. We just didn't believe it," said cameraman Nevil Harris. "The children were left in the village, the ambulances left and no army was around." The crew drove the children out of the village and called the army, which arrived shortly after and took the rest of the children to safety.

An Israeli boy initially was reported missing and was believed kidnapped. But during a subsequent search, he was found, wounded, in a village house. It was not immediately certain whether he had been kidnapped or had been given shelter in the house.

Jewish settlement leaders held an emergency meeting late Wednesday in Eilon Moreh, only 10 minutes away from the Arab village. Local residents of the settlement, the first established by the ultranationalist Gush Emunim, expressed shock over the confrontation, and demanded that the government respond properly.

Earlier, army Chief of Staff Dan Shomron and Gen. Amram Mitzna, commander of the central region, which includes the West Bank, met

with the settlers and faced some tough talk.

Benny Katzover, head of the Samaria regional council, told Shomron: "The ball is in your court now. What is needed is something of such scope that will make it clear to the Arabs that Jews are not to be killed."

'It Is War We Are Facing'

Other settlers said the army was operating under too many restrictions, and this must be changed. There were calls for deportations of anyone involved in rioting and for permission to shoot in response to stone-throwing.

"Stop calling this action disturbances," shouted one settler. "It is war we are facing."

Shomron called the killing of the girl "a disgusting and cruel murder." He promised the army would react in "a very serious way." However, he urged the settlers not to do anything themselves and to let the army deal with the situation.

Shoshana Ilan, whose husband and daughter were both wounded in the attack, explained that the children went on an outing near an Arab village at this time, because they live nearby and do not know any other area for hiking.

"My daughter traveled at her home. She didn't go to other areas. If our children cannot travel in the area where they live, that's bad," Ilan said.

She ruled out staying at home at such times, "because we do not want to feel like prisoners." She said it was the job of the government and the army to assure the local Jewish population to travel freely in the area.

SHULTZ DEPARTS ISRAEL INSISTING INITIATIVE IS 'INTACT AND ALIVE'

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 6 (JTA) -- U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz left Israel on Wednesday insisting that his peace initiative for the Middle East was still "intact and alive," but admitting that he had made no tangible progress so far in drawing parties toward negotiations.

After meeting separately with Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, and taping a half-hour interview which was to be shown on Israeli television Wednesday night, Shultz flew to Cairo, where he met with President Hosni Mubarak. He also was due to visit the Saudi capital of Riyadh, as well as Amman, Jordan, before heading for home.

With Shamir at his side, Shultz told reporters that he was a "stubborn" man and intended to persevere with his initiative.

He told Shamir privately, according to a leaked report from their meeting, that certain Arab leaders were urging the United States to cut aid to Israel, but that he would not consider such a thing.

The secretary told the press after his early morning meetings with Shamir that work would continue to examine and discuss "every detail, every implication of this initiative."

"Differences have not been substantially narrowed," Shultz conceded. But he added, "We will continue our efforts for peace. When you are down in the trenches doing it, you certainly are

aware of how hard it is. But that does not lessen in any way the importance of continuing the effort."

Shamir, for his part, voiced admiration for the secretary's "readiness and devotion" to peacemaking and said he had "expressed our best wishes for his success in the near future, for him to make progress in this direction."

The premier said he foresaw "further talks and discussions."

Hussein Expresses Interest

Shultz repeatedly praised King Hussein's approach, which was "the kind needed to move ahead."

He said the Jordanian monarch had presented him, during their talks Tuesday, a detailed list of questions to clarify points in the peace plan and that this demonstrated the king's keen interest in the initiative.

Shultz also briefed Peres, together with Cabinet Minister Ezer Weizman, who holds no portfolio, on his talks in Amman and Damascus.

Peres told waiting reporters he believed that the majority of Israelis supported the "land for peace" equation, though Israel could not return all of the land "because we need security."

Peres' foreign policy adviser, Dr. Nimrod Novik, sought to put a bright face on the situation, in a radio interview after the secretary's departure. He stressed that no party had said no to Shultz and that this enabled the secretary to go ahead.

He maintained that Jordan's response to the secretary had been basically positive. But King Hussein was not anxious to "jump ahead and say yes, when he feels there is no partner on the Israeli side."

Novik said Shultz had obtained much more specific information from the parties on the various points of his initiative. He had solicited working papers from the offices of Shamir, Peres and Hussein, which he would now try to reconcile to produce further progress.

