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## EGYPT RECEIVES 200 MIG FIGHTERS, FIFTY BOMBERS, CORRESPONDENT REPORTS

BRUSSELS, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Egypt has received from Czechoslovakia 200 MIG fighter planes, 50 bombers, 200 tanks, two destroyers and six submarines, according to a breakdown of the Egypt-Czech cotton-for-arms deal reported today in the newspaper La Libre Belgique.

The specific listing of arms was included in a dispatch to the newspaper from its Bonn correspondent, George Blum. An ironic result of that deal, according to Blum, is the fact that Czechoslovakia, which is being paid for the arms with Egyptian cotton, is now competing in the world market against Egypt, by offers to sell the cotton it received from the Cairo government at prices lower than those offered by Egypt. He reports also that both East Germany and the Federal Republic of West Germany now have economic missions in Egypt, each trying to outbid the other for Egyptian trade.

## JEWISH AGENCY WILL PROPOSE IMMIGRATION INCREASE TO 60,000 ANNUALLY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- An increase in immigration to 60,000 for the year will be proposed to the Smaller Zionist Council tomorrow by S. Z. Shragai, head of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency. The council opens a two-day session tomorrow. It was announced that immigration into Israel during the year 5716 reached the total of 51,300. This compared with 32,000 in the previous year.

Mr. Shragai reported to the Jewish Agency executive today on the immigration situation. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, addressed the plenary session of the executive on current problems facing Israel and the world Zionist movement which are likely to figure in the discussions of the Smaller Zionist Council.

Dr. Goldmann also paid tribute to the late Sir Wyndham Deedes, first to hold the office of Chief Secretary in the British Palestine Administration. He described Sir Wyndham, who died last week, as one of the greatest Zionists among non-Jews and one devoted to the cause of the redemption of the Jewish people.

## ISRAEL'S DOMESTIC OIL PRODUCTION TO REDUCE FOREIGN EXCHANGE PAYMENTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Israel's domestic oil output, without reckoning on production from new wells, will save the country's economy an estimated \$4,000,000 in foreign exchange during 1957, it was reported today. Output of the Heletz wells, hitherto kept down for technical reasons, is now being stepped up. The increased yield will make it practicable to ship the oil from the Heletz field to the Haifa refineries by rail instead of lorry, thus cutting transportation costs by about one-third.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed here that oil has been struck at Heletz VI, which is to the east of wells now in production. This strike indicated that the Heletz field is wider than had been thought.

## NEW WATER SOURCES FOUND IN DESERT WILL MEET POTASH PLANT NEEDS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Tapping of new water resources in a hitherto arid area near the Dead Sea was reported today by the Ministry of Development. It said drillers working near Sodom had reached water at a depth of 65 meters (215 feet) and that there was now a "substantial flow" of water with a comparatively low salt content from the well. The new well will serve the requirements of the potash plant at Sodom. Before the war, the plant drew its water from Jordan territory.

## ISRAEL TO COMPENSATE DISABLED VICTIMS OF NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A new law for compensation of victims of Nazism, covering those residents of Israel who suffered disability as a result of detention in concentration camps and who are not covered by the German restitution laws, has been drafted by the Ministry of Finance.

The new law, which is to be effective November 1, will benefit immigrants who arrived before October, 1953, who received no compensation from other sources for the time they spent in concentration camps and whose physical disabilities exceed 25 percent. The compensation for these cases, it is estimated, will cost the Treasury two million pounds annually.

POLICE DETAIN NETUREI KARTA LEADERS TO PREVENT RIOT RENEWALS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Rabbi Amram Blau, leader of the ultra-pious Neturei Karta, and 12 of his followers were held in police custody yesterday when police broke up an attempted demonstration against alleged Sabbath desecrations. All of the detained Neturei Karta demonstrators were released at dusk, when the Sabbath was over.

