

Arabs bring terror into the heart of Jerusalem

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JERUSALEM — Three Arab gunmen rampaged down a busy Jerusalem street yesterday, firing automatic weapons and hurling hand grenades in a 10-minute terror spree that wounded 48 people, police said. They said bystanders shot and killed one attacker and police captured the two others.

Police and hospital officials said one victim was in critical condition and another was seriously wounded, but most other injuries were minor.

The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a hard-line faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization, claimed responsibility for the attack in communiques issued from Damascus, Syria.

The attackers ran down King George Street in the commercial heart of west Jerusalem, throwing four hand grenades, firing at random with a submachine gun and attacking at least one bus, according to witnesses and police.

Israel Television characterized the operation as a suicide attack, but police spokesman Moshe Alexandroni declined to define the attack as a suicide mission because two of the three attackers had tried to escape.

It was the first such random shooting attack in the Jewish sector of Jerusalem, although it has suffered bombings in the past.

"This is something new," said Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who is in charge of the police. "We will

have to learn from this."

Burg initially identified the three attackers as Arabs from Lebanon, but later the Interior Ministry said it was not sure where they came from.

The rampage began in a sportswear shop on King George Street. Shop owner Claude Danon said two men, speaking Arabic-accented English and carrying traveling bags, entered to buy jeans.

At the sound of a shout from outside, he said, they burst out of a dressing room — "one of them didn't have time to pull up his jeans" — brandished a gun at an employee and fired into the street from the doorway. Then they ran outside in opposite directions, Danon said.

A third man up the street was crouched and pivoting on one knee, shooting in all directions, said a passer-by, Sharon Edison. "I tried to come up on him from behind," but abandoned the attempt when he found himself facing a submachine gun, he said.

Larry Tzach said he was walking into his family's jewelry store when he heard the gunfire. "I threw my jacket from my hand, grabbed my pistol, cocked it and went outside," he told reporters.

"Just then I saw the terrorist running. I began shooting at him. I hit him several times. He fell," Tzach said. His account was corroborated by two other witnesses. Police said an off-duty policeman also shot at the terrorist.

The wounded assailant lay in the street for several minutes. "I thought he was dead," said Shalom

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Hendler, another shopkeeper. "Suddenly, he got up very slowly. His face was covered with blood. He leaned down and took another grenade from the bag and ran down the street," said Hendler.

"He saw me and began to swear at me in Arabic," said Tzach. "As he pulled the pin, he ran down the street to the corner," toward Jaffa Road.

Eli Cohen, an insurance salesman and former paratrooper, said he chased the terrorist, firing his pistol. "I think I hit him at least once," Cohen told Israel Television in an interview from his hospital bed.

Cohen said he pursued the wounded attacker behind a bus stopped at the corner. The terrorist turned and waved the grenade at him, but did not throw it. The two men ran toward each other, Cohen said.

"When he was one yard away from me, my gun jammed," he said. "I hit him in the head with the pistol and he fell to the ground. When he fell, the grenade dropped from his hand."

Cohen said he ran around the bus for protection, shouting to others to take cover. The grenade exploded and he was hit, apparently by

shrapnel that flew underneath the bus.

The driver of the bus, Aref Abu Sharekh, said he had stopped and left the wheel to help a wounded victim lying in his path. Sharekh, a Palestinian from a West Bank village, said he was shot in the leg.

Reporters later saw medics treating the dying terrorist.

City police commander Rahamim Comfort said one of the two other guerrillas was captured fleeing on foot about a half-mile from the attack scene. The third was stopped in a car at a roadblock three miles away.

Among the communiques issued by the Democratic Front was one claiming its agents seized hostages at the Tourism Ministry building and saying Israeli troops stormed the building "without caring about the lives of the hostages."

But witnesses said the shooting was about 100 yards from the ministry and that there was no attempt to take hostages.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir vowed that the assailants and those who sent them "will be punished to the full extent of the law."

