

50 Terrorists Seized

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normal crew for a ship of that size.

The Egyptian captain offered no resistance and allowed Israeli sailors to board and search his vessel. They questioned the eight-member crew and the "passengers," all of whom were found to be carrying forged passports. The latter acknowledged being members of the Palestine Liberation Organization, several of them officers in El Fatah.

They said they were carrying medical supplies for refugee camps in Lebanon. But no medical material was found in the vessel. The terrorists were transferred to a Navy craft and brought to Israel for further questioning. There was no announcement about the crew, but it is assumed the ship was allowed to proceed.

Foiled A Number Of Sabotage Attempts

"Assuming there are some five members in a terrorist squad, this has foiled a number of sabotage attempts against Israel," the senior Navy officer said. Israeli officials believe that the Navy has foisted at least 20 sabotage attempts in the last two years by intercepting terrorists at sea.

Israel insisted that it has not established a blockade of the Lebanese coast. But it is watching the sea lanes between Cyprus and Lebanon. Last month, the Israel Navy stopped two Cypriot car ferries at sea, en route to the Lebanese port of Junich, on suspicion that terrorists were aboard. None was found but the vessels were ordered to return to Cyprus.

The seizure of 50 terrorists indicated that Cyprus has become an embarkation point for PLO people attempting to reach Lebanon.

Neve Shalom Synagogue To Resume Services

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is ready to begin services again.

In the United States, the American Jewish Congress, which has been the recipient of donations through its Neve Shalom Fund, has collected more than \$61,000.

A remarkably swift renovation job by Turkish construction workers and craftsmen will make it possible for Neve Shalom -- which means Oasis of Peace -- to accommodate worshippers by the end of February, according to Jak Veissid, Chief Counsellor to the Chief Rabbi of Istanbul.

In addition to repairing the synagogue, the Turkish-Jewish community, helped by gifts from people throughout the world, has been able to provide financial help to 19 victims' families who needed such aid.

Contributions to the AJCongress fund have included gifts from non-Jewish organizations like the American Turkish Society as well as contributions from Jewish organizations and individuals. One contribution of \$36 -- "twice Chai" -- was collected from nickel-and-dime donations of children enrolled in the Agudath Sholom Hebrew School in Stamford, Connecticut. Many gifts have been made by members of the Turkish-Jewish community in the United States.

Mr. Veissid noted that one young man, son of one of the victims, who has just graduated from college, has been given financial help to continue his English language studies in Great Britain.

Mr. Veissid also reported that two of the victims of the attack have recuperated. A third has been sent to Israel for highly specialized treatment that was not available in Turkey.

Security devices are now being installed at Neve Shalom and other Jewish insatitutions in Turkey to help prevent a recurrence of the Neve

Shalom tragedy.

Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, who attended the mass funeral of the Istanbul victims last September, welcomed Mr. Veissid's announcement that Neve Shalom will resume services this month.

"Jews will not be stopped from praying in their synagogues or continuing their steadfast support of the State of Israel," he said. "It is sad that we live in a world in which so tragic a price must be paid for so simple an affirmation."

The UNLV production of "The Merchant of Venice," Shakespeare's enduring tale of love, justice and compassion, opens Feb. 27 for a three-week run in the Judy Bayley Theatre.

One of the most complex plays of Shakespeare's canon, "The Merchant of Venice" offers audiences an insightful look at some of The Bard's most dynamic characters, including the usurious Shylock.

The usual elements of Shakespearean comedy -- mistaken identities, resulting confusion, and the uniting of young lovers in the end -- are blended with moving characterization in this popular classic.

Seven Blessings At Boys Town Jerusalem

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classmate of Danny's was on hand. So was Boys Town Dean, Rabbi Moshe Linchner, and other Boys Town teachers. The joyous event was also attended by many handicapped soldiers. Sonia was a radiant bride and Danny in his best suit, shone with happiness. "You both have our blessings, all seven, for a life of happiness, love and respect for each other," was Rabbi Linchner's wish to the young couple.

Soon Danny and Sonia will travel to the United States to meet a new friend -- a seeing-eye dog for Danny. When they return to Israel, Danny and Sonia are eager to make a new start in their lives.

Boys Town Jerusalem is a leading educational youth center in Israel, providing its 1,500 students with quality academic, Jewish and technical education. Boys Town's students come from over 45 different countries. Most recently, 124 Ethiopians were absorbed into the student body. The school's 18-acre campus is located in the Bayit Vegan suburb of Jerusalem.

Boys Town Jerusalem was founded in 1948 responding to the need to provide an education for those children who survived the Holocaust and for the children of the masses of destitute Jews who poured into Israel from Arab countries. This training was critical to the development of the Jewish State.

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