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ISRAEL SEEKS TO ATTAIN AIR SUPERIORITY, CHIEF OF STAFF TELLS ARMY

TEL AVIV, May 7. (JTA) -- Brig. Chaim Laskov, Israel Army Chief of Staff, asserted today that, because the Air Force is now the key to any future battles, "our primary aim is to attain air superiority which also gives superiority on the ground and sea."

Gen. Laskov made this declaration in a special Independence Day edition of "Maarachot," the Israel Army publication. He also pointed out the need for large sums to acquire weapons which become obsolete in a short time. However, he added that "our stress at the present time and in the future, as in the past, is on the quality of both men and equipment, and not only on quantity."

Shimon Peres, the general director of the Defense Ministry, wrote in the same issue that it was Israel's military power which barred Arab attacks. He said Israel would get powerful new arms to cope with the recent weapons acquisitions by the Arab states.

Ben Gurion Reveals Role of Volunteers from Abroad in Israel's Army

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- Twenty percent of Israel's Army during the War of Liberation was composed of volunteers from abroad, and these were the men who laid the foundations of Israel's Air Force, Navy and armored corps, according to Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

Mr. Ben Gurion made that statement--as well as others that have aroused disagreement here--in the preface to "The History of the War of Independence" which the Army publishing house is issuing.

Describing his preface as "subjective memoirs," Mr. Ben Gurion declared that Haganah, the self-defense force of Palestinian Jewry prior to statehood, had lacked discipline and was under "bad" command. Until a short time before the War of Independence, stated the Israeli leader, Haganah had only 18,000 men, and its armaments consisted of about 10,000 rifles plus several hundred machineguns.

The preface is expected to raise a storm of protests from the rightist Herut Party, as well as from the leftist groups of the Mapam and Ahdut Avodah, since the Prime Minister speaks just as deprecatingly of the Herut's Irgun Zvai Leumi and of the Palmach, the shock troops of the Haganah, which were composed primarily of members of the left-wing groups in the Histadrut, and recruited largely from among the youth in the kibbutzim.

JEWISH CONGRESS TO DISCUSS USE OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

VIENNA, May 7. (JTA) -- Application of the discoveries of nuclear science to peaceful purposes will be discussed by Jewish scientists next August at Stockholm, when the World Jewish Congress holds its world-wide plenum in the Swedish capital. An announcement to this effect was made here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress.

Dr. Goldmann told the European executive committee of the WJC, holding a two-day session here, that the conference in Stockholm must also regard as a key problem the co-existence of minorities under different political regimes. The WJC said the leader, has invited Protestant, Catholic and Moslem clergymen from Eastern as well as from Western countries to discuss this issue of "pluralism."

Dr. Goldmann revealed that, in addition to Hungarian Jewry, which is officially affiliated with the WJC, the Congress has also invited Jewish representation from other Soviet bloc countries, such as Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria. Those countries have been asked to send either delegates or observers, said Dr. Goldmann.

Dr. William Krell, executive director of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Austria, reported to the executive committee about the treatment of war criminals, and the resurgence of anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism in Austria.

Property left by exterminated Jews without heirs is still being held by former Nazis, Dr. Krell declared. He complained that the Jewish community in Austria has not yet been compensated for the destruction by the Nazis of 17 synagogues and 50 other houses of worship. Catholic institutions, he said, have been covered by Austrian legislation, receiving "substantial subsidies."

U. S. GRANTS 3, 000, 000 ISRAELI POUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAYS

TEL AVIV, May 7. (JTA) -- John Haggerty, chief of the United States Mission in Israel, announced today a United States grant of 3, 000, 000 Israeli pounds for the development of Israel railways.

One million pounds has been earmarked for the extension of the Beersheba-Dimona line deeper into the Negev, Mr. Haggerty said during a tour of railroad installations in the south. The United States had previously provided about 5, 000, 000 Israeli pounds, part of it in foreign currency, for Israel railways which include provision for eight new Diesel engines.

Work on the Dimona line is progressing, he said, and when the extension is completed, it will permit the land transport of all iron works products, as well as kaolin and glass sand in the region. Dead Sea chemical products also will be carried on this line when it is extended to Kurnub near Sdom.

ISRAEL HOLDS LEBANON RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACK ON BUS, MINISTER SAYS

TEL AVIV, May 7. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, told a meeting of local editors that Israel must hold Lebanon responsible for the attack on an Israel bus last week. The bus was riddled with 16 bullets but neither the driver nor his lone remaining passenger was hurt.

