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**JEWISH LEADER IN PERU SURVIVES
AFTER TERRORISTS ATTACK HIS CAR**

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, July 25 (JTA) -- The leader of the Jewish community of Lima, Peru, survived an attack on his life on Tuesday, according to several reports.

Jacobo (Yaacov) Hasson, secretary of the Asociacion Judia del Peru, was wounded in the hand by machine gun fire, but continued to drive his car down a Lima avenue near his home after unknown assailants fired at him.

The assailants fled and were not captured. An explosive device was also reportedly hurled at the car.

Israel Radio reported that Lima police had arrested several people at the local office of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A Lima police official said three suspected Arab terrorists recently released from jail may have been responsible, Israel Radio reported.

News sources quoted Lima's official, Jacobo Miskin, as saying Hasson had "been having problems with commandos of the Palestine Liberation Organization."

Hasson was among the targets two years ago of a gang of Abu Nidal Palestinian terrorists, who had planned to attack synagogues, the Israeli Embassy and the U.S. Cultural Center in Lima.

The three terrorists who were apprehended at that time by police were released for lack of evidence, Israel Radio said.

Hasson identified Tuesday's assailants as Peruvian, his family reportedly said.

Eight Body Wounds

According to Warren Eisenberg, director of the International Council of B'nai B'rith International, which has a lodge in Lima, the attackers were two men and two women.

Eisenberg said that Hasson sustained eight wounds on his hands and arms and has undergone surgery to reconstruct muscles.

Hasson's life was saved when the attackers' machine gun jammed and a jeep with naval personnel drove by, at which point the terrorists fled, Eisenberg said.

Hasson's family reported that there were 32 impacts from the attack found on his car, according to the World Jewish Congress.

Lima has been rocked by violence from unidentified terrorist groups as the country prepares for Saturday's inauguration of a new president, Alberto Fujimori. Terrorists appear to be vying for attention and trying to destabilize the country.

There was no reason given for attacking the head of the Jewish community at this time. Staff members at the Peruvian Embassy in Washington said Wednesday they had no information about the attack on Hasson.

Of the country's total population of 19.7 million, only about 5,000 are Jews. An estimated 90 percent of them are of Eastern European origin, particularly from Bessarabia, according to the book "Diaspora" by Howard Sachar.

The influx of Ashkenazic Jews added to what was once a largely Sephardic and even Marrano population.

**SOVIET AND ISRAELI TRADE DELEGATIONS
COULD RESULT FROM MODA'I INVITATION**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 25 (JTA) -- The establishment of Soviet and Israeli trade delegations in Tel Aviv and Moscow could result from the invitation issued to Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i on Wednesday by the visiting president of the Soviet Chamber of Commerce, Vladimir Malkavitz.

Moda'i, invited to Moscow to discuss joint trade initiatives, indicated he would accept after submitting the invitation to the Cabinet for approval, a mere formality.

Israeli sources said Malkavitz is the most senior Soviet personality to visit Israel since Moscow broke diplomatic ties in 1967.

His standing is that of a senior minister, the sources said. His visit, as the guest of Danny Gillerman, head of the Israel Chamber of Commerce, could lead to the creation of trade representation in Tel Aviv and Moscow, they added.

Although Malkavitz stressed on his arrival Tuesday that the restoration of Soviet-Israeli diplomatic relations is not on his agenda, he made clear that the absence of formal relations would not be a barrier to progress in the area of commerce.

The Soviet official referred specifically to an idea first floated by Israeli civil aviation industrialist Al Schwimmer for U.S.-Soviet-Israeli cooperation to produce a new civilian passenger aircraft.

The idea subsequently was promoted by Shimon Peres when he was finance minister, and was mentioned by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev during his visit to the United States in June.

Israel would produce the navigational aids for the proposed plane.