As a result of last week's riot, when police dispersed 5,000 demonstrators and one man died while at least 20 others were injured, 500 policemen, including not only city forces but also frontier police, were concentrated in the city at dawn yesterday to halt any demonstration that might be staged.

About 8 o'clock, Rabbi Blau and a number of his followers started congregating in the trouble areas where last week's riot occurred. Chief of Police Levy Abrahamov warned the group that they must not cross from the sidewalks onto the streets. The demonstrators were allowed to shout slogans and hurl verbal insults at passing motorists. However, when they tried to rush the police forces and block traffic, Rabbi Blau and some of his followers were taken into custody.

According to Chief Abrahamov, there have been 20 Sabbath demonstrations in Jerusalem this year, 18 of them organized by the Neturei Karta. Mr. Abrahamov declares that the Neturei Karta sect consists of only about 100 families, and has only about 40 "actives" on its rolls.

BRITISH CHIEF RABBI WARNS ISRAEL ON SABBATH DESECRATIONS

LONDON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Israel is "religiously indifferent" and has deeply "affronted" Sabbath observers, in the opinion of Dr. Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire. Discussing last week's riots in Jerusalem, which followed demonstrations by pious Jews against Sabbath desecrations, Dr. Brodie, in his principal Rosh Hashanah sermon, has warned that "Israel cannot for long command the mystic and deeply-felt affection of world Jewry" if it fails to "preserve and respect the sacred institutions of Judaism."

Expressing "deep sympathy" with the victims of the "unfortunate war of brothers," the Chief Rabbi declared: "The ultimate hope of Israel was the restoration of the Jews to the land of their Fathers under the reign of the Almighty. The vision of the Redemption is both physical and spiritual in nature. Where there is no such vision, nationhood loses its distinctive Jewish character. Without the Torah, Israel is like a body without a soul."

The new State of Israel, Dr. Brodie continued, does not as yet live up to the Messianic hopes, being "as yet unlike the vision upon which generations of Jews have been sustained." While the leaders of Israel "and those who have rejoiced in its emergence" have employed Biblical terms to describe its present achievements, the Chief Rabbi asserted, "the actual fact is that the Israel constitutional democracy is secular and religiously indifferent."

Protesters Are Justified, Chief Rabbi Says

Dr. Brodie declared that "a state is properly called Jewish if it respects the sacred institutions of Judaism. Consequently, there is justification on the part of those who have been deeply grieved and who have protested at affronts which have been perpetrated against the Sabbath and other Jewish practices."

He warned that "the unity of the Jewish people must not be endangered by provocative incidents which lead to division within the ranks of Jewry inside and outside the Holy Land."

GEN. BURNS ANNOUNCES SHIFTS IN MIXED COMMISSION CHAIRMANSHIPS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Lt. Col. J. E. L. Castonguay, a Canadian, at present acting chairman of the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission, has been reassigned to the chairmanship of the Syrian-Israeli M. A. C., according to an announcement made here today by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

Gen. Burns also announced appointment of Lt. Col. Christian F. Moe to the chairmanship of the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission. Col. Moe is a Norwegian.

(Statistics revealed here today disclosed that during the past Jewish year, 74 Israelis were killed and 200 injured in incidents on the borders of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. Most of the casualties were suffered on the Egyptian border.)

MOSHE KOL WARNS AGAINST GENERAL ZIONIST-HERUT MERGER TALKS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Continuation of negotiations between the General Zionist and Herut Parties for a merger of the two would jeopardize the existence of the World Confederation of General Zionists, Moshe Kol, one of its leaders, told the central committee of the Progressive Party here. He said the majority of General Zionists throughout the world was opposed to a merger of the General Zionist Party and the Herut in Israel.

SOVIET MAKES JEWS 'COLLECTIVE ENEMY,' ARGENTINE SOCIALIST CHARGES

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union deliberately practices anti-Semitism, putting the Jews in the position of "a collective enemy" in order to gain approval from the Arab states, Prof. Americo Gioldi, Argentine Socialist leader, and a member of the National Consultative Council, declared here today.

