

Israel's Ambassador To The United Nations Shares Insights With Hadassah Delegates



Ambassador Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

NEW YORK — Ambassador Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, fielded questions from a panel of respected journalists and convention delegates during a special Public Affairs session at the 72nd Annual National Convention of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, which concluded recently at the Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel on Miami Beach.

An authority on the subject of terrorism, Ambassador Netanyahu first spoke about his own experiences in the Israeli army, when searching for and fighting with terrorists were routine parts of his job.

Moderator for the program was Sander Vanocur, noted Senior Correspondent for ABC News. Participating as panelists were Wolf Blitzer, Washington Bureau Chief for The Jerusalem Post who was recently denied entry into Jordan with Vice President George Bush, and Michael Putney, a reporter and senior correspondent for WTVJ-TV4, the CBS affiliate in Miami.

Representing Hadassah in questioning Ambassador Netanyahu were Vice Presidents Marjorie G. Housen, Boston, Massachusetts, Leah Silverstein, Highland Park, Illinois and Lois Slott, Bethesda, Maryland.

When asked how relations between Israel and Russia will be improved, the Ambassador replied, "Slowly!"

He described a situation when a Russian

diplomat offered to meet with the Ambassador in the lobby of the United Nations. "That diplomat," Ambassador Netanyahu explained, "understood the value of public relations.

"To him and his Mission, Israeli and Russian diplomats being seen in casual conversation by hundreds of other U.N. representatives and delegation employees was more important than anything we could say to each other."

"The number of African nations where we are lending our knowledge and technology is growing every year -- without our initial effort."

Israel and Japan could share their individual strengths now that Japan has shed its fear of Arab reprisals, the Ambassador suggested.

"Japan and Israel have much in common," he said. "The two countries could cooperate with each other -- and create tremendous business

opportunities."

The Public Affairs session was one of more than 50 plenaries, workshops and special presentations scheduled during the Hadassah convention in Miami Beach.

Over 2,000 delegates attended, representing 385,000 members in 1,700 chapters throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

In the U.S. Hadassah members participate in programs of Jewish education for American women as well as youth activities and Zionist and American affairs.

In Israel Hadassah built and maintains the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center -- the largest medical complex in the Middle East.

Founded in 1912 by Henrietta Szold, Hadassah will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 1987.

Memorial Service In New York For Synagogue Victims

NEW YORK (WNS) — Some 700 people gathered here at a solemn memorial service for the 21 Jews slain in an Istanbul synagogue during Sabbath prayers. The non-religious ceremony, which was organized by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, was held at the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue, Congregation Shearith Israel. The assemblage included diplomatic officials of the government of Israel and Turkey as well as local dignitaries.

Israel Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who is in the United


States to meet with top U.S. government officials in Washington, indicated in his remarks during the service that Israel would mount reprisals for the attack. However, in a press conference following the service, Rabin said that "Our policy is to look at the war against terrorism as a continuous war and not as a reprisal against specific acts." He added that "it was necessary to use precautionary means to preclude such acts from being repeated."

Also addressing the gathering was the Turkish Ambassador to the United Nations, Ilter Turkmen, who ex-

pressed Turkey's "grateful appreciation" for this "homage to Turkish citizens." He emphasized that the Turkish Prime Minister, Turgut Ozal, condemned the attack and "reaffirmed that all Turkish citizens living in Turkey are under the protection of the state, irrespective of their religion, language, race and color."

Morris Abram,

chairman of the Presidents Conference, read a letter from President Reagan which is being delivered to the Turkish Jewish community. Reagan said, "We are resolute in our determination to put an end to such horrors. In your sorrow and suffering, I hope it will be of some comfort to know that the people of the United States stand with you."



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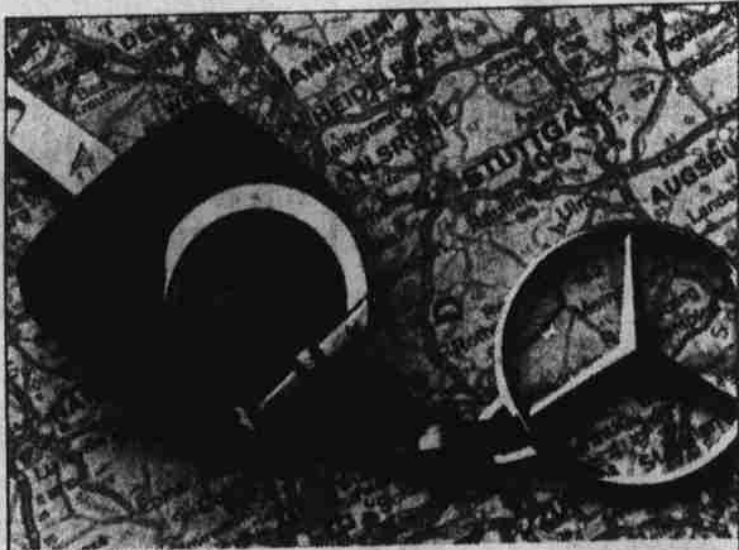
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