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One of 48 victims of a terrorist attack in the heart of Jerusalem yesterday is transferred to an ambulance. Medics arrived on the scene minutes after the ten minute rampage through crowded King George Street.

said the PLO guerrillas, "are trying to prove that their account with us is not yet finished. Well, our account with them is not finished, either."

In the past, Israel has retaliated for terrorist incidents by attacking suspected guerrilla targets. On Sunday, Israeli artillery shelled alleged guerrilla headquarters in Syrian-held Lebanese territory to avenge attacks on Israeli troops.

One Democratic Front

communique said the attack was mounted by "commando units of the martyrs of Sabra and Chatilla Force in the DFLP," a reference to the massacre of hundreds of civilian Palestinians and Lebanese Moslems in west Beirut's refugee camps.

In Washington, State Department spokesman John Hughes said the United States "deplores and condemns this calculated act of violence."

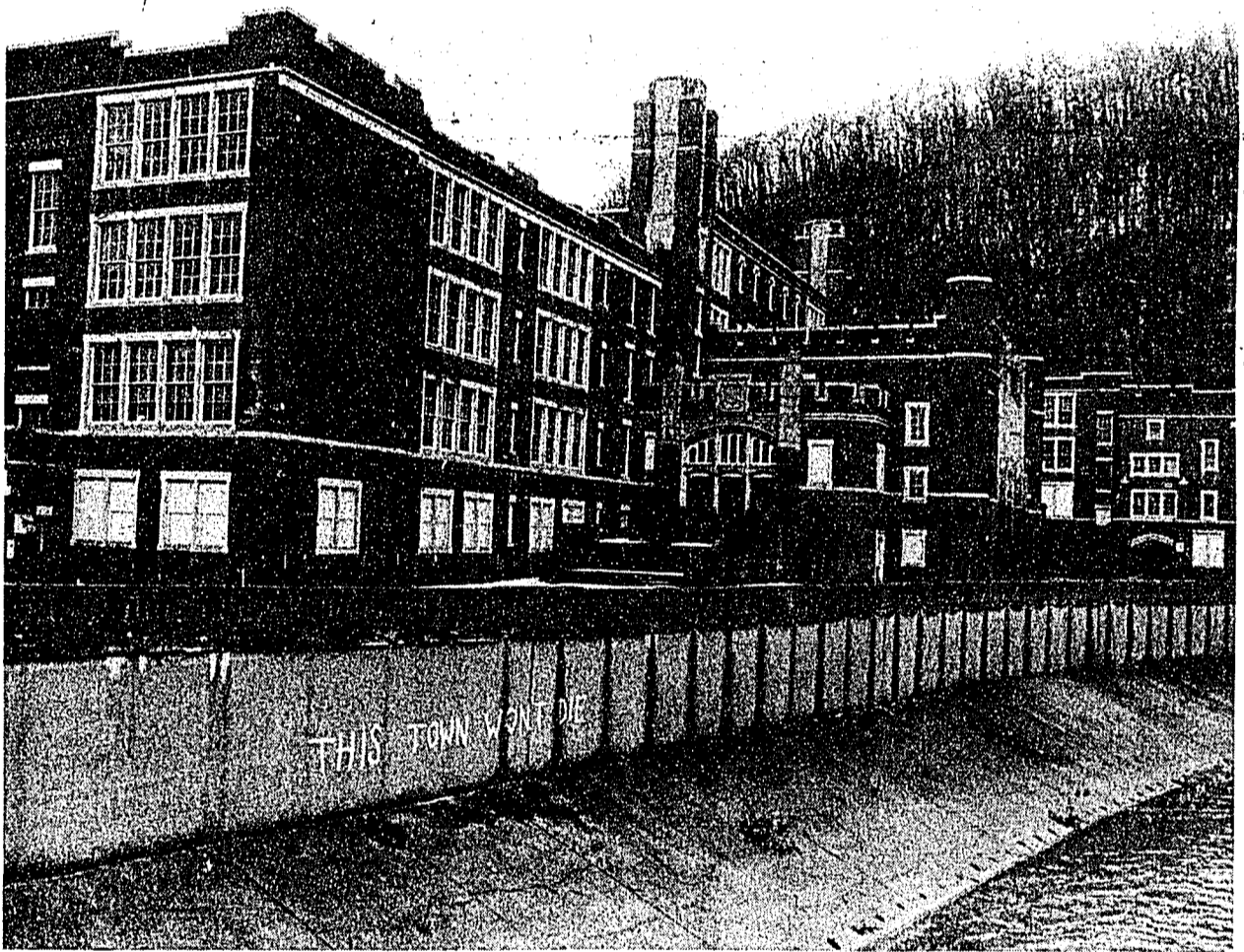


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Down, but not out

The graffiti on the wall surrounding the empty, old Johnstown High School echoes a message of a city faced with one of the highest unemployment rates in the state. For other photos please see Free Lance, Page 3.

Clinger defends Reagan's policies

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Rep. William F. Clinger Jr. R-Centre, speaking extemporaneously last night on a list of issues he solicited from his audience of University College Republicans, defended steel mergers and President Reagan's Central American policy.

If this country is going to compete in a world steel market, Clinger said, mergers that lead to modernization and increased productivity should be allowed to happen. The generous labor negotiations of the last decade leading to high wages in the U.S. steel industry is up against the cheap labor of government subsidized foreign competitors, he said.

Mergers into unrelated industries that do not increase productivity, such as the U.S. Steel Corp. and Marathon Oil, should not receive the same treatment. "We need to take a harder look at what anti-trust laws are doing to make us uncompetitive," he said.

He acknowledged that the steel industry, as with all capital intensive industries, is slow coming out of the recession. "But when we do come back, clearly there will be less people employed," in this industry. After this "shaking out" the big challenge will be to retrain the unemployed for work in other areas, Clinger said.