**LEVY CRITICAL OF E.C.'S THREATS,
BUT SAYS TALKS REACHED AGREEMENTS**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 25 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister David Levy criticized the European Community on Wednesday over its threat of sanctions against Israel for alleged mistreatment of Palestinians, but said nevertheless that his talks with three E.C. foreign ministers here this week were conducted in a "good atmosphere."

Levy told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that although there are many differences, he did reach agreements with his visitors on a number of issues, Levy said, but he did not elaborate.

He stressed, however, that it was no small achievement to hold the talks given the E.C.'s deep differences with Israel.

The European delegation was headed by Italian Foreign Minister Gianni de Michelis, current chairman of the E.C. Council of Ministers. He was accompanied by Foreign Minister Gerard Collins of Ireland and Foreign Minister Jacques Poos of Luxembourg.

"We are called extremists for asking for a dialogue with our neighbors," Levy said, referring to the government's contention that the core of

the Middle East problem is not Israel's dispute with the Palestinians but the state of war perpetuated by all of the Arab states except Egypt.

"With all our desire for peace, we also want to live," said Levy, adding that "we live in a jungle where there is a desire to destroy our state."

Defense Minister Moshe Arens briefed the Knesset committee Wednesday on measures taken to combat stoning and gasoline bomb attacks on cars in the administered territories.

He said he ordered the army to deploy more troops along the main highways and to pave new roads that bypass Arab towns.

VON WEIZSACKER AND HAVEL CONFIRM NO OFFICIAL MEETING WITH WALDHEIM By Elena Neuman

NEW YORK, July 25 (JTA) -- Czechoslovak President Vaclav Havel and his West German counterpart Richard von Weizsacker have clarified that they will have no official or private meetings with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim during their visit to the Salzburg music and arts festival Thursday, the West German Embassy said Wednesday.

But in an apparent attempt to avert diplomatic discourtesy, the two heads of state have agreed to attend a small luncheon party that will be attended by Waldheim.

Von Weizsacker and Havel have also acknowledged that it would be impossible to avoid shaking Waldheim's hand in the official protocol line that is sure to welcome them to the festival.

"They've subsumed morality to the politics of expediency," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress.

"They should avoid going to Salzburg and avoid any confrontation with Waldheim. If they shake hands with Waldheim, they are sending the wrong signal and will undermine their own moral status," Steinberg said.

According to the West German embassy, Weizsacker decided to attend the festival as a favor to Havel as well as to "pay tribute to the Austrian people."

An American protest group called the Coalition of Concern demonstrated Wednesday outside von Weizsacker's West Berlin residence, urging the president to cancel any contacts with Waldheim in Salzburg.

The demonstrators displayed a large picture of Waldheim in German army uniform and a poster-size copy of the U.N. War Crimes Commission document from 1948 in which Yugoslavia requested his arrest for the alleged crime of murder.

The coalition is expected to demonstrate in Salzburg, as well.

"We are not only appalled at Weizsacker and Havel breaking the political ban on heads of state meeting with the odious Waldheim," said Rabbi Avraham Weiss of New York, who heads the coalition, "but we are also deeply concerned that a united Germany feels it can act in flagrant disregard of international moral repugnance of unrepentant Nazis."

Havel's decision not to meet with Waldheim is a major public snub to the Austrian president, as it is normal diplomatic courtesy for a visiting head of a friendly state to greet a country's titular chief officially.

It is thought that Waldheim, with his popularity flagging and re-election to the presidency

in doubt, will nevertheless try to cash in on the presence of Czechoslovakia's dissident-turned-president.

"Even if they don't meet privately, Waldheim is going to be knocking over tables to get to Havel," said Steinberg.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center issued a statement Wednesday, citing their "disappointment that Czech president Vaclav Havel will meet Kurt Waldheim at the Salzburg Music Festival on Thursday," but noting they were "pleased by the assurances it has received that President Havel will not meet privately with Waldheim."

VOA TRANSMITTER PLANS PROCEED, REVERSING DECISION TO AWAIT STUDY By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 25 (JTA) -- A state panel decided Tuesday to begin construction immediately of a \$300 million Voice of America relay station in the Negev, overruling the objections of environmentalists.

