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### SOVIETS TO COMPLETE DELIVERY OF ALL ARMS TO EGYPT WITHIN MONTH

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The Soviet bloc is speeding up its arms shipments to Egypt in an attempt to complete delivery by the end of this year, according to reports reaching here today.

It is understood that among the arms already in Egypt are MIG 15 jet fighters, tanks, artillery and small arms. It is believed that small coastal submarines are included in the order, although there is, as yet, no indication that they have been delivered.

The Washington bureau of Newsweek magazine reports that the Israel request for arms is receiving "serious attention" in the respective government offices and "may eventually be granted." However, the report adds that "no definite move is expected until after the Christmas holiday." The same report reveals that a proposal that the U.S. give Israel a security guarantee and at the same time announce adherence to the Baghdad Pact--which includes Britain, Iraq, Iran, Turkey and Pakistan--is also under consideration, but is meeting with strong objections on the part of some Washington officials.

Interest in the Israel-Arab situation was expressed yesterday by Italian Ambassador Manlio Brosio who met with George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Ambassador Brosio, after a 35-minute talk with Mr. Allen, told reporters that Middle Eastern stability "is very important to us in Italy." He said he came to the State Department for "a general review of the situation."

### YUGOSLAVIA HELPING COMMUNIST COUNTRIES SHIP ARMS TO EGYPT

VIENNA, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Large transports of arms from Czechoslovakia destined for Egypt are passing through Austria, en route to the Yugoslav port of Fiume, it was reported here today. Austrian authorities declared that they are not in a position to hinder these transports since they are sent in sealed cars and in full compliance with existing international transit regulations.

The transports passing through Austria contain light material packed in boxes. Heavy material is being shipped by Czechoslovakia to the port of Fiume through Hungary. Communist technicians and secret police supervise the shipments, according to information received here.

Well-informed sources here also stated today that Soviet jet fighters of the MIG 15 type, which were used in the Korean war, as well as two-motored light bombers able to fly 500 miles per hour, are flying from Hungarian airports to Egypt, the pilots being partly from Communist countries and partly Egyptians trained in Czechoslovakia.

Western diplomats term the shipment of Communist arms to Egypt through Yugoslav ports on Yugoslav ships "a masterpiece of Tito's double-edged policy." They point out that on one hand Tito discusses with U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles the maintenance of peace in the Middle East, while on the other hand he undermines the Western defense system against Communism by permitting the use of Fiume as the port for transshipment of Communist arms to Egypt.

### Tito Reported as Possible Mediator between Israel and Egypt

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The Foreign Office stated today that it had no information on reports current abroad that Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia may be sent to mediate a settlement between Israel and Egypt.

The Foreign Office comment came after the publication of an article in the Times of London reporting various developments in Israel and elsewhere leading to the conclusion that Marshal Tito may take a hand in the Middle East situation. The Times reported that on Thursday the Yugoslav Minister to Israel, M. Wokmanovitz, called on the Acting Foreign Minister of Israel, Mrs. Golda Myerson, for a discussion of Middle East affairs. The Times noted that there had been reports that Israel has received a Yugoslav offer of mediation and that the Israel Government has indicated it "is ready to take this possibility further."

The Times article also underscored the presence in Paris of Gideon Raphael, top Israel Foreign Ministry official, reportedly on a mission connected with Arab relations. Mr. Raphael will visit Belgrade shortly before Marshal Tito leaves for a long planned visit to Premier Nasser in Cairo.

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## FRANCE SENDS NO FAST JET PLANES TO ISRAEL; RESUMES ARMING EGYPT

PARIS, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The French Foreign Office denied this week-end Italian reports that French Mystere jet planes were en route to Israel, but authorized French sources meanwhile revealed that an undisclosed number of French "Ouragon" fighter planes have been sold to Israel.

It was considered possible that the "Ouragon" planes were mistaken for Mysteres at Rome. The "Ouragon" is outclassed by the Mystere and is considerably behind the MIG 15 Soviet jets provided to Egypt. The top speed of the "Ouragon" is 550 miles per hour. The French manufactured 350 and are now discarding them in favor of the Mystere.