Novik felt Shultz would seek to persuade the Soviets, when he meets Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze later this month, to soften their terms for an international conference, warning them that if they refused to do so, they would in effect be ruining a still-promising prospect for negotiations in the Middle East.

TERRORIST CAPTURED IN INFILTRATION ATTEMPT IS MEMBER OF THE PFLP

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 6 (JTA) — A terrorist was captured on Monday night's encounter between an Israel Defense Force patrol and a terrorist band just north of the Israel-Lebanon border, the IDF has confirmed.

Two terrorists were killed and four soldiers from the Golani and Givati brigades were wounded in the clash, which occurred near Kfar Yuval, in Upper Galilee.

Despite a claim by the mainline Al Fatah faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Sidon that its men had taken part in the abortive attack, the captured terrorist, who was wounded, has apparently told his interrogators that the gang belonged to George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

IDF troops prevented another infiltration attempt on the border of the south Lebanon security zone after midnight Monday.

BONN MAY RESUME AID TO SYRIA, BUT WON'T DEMAND NAZI'S EXTRADITION

By David Kantor

BONN, April 6 (JTA) — West Germany's minister for economic cooperation, Hans Klein, was scheduled to fly Thursday to Syria to discuss the resumption of Bonn's financial assistance to Damascus. The assistance had been frozen in 1986 because of Syrian involvement in international terrorism.

A spokesman for the minister said that Klein will review various projects in Syria for which some \$87 million in West German aid will be used. In the last 15 years, West Germany has made available to Syria some \$445 million for development projects, the spokesman pointed out.

Despite the thaw in German-Syrian relations, Bonn continues to ignore calls, especially from abroad, to pressure Damascus to extradite Nazi war criminal Alois Brunner.

Brunner is accused of sending thousand of Jews and others to concentration camps during World War II. He served as Adolf Eichmann's deputy when Eichmann was in charge of the notorious "final solution of the Jewish question."

Brunner lives in Damascus under the names Georg Fischer and Karl Halter. In an interview last year with the Chicago Sun Times, he was quoted as saying: "All the Jews deserve death. . . I regret nothing and would repeat what I did."

Brunner's statement in the Sun Times prompted Justice Minister Hans Engelhard to announce that Bonn indeed intends to have Brunner extradited from Syria to stand trial in West Germany.

But since that announcement, made last November, no known pressure has been applied on Syria to stop protecting Brunner and have him extradited.

TEAR GAS COMPANY UNDER PRESSURE TO STOP SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL

By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, April 6 (JTA) — An official of a California company that sells tear gas to Israel said Wednesday that its use is "the most humane way of controlling crowds."

"That's why it was developed in the first place," Burl Alison, a vice president of the Los Angeles-based TransTechnology Corp., said in a telephone interview.

She was responding to a demand from the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) that the company stop shipping tear gas canisters to Israel.

In a March 31 letter to TransTechnology President Dan McBride, Abdeen Jabara, president of the ADC, charged that the "lethal gas" is responsible for the deaths of 32 Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, since the disturbances began in early December, as well as at least 100 miscarriages suffered by Palestinian women.

He asked that no more gas be sent to Israel "until such time as TransTechnology is satisfied that its product is being used in accordance with its own published guidelines for usage."

Yosef Gal, the spokesman at the Israeli Embassy here, said Wednesday that the ADC's death figures were "purely propaganda."

He said that Israel's use of tear gas possibly caused one death in the territories since December, but even that was not certain.

BATTLE TO IMPLEMENT GENOCIDE LAW COMING TO A HEAD IN CONGRESS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, April 6 (JTA) -- The long effort to make genocide a crime in the United States may finally be realized if Congress, as expected, adopts legislation implementing the United Nations convention against genocide this month.

But Warren Eisenberg, director of the B'nai B'rith International Council, warned Tuesday that the implementation legislation could still be blocked if conservative senators, who opposed ratification of the U.N. convention, filibuster the bill.

The Senate, by an 83-11 vote on Feb. 19, 1986, ratified the convention 37 years after it was first submitted to the Senate by President Harry Truman and 40 years after it was adopted by the United Nations.

But before genocide can become a crime under the U.S. criminal code, implementing legislation must be adopted by both the Senate and the House.