The decision will go to the Cabinet for approval in the next few days, after which it must clear the Knesset, according to Dov Kehat, director general of the Interior Ministry.

The 19-6 vote by the National Building and Planning Council reversed a decision last month to postpone the project until a two-year study of its effects on humans and wildlife in the region is completed. Israeli and American officials had demanded the new vote, saying a majority of council members were not present for the first vote.

Yoav Saguy, chairman of the board of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, announced that his group would ask the High Court of Justice to overrule the decision.

The U.S. Embassy issued a statement Tuesday welcoming the go-ahead. American pressure in fact may have influenced the decision.

The huge station consists of 37 antennas as high as 300 feet and 16 transmitters with a capacity of 500 kilowatts each.

Its opponents contend that the electromagnetic radiation generated by the transmitters would pose health hazards for local residents and endanger migratory birds.

But Kehat insisted that the panel had weighed all environmental factors after it visited the site and heard evidence about the effects of similar high-power transmitters operating in the United States.

EL AL SUSPENDS STOCKHOLM FLIGHTS By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 25 (JTA) -- El Al flights to Stockholm have been suspended because security measures at the Swedish airport no longer satisfy El Al's stringent standards, the Transportation Ministry announced Wednesday.

Transportation Minister Moshe Katsav decided to halt the twice-weekly flights from Tel Aviv after the Swedish authorities made changes affecting El Al's security procedures at Stockholm's Arlanda Airport, a ministry statement said.

Katsav notified the Swedish foreign minister of the suspension, in a letter conveyed by the Israeli ambassador in Stockholm.

But he said it would be rescinded if the Swedish authorities restore the security situation to the state which prevailed when El Al inaugurated its Stockholm service in March 1989.

ANTI-SEMITIC MATERIAL IN EUROPE COULD BE BANNED BY UNIFIED E.C. London Jewish Chronicle

LONDON, July 25 (JTA) -- The dissemination of printed anti-Semitic material could be outlawed throughout Europe if the European Commission adopts a report on racism presented Monday in Brussels.

The report on racism and anti-Semitism in Europe, prepared by an all-party committee of the European Parliament, the legislative body of the European Community, concluded, for example, that Britain's "exceptionally good laws" against the dissemination of racist and anti-Semitic propaganda, "are underused."

The report seeks to coordinate the anti-hate laws of the E.C.'s 12 member states.

If the report's recommendations are acted on by the European Commission at E.C. headquarters in Brussels, publishers of anti-Semitic material who send such material to people's homes could be prosecuted.

That has not been the case in Britain where, despite tough laws, no one has yet been prosecuted for disseminating a newsletter which denies the Holocaust occurred and where spreading a blood libel against Jews is not considered incitement to race hatred.

The committee's report calls attention to the dramatic increase of racist and anti-Semitic activity in both Western and Eastern Europe. It cites the growth of neo-Nazi and extreme right-wing organizations, particularly in France and Germany.

One of its 77 recommendations is "to prohibit the dissemination of anti-Semitic and racist material," either through the post or in public places.

Immune From Prosecution

Both the so-called "Holocaust News," a newsletter denying the Holocaust took place, and widely circulated leaflets claiming Jews engage in the ritual slaughter of Christian children fall into that category. So far, they have been immune from prosecution.

The committee report holds the fascist British National Party responsible for the distribution of "Holocaust News."

The Crown Prosecution Service ruled last month that the blood libel leaflet called "Jewish Tributes to Our Child Martyrs" was "not likely to stir up racial hatred," nor was it "consistent with any intent to do so."

Responding to a request for the ruling to be reconsidered, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's private secretary, Charles Powell, wrote to the Jewish Chronicle last week that "the government does indeed recognize this type of publication is offensive to many people."

