

Two Who Infiltrated From Egypt Say Arafat Knew Of Their Mission

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israeli troops captured two members of the Islamic Jihad group trying to infiltrate from Egypt recently.

The terrorists, who threw grenades at an Israel Defense Force Base near Rafah, at the southern end of the Gaza Strip, told interrogators they had been sent on their mission with the personal knowledge of Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat.

The two, aged 15 and 17, crossed the border shortly after midnight, apparently without the knowledge of Egyptian officials.

When explosions were heard near the IDF camp, patrols went out, quickly discovered the two young men and fired at them, wounding them lightly. The teen-agers then surrendered.

There were no Israeli casualties.

News of the incident was not reported until after Israel handed over the Taba resort to Egypt. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the infiltration attempt had nothing to do with the return of Taba.

But he said it proved that terrorism is not confined to the northern border. Israeli troops in recent weeks have intercepted a number of terrorists attempting to infiltrate from Lebanon.

Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, commander of the southern front, said the captured men told their interrogators that they had been sent on their mission with orders to attack Israeli soldiers or civilians and if possible to take hostages.

They said the orders were given with the express knowledge of Arafat, to whom they referred by his code-name, "Abu Amar." They claimed to be members of Islamic Jihad, a Moslem extremist group that has been active in Lebanon.

The terrorists said they had been promised a \$20,000 reward for every Israeli they shot dead or brought back alive. They were equipped with Karl Gustav submachine guns, Kalachnikov assault

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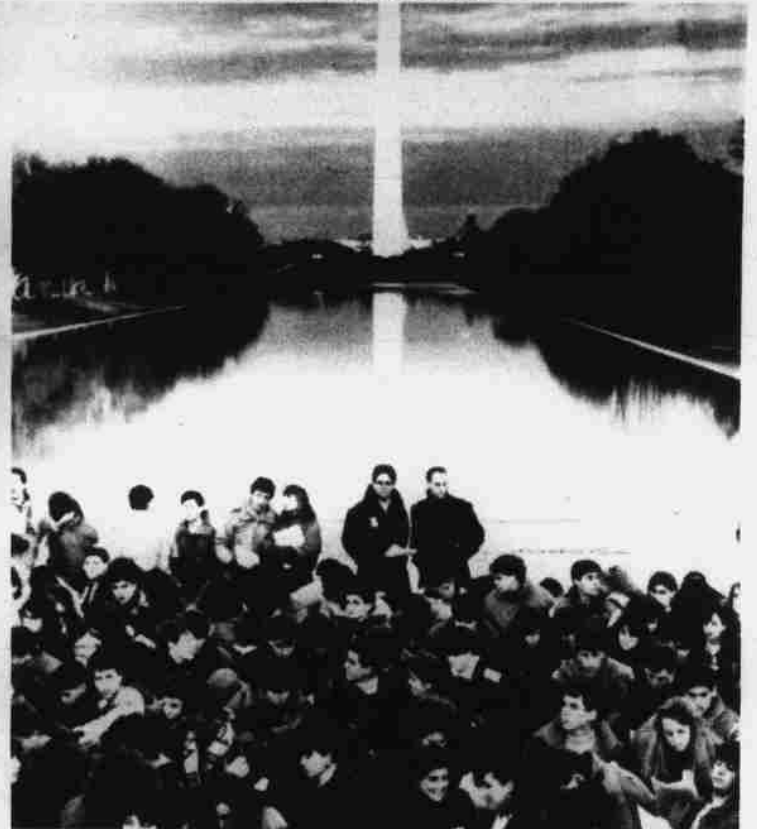
rifles, extra magazines and assault grenades.

Gen. Mordechai said the terrorists had been recruited and trained at Canada camp, on the Egyptian side of Rafah, a town bisected by the Egyptian border with the Gaza Strip.

Mordechai said the IDF appreciated efforts being made by Egyptian authorities to halt and prevent infiltration across the border.

He said that as soon as the Egyptians noticed activity on the Israeli side, they dispatched soldiers and police to track down the guide who had led the infiltrators over the border.

NFTY At 50 — A Convention To Remember



WASHINGTON — Some 700 young people gather at the Lincoln Memorial for Havdala services marking the end of Shabbat. In the background is the Washington Monument. The group was comprised of delegates to the biennial convention of the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), an affiliate of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central body of Reform Judaism in the United States and Canada. The young activists also conducted a mass lobbying campaign in the Capitol, visiting 90 Congressional offices in support of freedom of choice on the issue of abortion and the right of minors to have an abortion without requiring parental consent. The NFTY convention delegates also urged the Congress to continue foreign aid programs, including large-scale economic and military aid to Israel.

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