The legislation makes genocide a federal crime if committed in the United States or by a U.S. citizen anywhere. It was introduced in the House by Rep. Peter Rodino (D-N.J.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and in the Senate by Sens. Joseph Biden (D-Del.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) and William Proxmire (D-Wis.).

The law imposes a fine up to \$1 million and/or 20 years in prison if the act results in a death. Anyone convicted of "incitement to genocide" would face a fine of up to \$500,000 and/or five years in prison.

The House Judiciary Committee has sent the bill to the floor, where a vote is expected April 14, Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah). The Senate Judiciary Committee may take final action on the bill next week.

Two members of the Senate committee, Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), the ranking Republican, and Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), were among the 11 senators who voted against ratification of the convention.

Two Senators Still Opposed

At a committee hearing Feb. 19, both repeated their opposition, declaring that the convention does not include political genocide.

Opponents of the U.N. convention threatened a filibuster to prevent ratification in 1986. But they abandoned the move after the Senate Foreign Relations Committee adopted two amendments submitted by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), another opponent of the convention.

The amendments would bar the World Court from hearing a case brought against the United States under the convention without Washington's consent and would prohibit the United States from taking any action under the convention forbidden by the U.S. Constitution.

Eisenberg said that there was no indication that opponents in the Senate would try to filibuster to prevent adoption of the implementing legislation, but added that such a move cannot be ruled out.

B'nai B'rith has sent a memorandum to its members urging they contact members of the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of the bill.

The memorandum, prepared by Eisenberg and his assistant, Reva Price, warns against another

tactic to stop the bill: an amendment to add the death penalty to the bill. The fear is that many supporters of the legislation are opposed to capital punishment.

The State Department has taken the lead for the Reagan administration in pressing for adoption of the bill, because of the implications that rejection would have on the world community, according to Eisenberg. The convention has been adopted and is law in at least 97 countries.

"U.S. implementation of the genocide convention is important to the United States and to those throughout the world who do look to this country for leadership and strength in the area of human rights," Richard Schifter, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs, said in testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

WEST GERMANS ARE CRACKING DOWN ON RISING NEO-NAZI ACTIVITY

By David Kantor

BONN, April 6 (JTA) -- Police will take harsher measures to limit the activities of neo-Nazis in the West German federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia, the state's interior minister, Herbert Schnoor, said Tuesday.

In a statement released in the city of Dueseldorf, Schnoor charged that "the increased provocative and violent activities of neo-Nazis in some towns have become unbearable."

The local councils of the towns of Essen, Bottrop, Bielefeld and Dortmund have recently imposed a ban on renting town-owned facilities, such as meeting halls, to neo-Nazi groups. Other town councils in the federal state are in the process of considering such proposals.

Last year more than 1,000 investigations were opened against neo-Nazi operating in North Rhine-Westphalia, officials said.

According to Dieter Jablonski, an official of the town of Dortmund, an "anti-fascist working group" of officials from 14 towns and localities has designed a plan to protect youths against the influence of right-wing extremists.

Jablonski reported that new neo-Nazi groups of so-called "black bombers" have largely replaced the "skinheads." The "black bombers" have been successfully drawing increasing numbers of youth to social and political activities, which emphasize nationalistic and Nazi values, and often end in violent clashes.

According to experts, youths are drawn to neo-Nazi groups principally because of severe unemployment. In the town of Dortmund, for example, where unemployment among the young is high, there has been an ongoing neo-Nazi campaign with slogans such as "Jews are the Turks of 1988" and "Foreigners Out."

Synagogues and other Jewish institutions throughout West Germany have long been protected by high fences and armed police. Experts say this is needed to defend the Jewish communities against Arab terrorists and West German extremists from the right as well as from the left.

BUILDING TO BE NAMED AFTER ZORINSKY

WASHINGTON, April 6 (JTA) -- The Senate has approved a bill to name the federal office building in Omaha, Neb., after Sen. Edward Zorinsky (D-Neb.), who died March 6, 1987, at age 58. Elected to the Senate in 1976, Zorinsky was the first Jew to win a statewide election in Nebraska.

AJCONGRESS DIRECTOR REJECTS ORTHODOX CALL FOR HIS OUSTER

By Andrew Silow Carroll

NEW YORK, April 6 (JTA) -- The executive director of the American Jewish Congress rejected a call for his dismissal made by Orthodox groups and described their criticisms of his recent remarks as an attempt "to silence anyone who is critical of a position chanted" by Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Henry Siegman responded Wednesday to a statement released last week by the presidents of six major Orthodox Jewish organizations, which condemned remarks he made during a speech at the AJCongress biennial convention in March. The remarks were highlighted in a March 22 story in The Washington Post.