"Soviet anti-Semitism," Prof. Gioldi said, "must be viewed as a key to Communist strategy in the Middle East. The Soviet Union could not obtain the backing of the Arab governments if it did not put the Jews forth as a 'collective enemy.' Anti-Jewish persecutions in the Soviet Union are an offense against humanity toward which no indifference is permissible."

Soviet Envoy Ignores Labor Group's Inquiry on Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Soviet Ambassador Zaroubin has ignored a letter sent him last July by the Jewish Labor Committee challenging anti-Jewish statements made by Nikita Khrushchev in an interview with an Egyptian newspaper, the committee reported today. It said Zaroubin had failed to acknowledge the letter signed by Adolph Held, committee president, challenging statements by Khrushchev and asking for clarification of others. The interview quoted the Soviet official as having declared, among other things, that "we have already expelled them (the Jews) from our country."

SOCIOLOGIST SEES HOPES FOR JEWISH SURVIVAL IN RUSSIA AS 'VERY SLENDER'

LONDON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Prospects of Jewish survival in the Soviet Union are "very slender," Prof. Morris Ginsburg declared here in the first Noah Barou Memorial Lecture at University College. Prof. Ginsburg, prominent sociologist and professor at the London School of Economics, said that the factors which, throughout history, have contributed to the preservation of the Jewish people have been so weakened in Russia that they can no longer be counted on to fulfill their function.

There had been dispersion and atomization of the Jewish community in Russia without parallel in Jewish history, he declared. Yiddish culture, at first encouraged by the Communists, had proven too weak to withstand the pressure of social and economic forces making for disintegration. The Jews in the Soviet Union continued to be isolated from world Jewry and this, he said, was bound to weaken their attachment to Judaism and the Jewish people. He also pointed out that, as a result of the levelling of the classes, assimilation had affected the masses, instead of being confined to the upper levels of society.

The Barou lectures are organized by the World Jewish Congress in memory of its late chairman.

ASK BRITISH LABOR PARTY TO URGE IMPROVED STATUS FOR SOVIET JEWS

LONDON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Poale Zion here will submit an amendment to a resolution on the agenda of the annual conference of the Labor Party, scheduled to meet at Blackpool from Oct. 1. to 5, calling for an improvement in the status of the Jews of the Soviet Union.

The proposed amendment reads: "The conference deplores the denial of religious and cultural self-expression to the Jewish community in the Soviet Union and hopes that improvements in the international situation will induce the USSR to change the present intolerable attitude to the spiritual needs of the Jewish population."

ESTABLISH TEACHING FUND TO MARK ANGLO-JEWISH TRICENTENARY

LONDON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A total of 68,000 pounds (\$188,400) has been pledged so far toward the Tricentenary Fund for the endowment of university teaching posts in Jewish studies and the provision of appropriate training for Jewish youth leaders, it was announced here today. The fund, with a goal of 200,000 pounds (\$560,000) has been established as a lasting memorial to this year's celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of Jewish resettlement in the British Isles.

BRITISH STUDENTS BACKED ISRAELIS IN CLASH AT PRAGUE PARLEY

LONDON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A "violent and unprovoked" attack on Israel, followed by efforts to prevent Israel delegates to reply, highlighted the recent, Communist-inspired congress of the International Union of Students in Prague, according to members of the British delegation interviewed by the Sunday Times today.

The "most serious episode" at the Congress, the students reported, occurred when a Syrian delegate attacked Israel. The chairman, an Arab, attempted to prevent an Israeli delegate from replying, even after the Israel delegation threatened to walk out unless permitted the right of reply. It was only after Roland Freeman, the British delegation leader, threatened to move a resolution of "no confidence" in the presidium of the Congress, that Israel was given the right to reply at a session that lasted all night.