Astonishment at the position taken by France with the resumption of arms shipments to Egypt was expressed here by a member of the National Assembly's foreign affairs committee when Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay appeared before that body. The deputy, Arthur Comte de Perpignan, said that he regretted the resumption of arms delivery. M. Pinay replied that the delivery of arms to Israel had not been stopped and that arms were continuing to flow from France to both sides.

Increased sympathy for Israel's situation is being expressed in parliamentary circles here, in the face of the resumption of French arms shipments to Egypt. A non-Jewish Radical Party deputy has formed a France-Israel association, on his own initiative. The association is circulating a petition asking for aid to Israel.

## SWISS GOVERNMENT PERMITS SELLING OF ARMS TO ISRAEL AND ARABS

BERNE, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The Swiss Government has decided to permit the shipment of arms to Israel and the Arab states so far as their production is already authorized by Swiss Government authorities, it was reported here today.

The government decided November 8 to grant no new licenses for the export of Swiss arms to the Middle East. The present decision, it was explained, was taken "to avoid breaches of contract" and meant that arms exports under existing contracts could continue for the time being. It is believed that Israel and the Arabs ordered mainly field artillery pieces and automatic weapons.

## ISRAEL FILES COMPLAINT WITH U. N. ON EGYPTIAN ACTS OF AGGRESSION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Egypt has committed twenty-three acts of aggression and espionage against Israel since the Nitzana cease-fire went into effect on November 4, while nine sabotage attacks against Israel were carried out during the same period by Egyptian "fedayeen" operating out of Jordan, according to an Israel complaint filed with the Security Council here this week-end.

The complaint was in the form of a three-page letter handed to Nasrollah Entezam of Iran, this month's president of the Council, by Mordecai R. Kidron, deputy chairman of the Israel delegation to the United Nations.

Without calling for a meeting of the Security Council on the issue, but merely requesting of the Council president that he circulate the letter among the ten other members of the Council, Mr. Kidron pointed out that "the nature, frequency and wide range of these acts of aggression demonstrate the patent insincerity of Egyptian professions of peaceful intent, and the contempt in which Egypt holds its international commitments."

## ISRAELI KILLED BY ARABS WHILE ACTING AS "ONE-MAN PEACE MISSION"

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A volley of shots by Arab Legionnaires just before midnight last night ended a one-man peace mission and the life of Joseph Cohen, 30-year-old citizen of Israel. The ragged volley killed Cohen outright and turned the white flag of truce which he was carrying into a bloodied shroud.

Cohen, father of four children, was born in the Old City of Jerusalem but had lived in Tel Aviv since the War of Liberation, which saw the Old City overrun and occupied by Jordan forces. In his one-man peace mission he had already called on Premier David Ben Gurion and upon Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UN peace supervisor, whose aid he sought in reaching King Hussein of Jordan. If he could only speak with the Arab king, Cohen believed, he would be able to bring about peace between Israel and Jordan.

Last night, apparently without consulting any authorities, Cohen embarked upon his journey across no-man's-land in the vicinity of the Damascus Gate.

## ISRAEL SEEKS U. S. AID IN MARKETING SOLAR ENERGY DEVICES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Hope was expressed here for a joint American-Israeli venture to put solar energy devices developed by Israel on the international market. Dr. Harry Zvi Tabor, head of Israel's National Physical Laboratory, said at an International Cooperation Administration press conference that Israel has made some developments in the field of solar power exploitation that the United States has not yet made. Israel is willing to share these discoveries with American industry whose cooperation and assistance are being solicited. Principally, Dr. Tabor indicated Israel has made achievements in cooling buildings by solar energy.

HISTADRUT CONVENTION IN U.S. DECIDES TO RAISE \$5, 113, 000 IN 1956

NEW YORK, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A budget of \$5, 113, 000 to be devoted exclusively to improving the situation of newcomers to Israel was adopted here today at the concluding session of the 32nd annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel. Checks totalling more than \$500, 000 were presented today before the close of the convention. Joseph Schlossberg was re-elected chairman of the committee, which raises funds for the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor.