But that is "not a consideration which, under existing legislation, can form the foundation of criminal proceedings," Powell explained.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Peter Imbart told the Jewish Chronicle in an interview last week that proving racial motives in crimes could be difficult under present laws.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews has brought some 19 racist or anti-Semitic publications to the attention of law enforcement officials in the past two years, none of which has resulted in a prosecution.

If the European Commission adopts the all-party committee's report and proposes remedial

legislation, it "would be binding" on all member countries "within a couple of years," according to European Parliament member Glyn Ford, a Labor representative from Greater Manchester who chaired the inquiry.

In addition to urging member states to carefully monitor fascist and extreme right-wing groups in Western Europe, the report asks the E.C. to discuss the growth of racism and anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe.

It noted that "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," a notorious anti-Semitic forgery by the Czarist police, is on public sale in Bucharest.

Jewish property in Hungary has been vandalized. In Poland, Jewish members of Solidarity have been "singled out as targets for anonymous propaganda leaflets and graffiti," the report says.

It adds that "violent anti-Semitic attacks, including murder," have occurred in Moscow and Leningrad since autumn 1989.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SET FOR BUDAPEST By Yehuda Lahav

BUDAPEST, July 25 (JTA) -- A Holocaust memorial and records archive modeled on Yad Vashem in Jerusalem will be established here shortly in the unused Old Synagogue on Rumbach Street.

It will be a place of grace and pilgrimage, according to the recently founded Hungarian Holocaust Committee, which initiated the project.

One of its first tasks will be the accumulation of data about all the victims of the Holocaust in Hungary, Jews, Gypsies and other persecutees, said historian Katalin Wiesel, one of the founders.

The committee has invited contributions from historians and researchers all over the world. It is in contact with Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and the Soros Foundation in New York, an endowment fund established by Hungarian Jewish emigre George Soros.

Wiesel explained that every victim whose background is traced will have a memorial tablet. One copy will go to the family and another will be filed in the archive.

The committee plans to initiate research on such themes as "the influence of the Holocaust on Hungarian spiritual and scientific life."

BRITAIN GETS FIRST HEBREW PERIODICAL London Jewish Chronicle

LONDON, July 25 (JTA) -- The first and only Hebrew-language periodical in Britain hit the newsstands in northwest London this week.

Called Hayisraeli Shel London (The Israeli of London), the new glossy is aimed mainly at the 70,000-member Israeli expatriate community here and Israeli visitors.

According to editor Anat Koren, a London resident for eight years, it fills a gap for a group of people which has only just begun to feel like a community.

The 80-page first edition contains articles on building a business, buying or renting homes, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, casinos, football and a lighthearted look at cricket through Israeli eyes.

The newsstand price is 95 pence, or approximately \$1.75. The publishers have yet to decide whether to produce the magazine weekly or monthly. The next edition is due out in September.

NEWS ANALYSIS:**BRENNAN DEFENDED RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, BUT OPPOSED ANY LINK WITH GOVERNMENT**
By William Saphire

NEW YORK, July 25 (JTA) -- Justice William Brennan, whose remarkable tenure of nearly 34 years on the Supreme Court ended with his announced retirement last week, disagreed with those who maintained that a judge should interpret the law, not make it.

In his view, to interpret is in fact to create.

The 84-year-old jurist found in the precise but open-ended language of the U.S. Constitution an opportunity for creative decisions. He used the document as an instrument to protect people's rights and balance them where they conflicted, but never to suppress them.

There were countless examples throughout his long career. Three of his opinions in recent years conveyed the essence of Brennan's judicial philosophy and happened to be of serious concern to Jews.

Two of them involved the display of religious symbols on public property, which Brennan saw as a violation of the First Amendment's prohibition against government establishment of religion.

A third concerned the right of a U.S. Air Force officer to wear a yarmulka while on duty, a practice Brennan believed should be protected by the First Amendment's guarantee of "free exercise" of religion.

In recent years, as the Supreme Court grew more conservative, Brennan found himself on the losing side in these cases and others like them.