She said there was a basis for the Lebanese claim that the attackers were Syrians and crossed the Syrian-Lebanese border before entering Israel but that Israel "must place responsibility on Lebanon from whose territory the attackers entered Israel."

BRITAIN SEEKS TO PREVENT IRAQ BOYCOTT OF CONCERN DEALING WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, May 7. (JTA) -- The British Government has made representations to Iraq against the blacklisting by that country of Imperial Chemicals Industries, Ltd., giant British concern, because it had dealings with the State of Israel, a government spokesman disclosed today.

John Profumo, Minister of State, told the House of Commons that the British had been aware that Iraq had been contemplating such action and had made representations before the ban was imposed.

Denis Healey, a Labor M. P., asked the Government to withdraw authority for shipment of arms to Iraq by British firms which were also shipping arms to Israel. He said export of arms to Iraq was "quite contrary to British interests."

ISRAEL TO HELP NIGERIA EXPAND ITS WATER RESOURCES; SENDS ENGINEERS

ACCRA, May 7. (JTA) -- Israel will help Nigeria expand its water resources by undertaking a search for water in Western Nigeria, it was disclosed today.

Five Israel engineers, representing the Foreign Water Development Company, will be working with three modern water-drilling machines sent from Haifa. The Foreign Water Development Company, organized by the Mekorot Water Company, the Israel Water Planning Authority and the Jewish Agency, entered a partnership with the Nigerian Government to handle the hunt for water.

Israel will soon submit proposals for additional water development projects in Nigeria, particularly the construction of a nation-wide network in Western Nigeria, it was reported here today.

A party of members of the Israel National Youth Organization, now touring West Africa, arrived today from Nigeria as guests of the Ghana Government for a nine-day stay. They will lay a wreath on the Accra war memorial and then visit three major cities of Ghana. They will also see Africa's biggest harbor under construction at Tema.

U. S. GROUP TO INVEST \$1, 000, 000 IN HAIFA FERTILIZER PLANT; BUYS SHARES

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- An agreement to buy the government's share in the fertilizer and chemical plant at Haifa for \$1, 000, 000 was announced here today by Sam Rothberg on behalf of the Israel Investors Corporation in the United States.

The \$1, 000, 000 investment is preliminary. The American corporation will invest a total of \$10, 000, 000 in the next two years in industrial enterprises in which the Israel Government has shares.

In addition, Mr. Rothberg said, he will recommend that the Israel Investors group in the United States invest \$1, 000, 000 in the oil pipeline project being financed by the de Rothschild group of London. That project will build an enlarged oil pipeline from Eilat to Haifa.

GERMAN YOUTH GIVEN FALSE PICTURE OF HITLER: UNAWARE OF KILLING OF JEWS

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- A television crew, visiting scores of West German classrooms to record student opinions on Nazism, found that nine out of every ten students 15 to 17 years of age had never heard of Hitler or, if they had, believed that on the whole the Nazi leader had done more good than harm.

Die Welt of Hamburg commented that "there is something rotten in German schools" and the Permanent Conference of West German cultural ministers announced that the problem would be considered at the next meeting of the Conference, according to the New York Times in a report today from Bonn.

The resulting television disclosed not only widespread ignorance among West German youth of the appalling events of the Nazi era but also that the students knew little about Germany's present situation. A typical reply to the key question "What do you know about Hitler?" was: "Hitler revived Germany. He did away with unemployment and built the autobahns." Die Welt called such answers "alarming and scandalous."

The highest estimate given by students on the number of Jews slaughtered by the Nazis was 30,000. Many students said they did not know anything about Nazi killings of Jews, generally listed as a minimum of 6,000,000 victims.

The television crew asked a group of teachers why such ignorance existed and was told that the crammed curriculum gave little time to Germany's recent past, dwelling mainly on ancient history.

JEW SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS FOR ILL-TREATING OTHER JEWS IN NAZI CAMP

TEL AVIV, May 7. (JTA) -- Hanoch Weisky, 50, was convicted in district court here today of having ill-treated other Jews while being a member of the Nazi concentration camp police at the Poznan camp. The court sentenced him to five years' imprisonment.

The man was arrested several weeks ago, when a former Poznan camp inmate recognized Weisky at a Bar Mitzvah party here. Weisky pleaded not guilty, asserting that the Nazis had forced him to take certain actions. Witnesses testified that he had beaten camp inmates, and had helped hang one fellow-prisoner at Poznan.