The 2, 000 delegates from Jewish communal organizations from all parts of the United States and Canada adopted a resolution calling for the recruitment of young scientists for Israel from all Western Hemisphere countries, with special emphasis on the U.S. and Canada. The resolution was adopted in response to a call from Israel Premier David Ben Gurion who, in a message to the convention, urged that scientists come to Israel to help "hasten the fructification of the 'wastelands of the Negev' in view of the 'threats of our enemies to the integrity of our state.'"

Dr. Dov Beigun, newly elected national secretary of the organization, commenting on the Premier's warning that Israel is threatened, said that Mr. Ben Gurion obviously had in mind not only military threats from Egypt, but also trial balloons put out by some Western countries in an attempt to force Israel by a diplomatic offensive to cede territory to its aggressive neighbors. Dr. Beigun spoke out against the appeasement of the Arabs and the dangers of a "Middle East Munich."

Eisenhower Greets Parley; Moscow Urged to Permit Jewish Emigration

In a message to the convention, President Eisenhower hailed the membership of the National Committee for Labor Israel for having "striven to help refugees from tyranny and persecution and others who have chosen Israel for their home."

Walter Reuther, president of the CIO, and a featured speaker at yesterday's session, called on the United States to bring Israel and the United States together for peace talks and to guarantee any settlement reached. Mr. Reuther asserted that if Egypt did not agree to sit down with Israel, the U.S. should offer a mutual security pact to Israel alone, noting that such a condition would bring about a favorable change in the current tense situation. He hit the "compromise" suggestion of British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden as a threat of truncating Israel and described as workable Premier David Ben Gurion's call to the Arab states for face-to-face negotiations.

Chaim Shurer, editor-in-chief of Davar, who visited the Soviet Union last year, appealed to the Soviet Union to permit the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel. Describing his experiences in the USSR, Mr. Shurer said there was no organized Jewish life permitted except a rudimentary religious life in a few synagogues.

Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, head of the political department of the World Jewish Congress, reported on his discussions with leaders of the nationalist parties of Tunisia and Morocco, "who accepted our view that the right to emigrate (of Jews) is a fundamental human right." Charles B. Sherman, educational director of the Labor Zionist Organization of America, analyzed the Jewish position in America, which he described as "unique" in Jewish history. Mayor Abba Hushi of Haifa, who is currently visiting the U.S., also spoke.

J. D.C. ARRANGES LIFE GRANTS FOR AGED REFUGEES THROUGH INSURANCE CO.

PARIS, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A new arrangement, under which aged persons will be cared for in their own homes in Italy, has been worked out by the Joint Distribution Committee, with the cooperation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United States escapee program, it was announced here today by Moses W. Beckelman, JDC director general.

Under the program, 30 aged Jewish refugees averaging 70 years in age will receive monthly grants of 10, 000 lira each from an Italian insurance company. The company had received \$1, 600 in premiums for each person covered, contributed by the three organizations involved. Ten of the beneficiaries had their premiums paid by the U.S. agency, because they were cared for under the escapee program's provisions. The cost of the premiums for the other 20 was paid jointly by the JDC and the UN office. The 30 aged beneficiaries would receive their grants for life.

The new plan is an outgrowth of the permanent solution program for refugees worked out by the UN High Commissioner's office. Mr. Beckelman pointed out that the plan does not meet the full needs of the aged recipients and that the JDC will, therefore, supplement the monthly grants. He expressed his gratitude to the High Commissioner and the administration of the escapee program and added that the project was a first step, which should be studied and improved upon in the future.

The 30 aged persons represented in the new plan are only a fraction of those left in Italy from the stream of refugees who poured in after the war, he noted, and the JDC will continue its other expenditures in Italy. These aged refugees "are not members of local Italian communities and continue to be our full responsibility," Mr. Beckelman said.