In the speech, Siegman reiterated his organization's support of territorial compromise as a solution for peace in the Middle East. He also condemned "important elements in the coalition that supports" Shamir who "have publicly disparaged the importance they attached to democratic values and humanitarian considerations."

Siegman told convention delegates that proposals to forcibly transfer Arabs outside Israel and the administered territories have moved from the "fringe," led by Knesset member Meir Kahane of the extremist Kach party, to "more centrist elements in that coalition."

It was the next few sentences, however, that incited the Orthodox groups' ire: Israel's religious parties, said Siegman, "openly affirm the supremacy of religious law over democratic values. Some even question publicly the principle of the sanctity of human life when applied to non-Jews."

In their March 28 statement, the Orthodox presidents responded: "In employing such bigoted language, Siegman pits Jew against Jew -- indeed, non-Jew against Jew -- and goes beyond acceptable norms of debate."

'Irresponsible Demagoguery'

"Siegman's statement defies credulity and unjustly condemns the very religious tradition which gave birth to the Western world's concept of the sanctity of all human life," the statement also said.

It called on AJCongress and "the entire Jewish community" to condemn Siegman's "irresponsible demagoguery."

The signers of the statement were Beverly Segal of Emunah Women of America, Dr. Harold Jacobs of the National Council of Young Israel, Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld of Poalei Agudath Israel, Rabbi Milton Polin of the Rabbinical Council of America, Herman Merkin of Religious Zionists of America and Sidney Kwestel of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

In a statement Siegman read during a telephone interview Wednesday, the AJCongress leader said this about the paragraph of his speech in question:

"Nothing in that paragraph can conceivably be construed as attributing sentiment concerning the sanctity of human life to Jewish 'religious tradition,' which is what the presidents of the Orthodox organizations have accused me of having said.

"I clearly described this view as characterizing either some religious parties or some individuals within those parties, or within the larger coalition that supports Shamir's views," he said.

Siegman's statement called on the Orthodox

presidents to "criticize those who make public statements that in fact diminish and debase that tradition, not those who seek to defend it."

In a telephone interview Tuesday, Rabbi Pinchas Stolper, executive vice president of the Orthodox Union, called Siegman's statement concerning democratic values and the sanctity of human life "libelous" and "beyond the pale of that which is acceptable."

"I can think of no respected authority who questions the sanctity of life of non-Jews. Even if he can find one meshugeneh (crazy person) who says that, how can Siegman repeat it?"

Cites Praise For Jewish Underground

But Siegman maintained Wednesday that "there are individuals in those religious parties that have in fact said this."

He said that in the early 1980s, when an underground group of Orthodox Jewish men was convicted of carrying out a series of violent attacks against Arabs in Jerusalem and the administered territories, "some leading individuals in Israel, in the religious parties and secular right-wing national movements, said precisely that -- explicitly, clearly, publicly in the Israeli and English-language press."

Siegman declined to cite specific individuals. But he said that if the signers of the Orthodox statement insist, "I would be glad to name names."

The AJCongress official also said he believed there was more behind the presidents' objections than what was contained in their statement.

"It's any reference to territorial compromise that really bothered them. They are trying to silence anyone who is critical of a position chanted by Shamir" and his supporters.

Stolper said Tuesday that the Orthodox groups intend to carry their campaign to have Siegman dismissed "well beyond the issuance of a one-time press release."

Asked whether he had any intention to resign as a result of the presidents' statement, Siegman said, "You've got to be kidding."

Robert Lifton, AJCongress national president, said that he supported Siegman's statements and that the organization had no intention of taking any action called for by the presidents.

EXILED SOVIET DIRECTOR IN ISRAEL RECEIVES INVITATION FROM MOSCOW

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, April 6 (JTA) -- A 70-year old Soviet stage director, who has been living in Israel for the last year, has received permission to return to Moscow next month to preside over the opening of a production on which he was working before he was exiled from the Soviet Union four years ago.

Yuri Lyubimov, who is not Jewish but received Israeli citizenship by virtue of his marriage to a Jewish woman, is the founder of the avant-garde Taganka Theater.

In March 1984, Lyubimov was fired from the theater and expelled from the Communist Party. He moved to Israel last year.

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