

SHAMIR WILL VISIT PARIS

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir will pay an official visit to Paris, there are also plans for other ministers and senior officials to exchange visits and in April a Franco-Israeli joint commission will meet for the first time since the deterioration of relations between Israel and France resulting from the Six - Day War.

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ISRAEL MAY RETALIATE OVER SLAIN DIPLOMAT

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Israel continued to maintain that it held the Palestine Liberation Organization responsible for the murder of Yaacov Bar-Simantov, the Israeli diplomat gunned down in Paris, while at the same time warning of a possible retaliatory strike against the terrorist organization.

About 600 people attending the funeral service for Bar-Simantov, 42, who was buried at the Holon cemetery, heard Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir deliver a eulogy in which he said that the murder was

the work of Palestinian terrorist organizations which dare to use the name liberation to carry out murders in various parts of the world on orders from the center of terrorism in Lebanon. Shamir warned: We will use our force to crush these terrorist organizations, their leaders, their centers and their bases everywhere our long arm reaches. We will hit them without mercy because we have decided to live. He said the bullets that struck the Israel Embassy official were aimed at the heart of the entire Israeli nation. The Foreign Minister also

urged the nations that have allowed the Palestine Liberation Organization to open offices abroad to reconsider the aid and recognition they give this murder organization and throw them out of their countries.

However, while Shamir asserted that the PLO was responsible for the murder, so far no evidence has emerged linking Bar - Simantov's killer. Several Israeli newspapers cautioned the government to wait for firm evidence of PLO responsibility before taking retaliatory action.

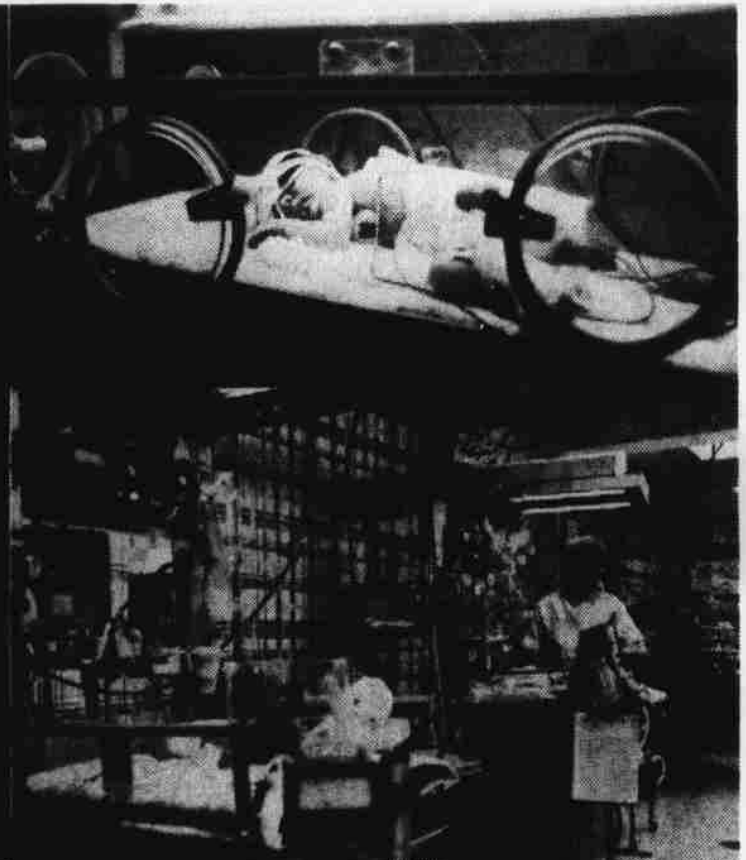
Meanwhile, Israel

asserted that the murder in Paris was a breach of the cease-fire established last summer across the Israel - Lebanese border. Israel has frequently stated that it regards the cease-fire agreement applicable to acts of terror against Israel anywhere in the world. But in Washington, the State Department refused to specify whether it considered this a breach of the cease-fire agreement.

The Department condemned the murder in Paris in the strongest terms. Department spokesman Dean Fischer added: We do not have any information on the group claiming res-

ponsibility. An organization calling itself the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction has claimed responsibility for the act. Fischer said, in reference to the cease-fire line that it pertains to all military activities from Lebanon into Israel and vice-versa.

At the same time in Paris, several thousand French Jews and other supporters of Israel demonstrated outside the PLO office demanding that it be closed. A heavy cordon of riot police surrounding the PLO office prevented the demonstrators from reaching the building.



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