

**BLAST HURTS 27 IN HAIFA;
THREE ARAB YOUTHS DETAINED**
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- Twenty-seven people were injured, several of them seriously, by an explosion in a crowded pedestrian mall in the Hadar HaCarmel quarter of Haifa Saturday night.

Among the seriously wounded were 8-year-old Jonathan Meir, who was injured in the legs, and his 18-month-old brother. Their parents sustained slight injuries.

Two of the slightly injured were tourists from France, whose names were not immediately available.

The Rehov Nordau pedestrian mall was packed with post-Sabbath strollers out to catch an evening breeze after a sweltering day.

The explosive charge, which police said was an Israel Defense Force hand grenade, was apparently thrown between a crowded cafe and a toy shop next door.

The injured children were gazing through the shop window as their parents and friends sat in the cafe.

Eyewitnesses gave police descriptions of three Arab youths seen running away from the scene after apparently placing something on the ground.

Three youths answering the descriptions were among dozens of Arabs rounded up within minutes. Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev said they were residents of the West Bank town of Jenin.

There have been several instances of arson in the popular pedestrian mall since it opened just over a year ago. But police ascribed the incidents to "criminal elements" involved in commercial disputes.

The tension in the administered territories was felt in Israel proper in at least two other incidents over the weekend.

In Tel Aviv, an Arab watchman was severely beaten by Jewish youths as he guarded a building site in downtown Hamasger Street on Friday night.

Bassam Othman, from Nablus, told police he had been approached by the youths, who spoke to him before they attacked with fists and wooden clubs. They fled when he fell unconscious to the ground.

Police said the Jewish youths may have been members of one of several "Friday night gangs" who roam the city's entertainment and bar area.

And three Gaza Strip youths were detained in Tel Aviv Saturday afternoon when swimmers reported that Arabs had "tried to drown girls" by pushing them off of air mattresses as they bobbed up and down on the waves.

**TERRORISTS SLAIN IN LEBANON
IN CLASH WITH ISRAELI PATROL**
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- Israel Defense Force soldiers killed three terrorists in a clash in the South Lebanon security zone Friday night.

There were no Israeli casualties.

Military sources said the three terrorists, armed with rifles, explosives and grenades, were apparently on their way to carry out an attack

inside Israel when they were intercepted by a routine patrol south of the Lebanese village of Marouner Rass.

The village is two kilometers north of Moshav Avivim in Galilee.

In Sidon, George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed credit for "killing or wounding several Zionist enemy soldiers" in a "four-hour battle." They called the slain men "heroes" who were "martyred on the land of Palestine."

Elsewhere in South Lebanon during the weekend, one terrorist was killed and three IDF soldiers were slightly wounded in separate incidents.

The soldiers were wounded Friday afternoon near Marjayoun when a car exploded some 130 feet from the jeep in which they were riding.

It was still unclear whether the vehicle had been a car bomb or whether it had hit a landmine.

In the second incident, the terrorist was killed Saturday in an attack on a South Lebanon Army outpost.

**SCATTERED RIOTS, ARRESTS AS
ARABS MARK ARSON ANNIVERSARY**
By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- Riots and commercial strikes were held in the territories Sunday commemorating the 19th anniversary of the 1969 arson attack on the al-Aksa Mosque, committed by a mentally disturbed Australian Christian.

Three residents of Nablus were wounded by Israel Defense Force fire during disturbances in the town.

In Israel, police arrested seven Arabs suspected of having thrown three Molotov cocktails and a smoke grenade into a courtyard in Or Yehuda, near Tel Aviv, early Sunday morning.

Two of the gasoline bombs failed to ignite, and the grenade did not go off. No damage was caused.

In Shuafat, a northern suburb of Jerusalem, an empty bottle was thrown at an Egged bus, lightly injuring three passengers.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Cabinet Sunday that 300 members of the local "popular committees" in the territories are already in detention.

The committees, which have operated as grass-roots, quasi-official organizers of the Palestinian "intifada," were outlawed last week in an effort to break the back of the uprising.

Rabin said, however, that there had been an increase in terrorist incidents in the territories and in Jerusalem in the last week.

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev said Sunday that police had found the murderers of a Jewish woman killed last week in El-Bireh in the West Bank.

The names of her attackers were not disclosed, and it was still unclear whether they acted out of political or criminal motives.

The woman, Ziva Goldovsky, 18, was found in El-Bireh's industrial zone. Known for her leftist views, she reportedly had a number of Arab friends and moved freely in the territories.

IDF AT ODDS WITH RIGHTS GROUPS OVER ACCOUNTS OF KETZIOT RIOT

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- The exact circumstances under which two inmates were killed remain unclear, a week after the riots at the Ketziot detention camp in the Negev.