He is optimistic that the surplus of labor will be taken up by the current surge of new small business in the state which, he said, accounts for 80 percent of the jobs in this country.

"Pennsylvania generated more new small business last year than all but two states in the country. This is where our future lies," he said. But, he added, the labor surplus will, by 1990, be replaced by a labor shortage, according to recent labor projections.

"The baby boom is over," he said, and women and minorities will become the new labor supply.

Conceding that the first year of Reagan's foreign policy was marred by confusion, Clinger said there is more coherence now. But in the "clearly controversial" Central American policy, he said, "we are on the side of the angels — Democracy."

The democratic process that the El Salvadoran rebels so far have boycotted because they see no chance of winning "is what we are trying to support," he said. The guerrillas want to talk power-sharing, instead of participating in the elections, Clinger said.

Meanwhile, he condemned what he called an "intolerable delay in justice" for the murders of four American nuns and two American land reform advisers, and other murders suspected of "death squads" in El Salvador. He said Reps. Clarence Long, D-MD, and Mickey Edwards, R-OK, stated they will not support U.S. aid to El Salvador "until justice is done." Both representatives are on the House Appropriations Committee.

Clinger also supported the Central American reform guidelines of the so-called "Contadora group" over the reforms suggested by the Kissinger Commission on Latin America because of the Contadora's indigenous base. The Contadora reforms would be the basis of long term solutions in that region, he said.

On budgetary matters, Clinger said, "I'll support any budget proposal that would result in big reductions in the deficit, within reason."

He conceded that a 13 percent increase for the Pentagon is too high but that anything below 5-6 percent is unreasonable. This year, he said, "we've gone just about as far as we can go in domestic cuts," but the numerous entitlement programs "are eating us to death" and something will have to be done.

"Whoever is president next year will want to (cut entitlements) in the first year," he said.

State job picture looks good for Class of '84

Editor's Note: This is the second of a three-part series concerning the potential job market for the Class of 1984. Today's story examines job availability on state and local levels. Tomorrow the final installment will examine the University's role in employment.