### OFFENBACH JEWS DEDICATE SYNAGOGUE FOR ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

FRANKFURT, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish community in the historic town of Offenbach, near this city, is conducting religious services during the current High Holy Days season in a brand new synagogue replacing the centuries-old temple which was gutted during the Hitler régime in 1938.

There are only about 75 members in the Offenbach congregation now--as against 2,000 in pre-Hitler days. The modern structure dedicated last week, in time for the Rosh Hashanah services, has a capacity of 100 worshippers and houses also a new Jewish Community Center. Located on the Kaiserstrasse, one of the city's principal avenues, the building was erected on grounds contributed by the municipality, while the government of the State of Hesse gave the Jewish community a \$12,000 loan to help the costs of building the new synagogue.

### LATIN AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE GREET JEWS ON ROSH HASHANAH

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A tribute to the contribution of the Jewish community in the development of Brazil was offered here by President Juscelino Kubitschek in a message of greetings to the Jewish community through the Federation of Jewish Institutions on the occasion of the Jewish New Year.

President Kubitschek declared that the hard-working Jewish community had cooperated usefully in the country's progress. He offered his wishes for a prosperous New Year for the Jews in Brazil and in Israel where, he said, the Jewish people had transformed desert wastes into gardens and industrial centers.

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- General Pedro Eugenio Aramburu, President of Argentina, in a message of greeting to the Jews of his country, on the occasion of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, declared that the constitution and laws of Argentina offer guarantees to all men of good will, without discrimination. Argentine sentiment, he said, rejects discrimination.

### JTA Chief Forecasts Year of Many Stresses for Jewish Community

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency, as the only worldwide organization exclusively concerned with the collection and distribution of all news developments concerning or affecting the Jewish people, will remain fully conscious of its responsibilities to the entire community during the New Year and alert to the community's requirements, Louis P. Rocker, President of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said in a Rosh Hashanah message today.

The news agency executive warned that the Jewish people faces a year of many stresses and strains and will have to react to developments in many parts of the world. "The Jewish Telegraphic Agency, as the information arm of the community," he pledged, "will be ever alert to report these developments wherever they may occur and to provide the community with the accurate and speedy information it must have."

### REPORT FINDING OF SITE OF ANCIENT HEBREW CITY OF GIBEON

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The site of the ancient Biblical city of Gibeon, which embraced an area of 16 acres surrounded by a wick wall, has been definitely located by an archaeological expedition in Jordan, according to a report issued here today by the University of Pennsylvania. Seven American archaeologists, headed by Prof. James B. Pritchard of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, at Berkeley, Calif., made the discovery which, university officials here said, uncovered one of the great "royal cities" mentioned repeatedly in the Old Testament.

Inscriptions were found bearing the name of Gibeon in ancient Hebrew, according to the report. The archaeologists have excavated part of the ancient city's fortifications and its water system, and reported the "spectacular" discovery of a pool cut from solid rock. The pool is also mentioned in the Old Testament.

### YOUTH GROUP URGES NEW AMERICAN MIDDLE EAST POLICY

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Youth Conference, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, closed its ninth annual conference here by adoption of a resolution calling on the United States-State Department to develop a "positive peace policy that will enable Israel to remain the bulwark of democracy in the Middle East."

The conference also voted to "reaffirm its faith in the righteousness of the Supreme Court decision concerning segregation." It called upon all of its local units "to assist in the implementation of the desegregation program by positive action."

### TO LAUNCH FALL BOND DRIVE AT WASHINGTON MOBILIZATION CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The 1956 Fall campaign of the Israel Bond drive will be launched Sept. 22 at a national mobilization conference at the Hotel Shoreham in Washington, it was announced today. Levi Eshkol, Israel's Finance Minister; Gershon Agron, Mayor of Jerusalem, and Ambassador Abba S. Eban will be the principal speakers at the conference. More than 700 representatives of communities throughout the country are expected to attend.