JDL CLAIMS "THUNDER OF ZION"

NEW YORK (WNS)
-- A group calling itself "Thunder of Zion," which has claimed responsibility in a series

of recent firebomb incidents in Manhattan and said they are a "militant faction" of the Jewish Defense League, was said by

the director of the JDL to have in fact, no

connection with his group.

Arno Weinsteinsald that there are no "factions" in the JDL, He said however, as is routine with such reports, that the JDL "ap-

plauded' the actions of the group in the hope they could focus attention to the plight of Soviet Jews.

Seven firebombs including one that detonated were placed in the area of the Soviet mission to the United Nations, leading police to increase security precautions

in the area on Manhattan's upper East side. Police reported that a small bomb exploded at the Four Continent Book Store on lower Fifth Avenue, causing minor damage to the front of the window of the bookstore which sells books published in the Soviet Union.

Α news agencies that "Thunder of Zion" claimed responsibility. The caller said the group was demanding the release of Soviet Jewish dissident Anatoly Shcharansky and viet Jews.



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