Representatives of two international human rights organizations have visited the camp, one before and one after the incident, and in their subsequent condemnation of Israel have issued accounts of conditions in the camp and the rioting that differ from the version given by camp officials.

Ketziot was set up as a detention camp for Palestinian rioters and activists last March, as existing detention facilities in the territories and in Israel proper were filled to capacity.

The intense heat of the desert camp and its remoteness from population centers have made it into the most infamous prison in Israel and the territories.

"This is a place I would not wish the worst of my enemies to spend time at," a released prisoner told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency reporter a few weeks ago.

In deploring last Tuesday's violence, the Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross said a delegation that saw the early stages of the rioting informed authorities that tension in the camp was "obviously rising."

Some 1,000 inmates took part in a violent protest, which ended with the killing of two and the wounding of two other prisoners, and perhaps a third one.

News Spread Fast

News of the deaths and injuries aggravated the riot, which according to one account, unconfirmed by an Israel Defense Force spokesman, spread to other compounds in the camp, involving some 2,200 prisoners.

The army immediately closed off the area, and would not allow even lawyers or judges to enter the camp. At the same time, the army spokesman said that according to an initial investigation, the soldiers behaved according to regulations when they used firearms to put down the riot.

An officer appointed by the Southern Command, Yitzhak Mordechai, was investigating the incident "in detail, from every angle," according to an army spokesman.

But on Saturday night, testimony was presented which cast a different light on the events. Michael Posner, director of the New York-based Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights, was permitted to interview detainees and prison officers at Ketziot two days after the riot.

His conclusions were that there was apparently no justification for the shooting.

According to Posner, inmates said that after the riot developed, allegedly over the refusal of inmates to clean soldiers' quarters, one prisoner, Assad Shawwa of Gaza, refused to return to his tent.

A senior officer then allegedly took an M-16 rifle from another soldier and shot Shawwa in the upper chest. His evacuation was delayed, prisoners said, and he died at Beersheba Hospital.

The circumstances surrounding the death of the second prisoner remains unclear.

(JTA Geneva correspondent Tamar Levy contributed to this report.)

ISRAEL KNOCKED AT U.N. MEETING

By Tamar Levy

GENEVA, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- Speakers at a U.N. human rights convention Friday accused Israel, in the words of one delegate, of flouting "the most fundamental principles of international law."

Delegates to the U.N.'s subcommission on human rights, which last week considered the plight of Syria's Jewish population, turned their attention to Israel's handling of the Palestinian "intifada," or uprising.

Yves Laursin, observer for the International Federation of Human Rights, said his organization was "gravely concerned" about human rights violations by Israeli authorities in the administered territories.

The Paris-based International Federation was responsible for launching an appeal to the Syrian government on behalf of that country's Jews.

Other delegates offering criticism of Israel were representatives from Nigeria, Algeria and the Arab Lawyers Union.

BEGIN REPORTEDLY OK'D TABA HOTEL WITHOUT INVESTIGATING ASSURANCES

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- Former Premier Menachem Begin agreed to construction of the Sonesta Hotel at Taba on the basis of unchecked assurances, which were made by the initiator of the hotel plan who claimed Israel had full rights to the area, according to former Foreign Ministry Director General David Kimche.

Kimche, in an Israel Radio interview last week, said that as far as he knew, Begin did not institute any further investigation into Israeli claims over the two-square-mile beach-front strip.

Claims to that area have been the source of friction between Israel and Egypt since Israel completed returning the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt April 25, 1982.

An international board of arbitrators is now meeting in Geneva on Taba, and is expected to render a ruling in Egypt's favor in September.

Two weeks ago, an Israeli delegation returned for consultations after two days of hard bargaining in Cairo over Taba.

In the interview, Kimche charged that Israel had been lax about the status of Taba before building the Sonesta and the nearby Rafi Nelson holiday village, and made no serious effort to ascertain the exact legal status of the area.

He said Sonesta owner Eli Papushado and former military advisor to Begin Efraim Poran had "persuaded" the prime minister in 1982 to authorize the hotel's construction, basing their decision apparently on the 1906 British-Ottoman agreement delineating the border between then British-controlled Egypt and that section of the Ottoman Empire which became known as Palestine.

Israel is basing its claim in conciliation and arbitration negotiations on the 1906 agreement, while the Egyptians are basing their claim on the pre-1948 border of the British Mandate, even if this differs from the 1906 map.

Papushado was quoted in Maariv as rejecting the Kimche claim, saying his presentation to Begin was based on clear construction permits obtained in 1976 and 1977, long before the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat came to Jerusalem.

**RACIST MEMOS IN LOS ANGELES
THREATEN BLACK-JEWISH ALLIANCE**

By Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- Racist memos written by two publicity men to advise a probable Jewish contender for mayor have threatened to shake up one of the strongest black-Jewish alliances in an American city.

