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**FOREIGN MINISTRY DENIES CHARGES
THAT IT PAID OFF RADIO REPORTERS**

By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, July 30 (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry dismissed Monday a report by The New York Times that the ministry had for four years been paying radio reporters to give Israel favorable press on radio stations around the world.

The Times reported Monday that radio reporters were hired by Avi Yaffe Studios and guided in their choice of stories by the Foreign Ministry, which contributed to the reporters' salaries.

The free-lance reporters' stories were broadcast overseas.

In an official statement, the ministry replied that "there are no journalists on the Foreign Ministry payroll." The ministry said it had never made any attempt to conceal its audio information service, "which is described in the government yearbook."

The ministry said the programs were distributed in the ministry's name, but the ministry did not tell the journalists what to say, nor did it exercise editorial control over the broadcasts.

Nevertheless, the ministry said it suspended the operation before The New York Times inquired about the matter, "because the situation might be misconstrued," and would not be resumed until the matter had been clarified to "the ministry's satisfaction."

According to The New York Times, participants in the program said dozens of radio stations with several million listeners in Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the United States employed the journalists as free-lancers, without any knowledge that the reporters were receiving monthly salaries from the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

The article claims that the ministry's money was secretly passed through the Avi Yaffe Studios so that checks were written on the studio's bank account.

**PLO INVOLVEMENT IN TERRORISM
UNCOVERED FOR THE THIRD TIME**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 30 (JTA) -- Israeli security officials claim to have uncovered yet another active terrorist network in Israel run by the Palestine Liberation Organization, the third since PLO chief Yasir Arafat supposedly renounced terrorism in December 1988.

The officials are reporting to the United States the results of their interrogation of six members of a terrorist ring recently apprehended in Galilee, Ma'ariv reported Monday.

The group, including two women, operated within the framework of Al Fatah, the terrorist branch of Arafat's mainstream PLO, and was linked to a terrorist apparatus operating out of Europe, the officials claim.

They were tracked down as a result of intensive investigations by the police and Shin Bet, or General Security Service, over a 10-month period, according to the report.

Members of the ring, recruited in Germany and Yugoslavia, planned mass attacks in the Haifa area and Nahariya, the security officials said. The

terrorists planted explosives at the Horev center in Haifa in November 1989, but the explosives were safely defused.

In June 1990, the gang planted explosive charges in shrubbery near a seaside promenade in Nahariya. The charge exploded but did no damage.

The same group planted explosives at the Kiryon shopping center in Haifa last January, which failed to explode.

**SIX MORE ARABS ARE ARRAIGNED
IN CONNECTION WITH BEACH BOMB**

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 30 (JTA) -- Six more Arabs from the administered territories were arraigned in magistrates court here Monday in connection with Saturday's Tel Aviv beach bombing in which a young Canadian tourist was killed.

Two 17-year-old Arabs, also from the territories, were remanded to custody in juvenile court Sunday.

The eight were detained out of dozens of suspects questioned, after a magistrate decided their alibis did not conform to the evidence of eyewitnesses who were on the crowded beach at the time a concealed pipe bomb exploded.

In addition to the fatality, 18 people were injured, none seriously.

The body of the victim, 17-year-old Marnie Kimmelman of Willowdale, Ontario, a Toronto suburb, was flown home Sunday night for burial.

She had been one of 80 Canadian students between the ages of 18 and 21 who were on a six-week tour of Israel sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Most are from the Toronto and Montreal areas. They left Canada June 25 and were to return Aug. 8.

About 20 members of Kimmelman's group flew home Sunday. Some wanted to attend the funeral, while others said they could not continue their tour. But most of the group remained in Israel, explaining, "That is what Marnie would have wanted."

Psychologists accompanying the students recommended that they remain together for the duration of the trip.

The bereaved parents, Dr. Harold and Linda Kimmelman, intended to fly to Israel when they learned their daughter was wounded. They canceled when told Sunday night that she had died.

The World Zionist Organization Executive issued a statement of condolences to the family Monday.