He found himself in the minority when the Supreme Court ruled 5-4, on March 5, 1984, that the city of Pawtucket, R.I., could put up a nativity scene as part of an officially sponsored Christmas display without violating the Constitution.

Opposed Creches And Menorahs Alike

The court majority maintained that the city's creche, surrounded as it was by replicas of reindeer, Santa Claus and other seasonal paraphernalia, was not an overtly religious symbol.

Brennan argued that Pawtucket's maintenance and display at public expense of a symbol as distinctly sectarian as a creche "is plainly contrary to the purposes and values" of the First Amendment's Establishment Clause, which mandates a separation of church and state.

He said it was ingenious "to pretend, as the court does, that the otherwise secular setting of Pawtucket's nativity scene dilutes in some fashion its singular religiosity."

Shortly before Christmas 1986, the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union sued to ban the display of an 18-foot-high menorah owned by the Chabad Hasidic movement next to a 45-foot-high Christmas tree outside Pittsburgh's City Hall.

The ACLU, supported by several Jewish groups, also objected to a creche in the Pittsburgh courthouse.

Three years later, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the creche was unconstitutional. But at the same time, it decided by a 6-3 majority that posting a Chanukah menorah and Christmas tree outside City Hall was constitutionally permissible, because they were part of a seasonal display that "has attained secular status in our society."

Brennan agreed with the majority that the

creche should be barred. But he also felt the menorah should not be allowed, arguing that to define it as a secular -- and therefore permissible -- symbol was to devalue its religious significance.

In what has come to be known as the "yarmulka case," the high court denied Capt. Simcha Goldman, an Orthodox Jew on duty with the Air Force as a clinical psychologist, the right to wear a skullcap, which would violate an Air Force regulation forbidding the wearing of headgear indoors.

In his dissenting opinion, Brennan stressed that the issue was one of free exercise of religion, a constitutional guarantee that should supersede a military dress code.

"If Dr. Goldman wanted to wear a hat to keep his head warm or to cover a bald spot, I would join the majority," the justice wrote.

He explained: "Mere personal preferences in dress are not constitutionally protected. The First Amendment, however, restrains the government's ability to prevent an Orthodox Jewish serviceman from, or punish him for, wearing a yarmulka."

He added in his dissent that "the contention that the discipline of the armed forces will be subverted if Orthodox Jews are allowed to wear yarmulkas with their uniforms surpasses belief."

Brennan's view was eventually vindicated when Congress adopted a law allowing the wearing of "neat, unobtrusive and conservative" religious apparel by armed forces personnel, as long as it does not interfere with military operations.

BEEF DEVELOPS OVER BRITISH AIRWAYS' WITHDRAWING BRAND OF KOSHER MEALS
London Jewish Chronicle

LONDON, July 25 (JTA) -- Orthodox Jews for whom El Al's strictly kosher meals are not strict enough have reacted angrily to British Airways' withdrawal of Kedassia-supervised meals, the only ones apparently which meet their standards.

British Airways advised selected travel agents and customers by letter last Friday that their catering department decided no longer to serve the Kedassia meals, which are prepared by the Hermolis catering firm.

El Al stopped serving them some time ago. Its meat meals are prepared here under Federation of Synagogues supervision, which is not acceptable to some observant Jews.

British Airways' customer service department said "the decision to discontinue Kedassia meals was not taken lightly." But the airline offered no explanation for the move, saying only that it would keep the matter under review and invited "feedback from our customers and travel agents."

A British Airways spokesman said the carrier caters to dozens of different categories of special meal requests and served 140,000 of them last year.

El Al is expanding its dietary range to offer meatless meals, organically produced meals, medical diets and sugar-free meals.

On Monday, El Al announced that for the first time, the Chief Rabbinate of Jerusalem gave a glatt kosher approval to El Al's Tel Aviv kitchen.

The "Kosher Lemehadrin" approval, effective immediately, will make the glatt kosher food available on all flights out of Tel Aviv, as well as on Europe to Israel flights.