

ISRAELI TROOPS

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to be from Chicago; and Shmuel Marmelstein, 19, of Montreal. The other two killed were Yaacov Zimmerman, 19 and Gershon Klein, 21, both of Bnei Brak and soldiers in the artillery corps serving in the Yeshivat Hesder in Kiryat Arba, a special yeshiva where students study the Torah while serving in the army.

Israel's show of military force has several objectives: to seal off Hebron, which was placed under curfew, while a house-by-house search for the perpetrators goes on; to maintain order among the Arab population in Hebron and elsewhere on the West Bank where tension is running high; to prevent infuriated Jewish settlers, mainly Orthodox militants, from reprisal attacks on Arabs; and to prevent further terrorist attacks on Jews.

Israel's first act in response to the killings was to deport three West Bank Arab leaders who are outspoken supporters of the PLO. They are Mayor Fahed Dawasme of Hebron, Mayor Mohammed Hassan Milhim of Halhoul and Sheikh Rajib Buyud Tamimi, the Kadi (Muslim religious judge) of Hebron. Israeli authorities did not accuse them of direct involvement in the attack but maintained that their provocative anti-Israel statements created the atmosphere for it. The three were deported into south Lebanon May 3. They were flown by helicopter to Beirut where they were welcomed by the PLO leadership.

The assault on the Jews in Hebron, the worst incident of its kind on the West Bank since Israel's occupation began in 1967, was believed by Israeli officials to be part of a PLO plan to disrupt the autonomy talks between Israel, Egypt and the U.S., currently underway in Herzliya.

The outrage was promptly condemned by Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil of Egypt, head of the Egyptian delegation who sent condolences to the families of the victims. "We do not accept violent action," he said yesterday. He said the episode would have no bearing on the autonomy negotiations. Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, a member of the Israeli delegation, said the Hebron ambush was an attempt to torpedo the talks. "It was a mean massacre, one of the meanest we ever knew," he said.

An immediate repercussion of the tragedy was the demand by Orthodox militants and their ultra-nationalist supporters for the resignation or ouster of Defense Minister Ezer Weizman. Weizman and the defense establishment in general were held responsible to the extent that they allegedly failed to take tough enough measures against West Bank Arabs and were lax in protecting Jewish settlers.

Demands that Weizman resign came from members of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya faction and from the La'am faction of Likud. Rabbi Eliezer Waldman, head of the Kiryat Arba yeshiva whose students were among the dead, warned Weizman not to attend the funerals. Demonstrations against Weizman were held by West Bank settlers.

About 250 people picketed Weizman's home at Ramat Sharon. When they learned he was not there, they moved to Herzliya where they tried to storm the Accadia Hotel, site of the current round of autonomy talks between Israel, Egypt and the U.S. The demonstrators were turned back by security guards. One of them, Meir Veiniger, a settler from Kadumim in the Samaria, demanded to see U.S. special ambassador Sol Linowitz to tell him to abandon the

autonomy talks. "As a Jew he can do more for this nation," Veiniger said. He accused Weizman of responsibility for the deteriorating security situation on the West Bank.

Weizman replied to his critics. "The terrible tragedy in Hebron should not overshadow our desire for peace," he said. "Our policy in the territories is a long range one aimed at our staying in the region and living side-by-side with an Arab population, but not with those who are coming to kill us," he said.

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The Beauty of Shavuot

BY DVORA WAYSMAN

Like so many Jewish festivals, Shavuot (which is the Hebrew word for "weeks" from the root word for "seven") has both religious and seasonal significance. It is celebrated on 6th Sivan (May 21 and 22) seven weeks after the second day of Passover, and it marks the beginning of the Israeli spring harvest (hence

it is also called Chag Habikurim, Festival of the First Fruits), and the time of the giving of the Law. These two themes are eternally woven together in this festival.

In ancient times, pilgrims travelled from all over the country to bring offerings of the first fruits and to witness the ceremonies of the festival at the Temple in Jerusalem. Processions were accompanied by the music of harp and flute and the singing of psalms and

The significance of Shavuot as the time of the giving of the Law is one of the dominant motives in the festival. Based on a number of passages in the Bible dealing with Israel's journeyings through the wilderness and arrival at Sinai, it was proven that the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai must have taken place on 6th Sivan, the very time when the agricultural festival is celebrated.

Many customs have become interwoven with Shavuot. It is traditional that only dairy foods and honey are eaten on these days, linked to the passage: "...honey and milk shall be under your tongue" (Song of Songs 4:11), implying that the words of the Torah are as pleasant and acceptable to our ears and hearts as are milk and honey to our tongues.

Homes and synagogues are decorated with flowers and green branches as a reminder that on Shavuot the world is judged through the fruit of the trees, a judgment demonstrated by the richness or meagerness of the harvest.

DOES UN COOPERATE WITH TERRORISTS?

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) actively cooperated with Palestinian terrorists, Maj. Saad Haddad, commander of the Christian militia in South Lebanon, charged.

He made his charge as he was

released from Ram-bam Hospital in Haifa where he was treated after he was injured when the jeep he was in struck a land mine. Four other militiamen were injured.

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