Meir Shetreet, acting WZO chairman, expressed hope that Marnie Kimmelman's tragic death would not deter young Jews from coming to Israel.

The International Organization of Victims of Arab Terror blamed the Israeli government for the attack, because it refuses to implement the death penalty against terrorists.

Moreover, the organization noted, the government has released Arab prisoners as a gesture of goodwill, which, it claimed, serves to further terrorism and create the impression that Israel is weak.

The organization consists of some 200 families who have lost a loved one to terrorist acts.

Friends, neighbors and teachers of Marnie Kimmelman described her as "a vivacious social person" who "stood out" in both academic and sporting activities at York Mills Collegiate High School, where she was a student.

She was the second Canadian teen-ager to fall victim in little over a year, and the third Canadian.

Fern Rykiss, 17, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Shelley Halpenny, 33, of Vancouver, British Columbia, were killed in July 1989, when an Arab terrorist grabbed the wheel of a Tel Aviv-Jerusalem bus, plunging it off the highway into a ravine, where it burst into flames.

Canadian Jewish leaders are urging External Affairs Minister Joe Clark to suspend all Canadian contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Clark declared in a statement issued Saturday that "Canada is shocked and angered at this vicious act of terrorism perpetrated on innocent victims."

Ian Kagedon, government relations director of B'nai Brith Canada, said that whether or not the PLO takes responsibility for the bombing, it is ultimately behind it.

"I think swift action renouncing our relations will send a message," he said.

Les Scheininger, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said "It is now time for the government of Canada to put some tough questions to the PLO."

"If the PLO or any of its affiliates are shown to have committed this heinous act, Canada should immediately cut off all contacts with them once and for all," Scheininger said.

(JTA correspondents Gil Sedan in Jerusalem and Ben Kayfetz in Toronto contributed to this report.)

ISRAELI SMUGGLERS INVOLVED IN RACKET TO BRING IN PRODUCE FROM TERRITORIES

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 30 (JTA) -- Israeli smugglers are working in collusion with intifada activists to illegally bring agricultural products from the administered territories into Israel.

The contraband produce is sold illegally as Israeli produce, Ma'ariv reported Monday.

The two parties have different motives for the importation. For the Israelis, the incentive is profit. For the Palestinians, it is the dislocation of Israeli agriculture.

According to Ma'ariv, Israeli farmers and merchants involved in the racket provide the smugglers with forged bills of lading.

Chai Binyamini, director general of the Agriculture Supervision Authority, which exposed some of the smuggling rings, says the bills certify the produce has been grown in Israel.

Binyamin revealed that "Jewish smugglers who enter the Gaza Strip at night are provided with an escort of intifada guards, to facilitate their purchase of merchandise from Arab farmers and smuggle it into Israel," Ma'ariv said.

Last week, inspectors of the Agriculture Authority thwarted 25 vehicles smuggling fruit and vegetables to Israeli markets. They seized over 1,300 pounds of mutton at Tel Aviv's HaCarmel market that was smuggled from the West Bank.

They also caught an egg-stealing ring and impounded tens of thousands of grade "A" eggs in Western Galilee.

Binyamini said the intifada leadership covers the legal expenses of those caught. He complained that they have been given overly light sentences, Ma'ariv reported.

According to the newspaper, the investigation also uncovered a market for smuggled produce in Atil village in the Jatt area of what is known as the "Arab triangle" in central Israel.

SEVEN KIBBUTZNIKS POISONED BY TAINTED COFFEE GRINDS

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, July 30 (JTA) -- Police are investigating whether poisoned coffee grinds that made seven people sick on a northern kibbutz was the result of intifada terrorism or a random criminal act.

While taking a mid-morning break Monday at the lamp factory at Kibbutz Ga'ash, north of Tel Aviv, four members of the kibbutz and three European volunteers immediately fell sick after drinking a mixture of the grinds used for making Turkish coffee.