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As the nation goes, so goes the state and the region — at least in the area of job availability this year.

Just as the job picture is looking better on a national level for people seeking employment this year, those who want to stay in Pennsylvania or the State College area may also have an easier time finding jobs.

Norma Gavin, editor of the Pennsylvania Business Survey, said the average state unemployment rate for 1982 was 10.9 percent. In January 1983 unemployment went as high as 13.2 percent, but by December 1983 the state unemployment rate was down to 10.4 percent. The state unemployment rate stood at 9.4 percent in February 1984, Gavin

said. The February figure takes into account seasonal adjustments, she said.

Frank G. Clemson, manager of the State College office of Pennsylvania State Job Service, said the labor force is growing but unemployment is still going down.

"That in itself is a sign that somebody's getting jobs," Clemson said.

During the past recession, Gavin said, the state recovery lagged behind national indicators by three to four months. The reason, she said, is that Pennsylvania has a higher proportion of industries hardest hit during the recession, such as the steel industry, than other states.

According to statistics for January 1984, the health services field provides the highest number, or 9.7 percent, of non-farm, non-government jobs in Pennsylvania, Gavin said. Eating and drinking establishments provide the second highest number of jobs, and wholesale trade of durable goods is third.

But Gavin said no blanket statements can be made as to which part of the state is best for people seeking jobs because it

depends on the degree a person has and the type of work for which a person is searching.

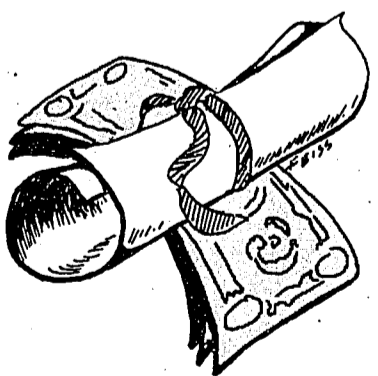
Looking at overall statistics, eastern Pennsylvania has a much lower unemployment rate, Gavin said. The western part of the state has more of the industries hardest hit during the recession, she said.

However those statistics do not take into account whether a person has a college degree, she added, so other parts of the state may have more jobs available for people depending on which field they have their degree in.

Guy Houghtaling, district manager of Sherry D'George Enterprises, 111 S. Allen St., said the closer a person gets to Washington, D.C., the better the job opportunities because of the greater availability of government jobs there, especially for people with technical degrees.

According to Houghtaling, people with non-technical degrees will still not have an easy time this year. However, he said that having a college degree definitely does give a person an edge in the job market.

Gavin agrees that a college degree does present a person with



different opportunities. A person "certainly would have a different income and different job responsibilities with a degree," she said.

But, "Even with a degree, if a person doesn't have the appearance, aggressiveness and the 'go-get-it-ness,' they're as common as a high school graduate," Houghtaling said.

Houghtaling said the D'George employment agency has received 50 percent more requests from companies this year that are seeking employees, he said.

Locally, the employment picture is better this year, Houghtaling said, but it is also more

competitive. For each position opening up locally, he said, more people are competing for the jobs.

Local employment figures are higher this year than for the same time last year.

For a few months in 1983, unemployment in the county reached 13 percent, but the figure is now down to 8 percent, Clemson said.

The unemployment figure for the Centre Region is 5 percent. Clemson said the unemployment rate for the region has never been too high because the University is the main employer, which is a stabilizing factor. Next to the University, the fastest growing employment opportunities locally are in the retail and service industries, he said.

For students graduating with engineering degrees local employment opportunities look good for them, Clemson said.

However, because of the University's job placement program, the job requests from college graduates at the local Job Service office are "a drop in the bucket compared to what needs are," Clemson stated.

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weather

Any morning sunshine will give way to thickening clouds today. It will be mild with a high of 54. Rain will arrive this evening and continue throughout the day tomorrow. It will be breezy with a low tonight of 37 and a high tomorrow near 46.
.....by Glenn Ralph