

2000 RALLY TO MOURN VICTIMS

VIENNA (WNS) - About 2000 people took part in a recent rally to mourn the death of Ulrike Kohut, 25, and Lotan Fried, 68, who were killed during a terrorist assault on the synagogue here. The rally was held in front of the Jewish community center in the inner city of Vienna where the synagogue is located. Deputy Prime Minister Fred Sinowatz and several Ministers represented the Austrian government. The Mayor of Vienna, Leopold Gratz, opposition leaders, Israeli Ambassador Yissachar Ben-Yaacov and Baron Alain de Rothschild took part in the mourning march through the city.

Meanwhile, more information concerning the attack began to break through. The

two terrorists were identified as Mogammed Husam Radjih and Ali Yussuf, alias Hassan Marvan. They were being held under tight security where they said Sept. 1 that there would be other terrorist acts aimed at freeing them. The terrorists revealed that had there not been a Bar Mitzvah celebration, the two could have shot and killed many more persons. During their interrogation, Radjih, said he had carefully observed the habits of Jewish community members on Saturday and learned that usually they left the synagogue at 11:00 A.M. and stand in front of the building talking to one another. But on the day of the attack, the larger part of the

200 persons in attendance were still in the building when the two gunmen arrived.

Radjih told police that he was a member of Al - Asifa, an extremist terrorist group led by Abu Nidal. The other gunman, Yussuf, refused to say anything after he was captured. Al-

Asifa claimed responsibility last May to the killing of Vienna city councillor Heinz Nittel, president of the Austrian-Israeli Friendship Society. However both killers said immediately after their apprehension that they acted on behalf of the Palestine Liberation Organization. During the attack itself, the two shouted "PLO" and flashed victory signs.

GOLDWATER WANTS TALKS WITH PLO

WASH. (WNS) -- Sen. Barry Goldwater (R. Ariz.) declared that he favored talking to the Palestine Liberation Organization if it would help reduce international terrorism. He said that one terrorist act sparks another and that "that's what you're seeing in Iran

but I think that's what you're going to see more of in the Middle East." Goldwater made these remarks in a telephone interview with Ken Alvord of the program, "News Talk '98" on WRC, an NBC affiliate here. Goldwater argued that the PLO "is

demanding not necessarily recognition but that they be talked to and while I don't think anything is ever going to come of any talks with them, I think that until we do talk to them, we're going to have more and more trouble."



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