The memos call for a Jewish-financed campaign to replace incumbent Mayor Tom Bradley, who is black, with City Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky, who is Jewish.

The memos, dated March 29 and May 4, were prepared by an aggressive duo of political campaign professionals, Michael Berman and Carl D'Agostino, who work under the self-chosen acronym "BAD." The memos were anonymously leaked to the Los Angeles Times and have come to be called the "BAD memos."

The offensive memos contain such statements as, "The reason why BAD thinks you can beat Bradley is: You've got 50 IQ points on him (and that's no compliment) . . . But your IQ advantage is of no electoral use if you don't use it."

The memos also call for a "United Jewish appeal" to tap the "endless wealth" of the city's Jews on Yaroslavsky's behalf. "Make a complete list of mainstream Jewish charities," they advise. "Find a person in each charity to slip us a list of the names, addresses and phone numbers of \$1,000-and-above contributors."

Yaroslavsky immediately distanced himself from BAD, calling the memos "largely unsolicited" and "frankly offensive." He particularly disavowed the IQ comparison, which stirred up the greatest resentment among the mayor's advisers and the black community.

Following the surfacing of the memos, Yaroslavsky called Bradley to emphasize his "high personal regard" for the mayor. Bradley responded in kind, saying, "It is my hope that there will be no return to ethnic and racial campaigns."

Bradley, this city's first black mayor, has served four terms in office, during which time he has become a very popular mayor. He has been known for his excellent relationship with the Jewish community and one of Israel's strongest supporters among the country's black officeholders.

However, the appearance here three years ago of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan caused some bad feelings to surface, when Bradley did not denounce Farrakhan because of a commitment to black leaders. This move drew sharp criticism from Jews.

L.A.'s First Jewish Mayor?

Yaroslavsky, who hopes to become Los Angeles' first Jewish mayor, got his start in public life organizing the local Students for Soviet Jewry.

Both men are Democrats and neither has officially declared for the office, but it is considered a virtual certainty that they will face each other next April 4 in the mayoral primary.

The memos appear to have been stolen from either the BAD office or from a Yaroslavsky aide, and then transmitted to the Los Angeles Times, which published them. Both sides say they have no idea who is responsible for the deed.

Apart from their damaging impact on intergroup relations, Bradley's chief aide warned of the legal ramifications of such a potential usurpation of religious charitable lists.

He said the misuse of such lists for political fundraising would jeopardize the tax-exempt status of Jewish welfare organizations.

Conciliatory Statements

Yaroslavsky's conciliatory statements have done little to soften the jarring impact of the memos, which come at a time when the traditional black-liberal Jewish alliance in Los Angeles is under severe strain.

This alliance is credited with electing Bradley four times and underpins a long period of racial harmony in the city.

The gradual disintegration of the alliance is blamed on a number of factors, including opposing views on affirmative action programs for minorities, the presidential campaign of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, and the Farrakhan appearance.

But now, Los Angeles' main political agenda item is the struggle between the "growth" versus "anti-growth" forces in the development of the city.

In that context, Bradley has been championing the pro-development view, which calls for increased construction and economic expansion in Los Angeles, to provide more jobs, a view particularly appealing to poorer blacks, Hispanics and other minorities.

The anti-growth advocates, centered in the liberal and affluent Jewish west side, demand as first priority protection of the natural environment and a halt to continuous building.

A flash point issue is whether Occidental Petroleum Corp., headed by Dr. Armand Hammer, should be allowed to drill for oil off the Pacific Palisades beaches in the West Los Angeles area.

SQUAD TO ERASE ABUSIVE GRAFFITI

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv municipality has set up an "intifada commando" team to erase as quickly as possible vituperative graffiti scribbled around the city.

Meir Doron, the municipality's deputy director-general, said that as of last Thursday, the team had removed 60 abusive slogans such as "slaughter the Jews."

STATE DEPT. HAS ISRAEL'S NUMBER

By Howard Rosenberg

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- The State Department's telephone directory for the first time is listing the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem as a diplomatic post inside Israel.

The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv has traditionally been included under "Israel" in the directory, but Jerusalem has been listed with no country at all.

Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.), who recently received the landmark May 1988 version of the directory, said last week that the State Department had previously denied Israel "recognition of their capital city, Jerusalem," as well as "denied it is their city at all."

Moynihan raised the issue in 1984, at a hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. At the time, Moynihan asked then-Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Lawrence Eagleburger why Jerusalem was treated differently than every other diplomatic post abroad.

Moynihan said that Eagleburger, now president of Kissinger Associates, assured him that the change would be made.

JEWISH REPUBLICANS EXPECTING CROSS VOTING BY DEMOCRATS

By David Friedman

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- Jewish Republicans emerged from the Republican National Convention here last week with high expectations that many of their fellow Jews will cut their traditional Democratic ties and vote for Vice President George Bush and his running mate, Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana.