U. J. A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK; 1, 200 TO ATTEND

NEW YORK, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Terming it the most important United Jewish Appeal yearly assembly since the State of Israel won its independence in 1948, UJA general chairman William Rosenwald announced today that the Appeal would hold its annual national conference at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York on December 16 and 17.

More than 1, 200 delegates are expected at the two-day meeting. They will sum up the accomplishments of the 1955 nationwide campaign and set the over-all goal for the 1956 drive to meet welfare, rehabilitation and settlement needs of Jews in Israel, Europe, North Africa and other overseas areas. Representatives of the Israel Government and leaders of overseas Jewish aid programs will be heard on both days. The aims and objectives of the campaign for 1956 will be presented by Mr. Rosenwald and Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the UJA.

Theodore R. Racoosin of New York, a Zionist leader active in philanthropic and investment efforts in behalf of Israel, has been named national chairman of the newly formed National Zionist Committee for the United Jewish Appeal's \$25, 000, 000 Emergency Campaign, it was announced here yesterday by Mortimer May, president of the Zionist Organization of America. The Committee, established by the ZOA, will mobilize Zionists in communities throughout the country to spearhead the emergency campaign which will supplement the regular UJA drives.

SALE OF \$1, 000, 000 IN BONDS ANNOUNCED AT SHARETT DINNER IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A special campaign to sell \$1, 000, 000 worth of Israel bonds capped the visit here today of Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, who was the principal guest and speaker at an Israel Bond Organization dinner.

The special campaign in honor of Mr. Sharett was begun by some 40 Boston community leaders who engaged in a bond selling "telethon" for several weeks before Mr. Sharett's arrival and who went over their goal. This effort was hailed as an "historic undertaking by Boston's outstanding Jews" by Lawrence G. Laskey, chairman of the Boston area's bond campaign.

Meanwhile, Lewis H. Weinstein, president of the Combined Jewish Appeal, called upon volunteer workers and community officials to give of their services on Sunday, December 11, which has been set aside here as "Action Day for Israel." In an unprecedented action aimed at bringing about united community support of Israel's needs, Mr. Weinstein sent a letter to every worker in the recently closed CJA drive, and asked for a further effort to sell at least \$1, 500, 000 in bonds.

SHARETT CITED BY DROPSIE COLLEGE; AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, Foreign Minister of Israel, received this week-end an honorary Doctorate of Laws from Dropsie College here. The award was conferred at a special convocation by Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, president of the college.

Mr. Sharett was cited for his achievements as the "pilot steering Israel's course among the nations at a time when its fate is entangled among the conflicts of the world's major powers."

EX-PREMIER OF FRANCE TO ADDRESS WEIZMANN INSTITUTE DINNER IN NEW YORK

PARIS, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Former Premier Pierre Mendes-France will leave for the United States on Tuesday to deliver a number of speeches in response to invitations made three months ago. He will be guest of honor and main speaker at the annual dinner of the American Friends of the Weizmann Institute of Science on December 1. The money raised at the dinner will go to the support of research programs in the chemical, biological and physical sciences of the Weizmann Institute.

EMERGENCY DRIVES FOR ISRAEL LAUNCHED IN HOLLAND, BRAZIL, MEXICO

THE HAGUE, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- An emergency appeal asking Dutch Jews for extraordinary contributions for Israel has been launched in this country by the Zionist Association of the Netherlands. The appeal asks for the greatest possible contributions "to insure the survival of the Jewish State."

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- An emergency fund campaign for the support of emigration to Israel has been opened here. The official campaign, scheduled to last three weeks, followed a spontaneous outpouring of gifts for this purpose to many Jewish organizations here. It is estimated that the emergency drive will result in the doubling of normal fund-raising by the Brazilian Israel campaign.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A campaign for a special fund for Israel to help the Jewish State absorb immigrants from North Africa was proclaimed here by the Zionist Federation of Mexico. It is expected that the campaign will result in the raising of 4, 000, 000 pesos, about \$350, 000.