They were rushed by ambulance to nearby Meir hospital in Kfar Saba, where remains of the coffee grinds and other substances which might have caused the poisoning were analyzed.

The seven were reported to have recovered from injury.

Police questioned a number of Arabs employed in the kibbutz to try and establish whether the incident was an act of terrorism or had some other criminal purpose.

Daniel Kait, secretary of the Mapam-affiliated kibbutz, said that it was inconceivable that Arabs employed by the kibbutz for many years and with whom they were all on good terms should have sought to harm kibbutz members and their foreign volunteer guests.

ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT NAMED

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 30 (JTA) -- Ephraim Dowek, presently the deputy head of Israel's U.N. mission, has been named the new Israeli ambassador to Egypt.

Dowek's appointment, along with several other ambassadorships, was announced Monday after a meeting of the Foreign Ministry's appointments committee, the first under the new minister, David Levy.

The expected appointment of Likud Knesset member Zalman Shuval as ambassador to Washington was not announced at the meeting, but Shuval said this was a technical delay and indicated he would be named shortly.

Shuval is said to be divesting himself of his business affairs before taking up the appointment, which was agreed upon during the coalition negotiations.

Other envoys named Monday include Benad Avita to Singapore; Yitzhak Shelef to Canada; Meir Joffe to Bulgaria; and Yoel Sher to Czechoslovakia. All four are senior ministry men. All the appointments need two formal endorsements: one by the Israel Cabinet and the other by the prospective host government.

Dowek has already served a successful, lengthy term in Cairo as No. 2 to the first Israeli ambassador there, Eliahu Ben-Elissar. Dowek is fluent in Arabic.

Joffe currently serves as ambassador to Ethiopia.

**SUSPECTED EX-NAZI IN AUSTRALIA
SHOT IN CHEST DAY BEFORE TRIAL**

By Jeremy Jones

SYDNEY, Australia, July 30 (JTA) -- A suspected Nazi war criminal due to appear in court Monday was in an Adelaide hospital instead, with a gunshot wound to his chest that has police wondering whether it was self-inflicted.

Ivan Polyukhovich, 74, the first person to be charged under Australia's amended war-crimes legislation, was found in the street Sunday night about a block from his home in Adelaide, South Australia.

The handgun believed used to shoot him was found in a park about 100 feet away.

Polyukhovich, an alleged mass murderer, was described in critical condition and under police surveillance at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, where the bullet was removed.

A police spokesman could not say at this stage whether the victim was shot by an assailant or shot himself.

Prosecutor Greg James cautioned the news media Monday against "unwise speculation" which could affect the course of the trial.

Polyukhovich's defense lawyer, David Stokes, said arrangements made for his client's security during the trial have not yet gone into effect.

He confirmed that no death threats have been received by members of the defense team.

Polyukhovich was charged with murder in Adelaide's magistrates court last January. He entered no plea and was released on \$160,000 bail with orders to report to the police three times weekly.

Responsible For 874 Deaths

According to the charges, Polyukhovich killed five men, 12 women and seven children and was involved in the deaths of 850 others from the Serniki ghetto between August 1941 and May 1943.

Their remains were unearthed from a mass grave in the Rovno district of the Ukraine by a Special Investigations Unit working for the prosecution.

A hearing was to have begun Monday. Over 40 prosecution witnesses are to give testimony, starting with Holocaust historian Raoul Hilberg. The trial is expected to last 80 days.

The hearing has now been delayed a week, subject to changes in Polyukhovich's condition.

It is widely believed, meanwhile, that public debate on the value of trials of alleged Nazi murderers, which has raged for more than four years, would end once the legal process of the murder case commences.

The Australian legislation under which Polyukhovich is charged was enacted following a chain of events which began with the 1985 arrest of an Australian citizen by the U.S. Office of Special Investigations.

Efforts to investigate the ramifications of the case against Konrad Kalejs were given impetus by the inquiry into war criminals by Judge Jules Deschenes in Canada, and the work of Australian historians, who gained access to government archives after the 30-year secrecy period expired.