This same hope was expressed in 1984, but on election day that year, some 60 percent of the Jewish vote went to the Democratic candidate, former Vice President Walter Mondale.

But Jewish Republican leaders with whom the Jewish Telegraphic Agency talked during the convention believe that signs are even better this year.

Richard Fox, chairman of the National Jewish Coalition, said that this is not just optimism, but a "realistic" appraisal.

"I think that, more than any time in my lifetime, there are more undecided Jewish voters in America today," he said.

Fox and other Jewish Republicans point to the record of the Reagan administration, which they call the most pro-Israel ever, and for which they maintain Bush shares credit.

They emphasized the Middle East plank of the platform adopted by the convention, and contrasted it with the brief mention of Israel in the Democratic platform.

Fox said that while the GOP platform "is the most positive public statement by any party in history" on Israel, "the absence, the silence, is ominous" in the Democratic platform.

It became clear in New Orleans that a major argument expected to be used by the Republicans to garner Jewish votes will be that the Democrats have deserted the Jewish community.

"The Democrats have turned away from the Jewish community in favor of minority blocs," said Jacob Stein, a longtime Jewish Republican and Reagan's first liaison to the Jewish community.

Desertion By Democrats

Max Fisher, the honorary chairman of the National Jewish Coalition, also emphasized that the Democrats have deserted the Jews, in his speech to the convention last Monday.

The 80-year-old Fisher, who has been active in Republican Party presidential campaigns for 40 years, said this was the first time a Jewish lay leader had addressed a national convention.

Jewish Republicans repeatedly noted that the Republican platform denounces anti-Semitism while the Democratic document is silent.

Jewish Republicans are pointing to an article in The New Republic last week by Martin Peretz, the weekly's editor-in-chief, which was distributed at the convention.

Peretz, a Democrat, charged that anti-Semitism was displayed on the floor of the Democratic National Convention last month by some supporters of the Rev. Jesse Jackson during the debate on a Palestinian plank. He said some of them "do not want a Democratic coalition that includes masses of Jews."

Stein also emphasized the debate on the plank sought by the Jackson forces to support Palestinian self-determination, a code word for a Palestinian state.

He said that although it was not voted on,

Jackson claimed the plank could have been adopted but he did not press for a vote to maintain party harmony.

Jewish spokesmen for Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis have denied that Jackson could have won such a vote.

Fisher also mentioned this debate in his convention speech, warning that next time the Democrats might adopt a pro-Palestinian plank.

Three-Man Ticket

Interestingly, Jewish Republicans did not dwell on Jackson in their comments with JTA. When they did, it was to assert the claim made by the Republicans that Bush and Quayle would be running against a Democratic triumvirate of Dukakis, his running mate, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, and Jackson.

But the point the Jewish Republican leaders repeatedly made was Bush's personal support for Israel and his closeness to Jewish leaders.

Fisher told the JTA that he knew every Republican president from Eisenhower to Reagan, and Reagan and Bush "are the greatest friends Israel ever had."

Stein predicted a strong shift in Jewish votes. "I think that based on longstanding personal relationships between Bush and the leaders of the Jewish community, and his intense personal conviction that Israel and the United States each serve their own interests by a strong strategic relationship, that the Jewish community will support -- to a greater extent than ever before -- a Republican ticket headed by George Bush," he said.

"Never before have knowledgeable Jewish leaders, in large numbers, been so close and intimate with the presidential candidate," Stein said.

Jewish Republicans will also remind voters of the central role Bush played in the mass airlift of Ethiopian Jews from the Sudan to Israel.

Questions On Quayle

The one cloud over this seemingly sunny picture for Jewish Republicans was Bush's selection of Quayle as his vice presidential running mate.

Jewish Republicans, like almost everybody else at the convention, were surprised by Bush's choice, and admitted they did not know much about the conservative Indiana senator.

But they soon learned that Quayle has a mixed record on Israel. He has supported defense aid to Israel, but he has also backed every arms sale to Arab countries.

Gordon Zacks, co-chairman of the National Jewish Coalition and probably the Jewish leader closest to Bush, emphasized that Quayle comes from a state opposed to foreign aid.

He said that now that he is on a national ticket, Quayle will support the Republican platform which pledges to continue the \$3 billion in U.S. military and economic aid Israel has been receiving for the last several years.

In the 1984 election, when many Jews were undecided until the last minute because of concern over Jackson, an analysis of the election found they stuck with the Democrats because of the emphasis by the Republicans on school prayer and other issues demanded by the religious right.

The selection of Quayle and the support of these issues were seen as a price Bush had to pay to keep conservatives and the religious right from sitting out the election.