The 1987 Menzies Commission recommended legislation, as serious allegations existed against more than 200 Australian residents. After an acrimonious debate, legislation was narrowly passed in December 1988.

**ANTI-SEMITIC VANDALS STRIKE AGAIN
AT CEMETERIES IN FRANCE, GERMANY**

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, July 30 (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic cemetery vandals struck again Saturday night in France and West Germany, defacing scores of tombstones with swastikas and anti-Jewish slogans.

But the target in France was, inexplicably, the small Catholic cemetery of La Salvétat-Saint Gilles, a town near the city of Toulouse, where Jean-Marie Le Pen's right-wing, racist National Front polled nearly 20 percent of the vote in the last elections.

Police said the vandals apparently got "mixed up" and spray-painted inscriptions such as "Jews back to the gas chambers" and "Nazis will live again" on non-Jewish graves.

The desecration was discovered at noon Sunday, when local families arrived to visit the graves.

In Stuttgart, West Germany, meanwhile, more than 60 headstones at a Jewish cemetery were defaced with Nazi symbols and threats. The damage has been estimated at \$125,000.

The slogans read "Jews out" and "The gas chambers never existed."

Police believe right-wing extremists were responsible, but admit they have no clues.

Similar damage was done two weeks ago at a grave site for Nazi victims near Tubingen, 30 miles south of Stuttgart. No arrests were made.

**VANDALISM OF CANADIAN RELIGIOUS SITES
UNITES JEWISH AND MOSLEM GROUPS**

By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, July 30 (JTA) -- A wave of anti-Semitic vandalism and the concurrent desecration of mosques has united the Jewish and Moslem communities to fight racist hate-mongering in Hamilton, Ontario, an industrial city about 40 miles west of Toronto.

Beth Jacob Synagogue, the leading Conservative synagogue in this city of about 5,000 Jews, was defaced July 21, as swastikas, SS symbols and slogans praising "White Power," "Hitler Was Right," "Jews Die-Six million (sic)," were among the spray-painted graffiti on the front doors and steps of the synagogue and on its stained-glass windows.

Similar slogans, including the words "Kill Pakis" -- referring to Pakistani immigrants--were at the same time smeared on the doors and walls of a mosque in Hamilton.

Ismail Beckier, president of the Board of the Hamilton Mosque, said the vandalism was the second incident at the mosque in 10 weeks. It was kept quiet the first time, but now the Moslem community is determined to deal with it publicly as an act of solidarity with the synagogue, and to ensure that those responsible do not misinterpret their silence, Beckier said.

The assault on Beth Jacob was also the second incident of its kind in less than a year.

"Let's kill the Jews" was daubed on the front door of the Hamilton, Ontario, Hebrew Academy, a day school attached to the Adas Israel Synagogue.

A year ago, the Shaarei Shomayim synagogue in Toronto and a junior yeshiva nearby were defaced.

Meanwhile, in New York, two Jewish buildings in Brooklyn were defaced overnight Sunday.

TERRORISTS WHO ATTACKED PERUVIAN HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM CUSTODY

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK, July 30 (JTA) -- Alberto Fujimori, Peru's new president who was inaugurated Saturday, has inherited a nightmare of terrorism along with an economic crisis.

It is all the more disturbing because at least three members of the notorious Abu Nidal terrorist gang who had been in custody are again at large in the country.

Two years ago, they targeted Jacobo (Yacov) Hasson, leader of Peru's Jewish community, and a host of Jewish, Israeli and American institutions.

The terrorists were arrested in July 1988, but a judge freed them earlier this year. Then last Tuesday, Hasson was machine-gunned by unknown assailants, taking seven bullets in his hand. Doctors said he would regain 90 percent of its use.

Apparently the authorities fear he is in danger of a new attack because they have moved him to a military hospital where security is tighter.

The attack on Hasson and a reported attack on a Jewish factory were just two of several assaults and killings that preceded Fujimori's inauguration.

Though Peruvians in general have been victimized, Jews in Lima and abroad are especially concerned, and are puzzled why a judge released known terrorists from prison.

According to Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of the Latin Affairs Department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the judge ruled that the three committed no crime in Peru, even though plans and weapons were found in their possession.

Free On Bail

Rosenthal said he was told they are free on bail in Lima, without constraints, while waiting for sanctuary in another country.

One of the terrorists is Hocine, or Hussein, Bouzidi, 38, allegedly a party to the November 1985 hijacking of an Egyptian jet to Malta in which an Israeli woman was killed.

He carries Algerian identification papers and Interpol reportedly has a file on him.

Bouzidi is also linked to the simultaneous attacks on the El Al counters at the Rome and Vienna airports in December 1985, in which 16 persons were killed.

But neither Austria nor Italy has requested his extradition, according to spokespersons at their Washington embassies.

B'nai B'rith International President Seymour Reich condemned the attack on Hasson.

"We are especially distressed at the possibility that your attackers may have been in police custody and released prior to the attempt on your life," he wrote in a message to the Jewish leader.

Another leader of the Lima Jewish community, Eduardo Bigio, said that although the attack on Hasson may have been perpetrated by Peruvian terrorists, the "intellectual origin" of the deed probably comes from farther away.

"We're shocked and disappointed that the government of Peru or its court system would let these individuals go, would seemingly whitewash these individuals or their actions," Rosenthal said.

"It seems that the courts and perhaps the government were yielding to pressures," he said.

BRUNO KREISKY, AUSTRIAN LEADER CRITICIZED BY ISRAEL, DEAD AT 79

NEW YORK, July 30 (JTA) -- Bruno Kreisky, a born Jew whose actions during his reign as chancellor of Austria raised strong protests from Israel and the Jewish community, died Sunday of heart disease at Lainz hospital in Vienna. He was 79.

Kreisky, a self-declared agnostic, was a figure of great controversy among Jews because of his warm relations with Arabs hostile to Israel, particularly the Palestine Liberation Organization.

At one point he called off a planned trip to Israel over concerns for his safety, following his involvement in a controversial prisoner exchange.

Elected chancellor in 1970, Kreisky's 13-year reign over Austria was marked by an intensification in Austria's relations with the Arab world and the PLO.

In 1981, Kreisky compared Israelis to Germans under Hitler. In 1982, in the wake of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, he severely attacked Israel.

On the eve of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, in reaction to the abduction of emigrating Soviet Jews by Palestinian raiders on the Schonau Castle Transit camp, Kreisky closed the center, despite a desperate, last-minute trip to Vienna by then Prime Minister Golda Meir.

Target Of Threats

Jerry Goodman, former director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said Monday that the center had become a target of threats from Arab sources, was too accessible to the public and was a security risk. Austria subsequently opened another, more secure, facility.

Leon Zelman of Vienna, director of the Jewish Welcome Service, credited Kreisky for keeping open a Vienna transit center.

Kreisky's brother, Shaul, lives on a kibbutz in Israel, according to the Israeli Consulate in New York.

While not enamored by the tactics employed by the Palestinians, Kreisky still had close contacts with Palestinian leaders, like PLO chief Yasir Arafat.

In the mid-1970s, Kreisky recognized the role of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians, and permitted the PLO to open an office in Vienna.

Kreisky believed that Israel should withdraw entirely from the occupied territories and acquiesce to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. He also believed that Israeli settlements in those areas should be dismantled.

While he was in office, Austria voted in favor of pro-Palestinian resolutions and condemned Israel for its 1981 aerial destruction of Iraq's nuclear reactor at the United Nations.

In recent years, Kreisky condemned those attacking Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, following charges that Waldheim covered up his actions during World War II while serving with the Wehrmacht during the German occupation of the Balkans.

Born to Irene Felix and Max Kreisky on Jan. 22, 1911, Kreisky attended schools in Vienna and, at the age of 15, joined the Socialist Youth movement.

In 1935, he served 18 months in prison for activity in the Social Democratic Party, which had been previously outlawed.