EX-NAZI CONFESSES VOLUNTARILY TO KILLING 50 INMATES IN THREE NAZI CAMPS

FULDA, Germany, May 7. (JTA) -- A former, non-commissioned SS officer in three concentration camps today confessed voluntarily to the public prosecutor here that he had murdered at least 50 prisoners. He implicated two former SS officers, one of whom now practices medicine in West Berlin.

The man, Gottlieb Muzikant, 55, came to the prosecutor's office, and declared: "The dead have been weighing upon my conscience. Now I want to make a clean breast of things." He then told of killing "more than fifty" persons at Ravensbrueck, Mauthausen and Melk. He was placed under arrest.

GERMAN PROSECUTOR RETIRED; BACKED NAZI WHO KILLED JEWS IN RUSSIA

WIESBADEN, May 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Otto Schweinsberger, one of the chief prosecutors at Frankfurt, was officially retired today, after being under suspension since December on charges arising out of war-time Nazi atrocities against Jews.

Last winter, charges were made that Dr. Schweinsberger had refused to prosecute a German soldier accused of shooting 75 Jews in the Soviet Union. Proof of the charge against the soldier had been obtained from East Germany.

JEWISH PHYSICIANS CARRIED ON SECRET RESEARCH IN GHETTOS UNDER NAZIS

TEL AVIV, May 7. (JTA) -- Jewish physicians in Nazi ghettos and concentration camps during World War II heroically and secretly carried on scientific researches concerning the effects of hunger, typhoid, bone malformations and diseases of the skin suffered by the Jewish victims, according to a report made here by Dr. Mark Dworeczki, head of the Tel Aviv Association of Physicians.

In many instances, the results of the researches, which Dr. Dworeczki called a significant contribution to the medical and genetic aspects resulting from the European holocaust, were hidden by the Jewish physicians, and many of these findings have recently come to light. Dr. Dworeczki, a member of the executive of Yad Vashem, official agency responsible for recording the fate of exterminated European Jewry under the Nazi regime, announced that he was turning the records over to the agency.

Dr. Dworeczki, himself an inmate of the ghetto in Vilna, had escaped and fought with an anti-Nazi resistance group. He conducted some of the researches and has written scientific works on the results of the sterilization experiments conducted by Nazi doctors.

NEW YORK COMMISSION REPORTS TO GOVERNOR ON BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- The New York State Commission today confirmed reports that "gentlemen's agreements" existed in the State Employment Service in the placement of job applicants on the basis of race.

The Commission, in a report sent to Gov. Rockefeller, declared that State Employment service staffs discriminated against a job applicant "if an employer asks the interviewer to do so, or if the interviewer thinks the employer wants him to do so."

STATE DEPARTMENT TO TENDER FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR EBAN TODAY

WASHINGTON, May 7. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today paid a formal farewell call on Secretary of State Christian Herter. Tomorrow the State Department will tender a farewell luncheon for the Ambassador at Blair House. William Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, will act as host.

(In New York, Ambassador Eban was honored this morning by more than 400 Jewish leaders at a farewell breakfast sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization. Abraham Feinberg, president of the organization, who presided, lauded Ambassador Eban's "brilliant career as Israel's leading spokesman in Washington and the council halls of the world.")

AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL NAMED FOR BRONFMAN TO BE ESTABLISHED IN ISRAEL

MONTREAL, May 7. (JTA) -- An agricultural school for hill-farming will be established at Ein Kerem in Israel bearing the name of Allan Bronfman and family, it was announced last night at the 1959 Negev Dinner here attended by more than 1,500 persons.

The dinner was in honor of Mr. Bronfman for his efforts for Israel and particularly for his leadership of Canada's celebration of Israel's tenth anniversary. Rabbi Charles Bender, national chairman of the Jewish National Fund, which sponsored the dinner, presented Mr. Bronfman with a scroll in honor of his services.

The school will be located near Jerusalem and will cost about \$600,000. Half of this sum will be provided by the Government of Israel. A contribution of \$200,000 from Mr. Bronfman and proceeds from the dinner will cover the balance. Yigal Yadin, Israeli archaeologist and expert on the Dead Sea Scrolls, was principal guest speaker at the dinner.

ISRAEL PAVILION OPENS TODAY AT U.S. WORLD TRADE FAIR IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- Israel's Pavilion at the U.S. World Trade Fair at the New York Coliseum will open here tomorrow with Mayor Robert F. Wagner as honored visitor. The pavilion will exhibit 200 products made in Israel.

Israeli hostesses will welcome the visitors at the pavilion which occupies 3,000 square feet. The pavilion was designed by Aba El-Hanani, noted Israeli architect, and is managed by Joseph Pollak of the Israel Ministry of Finance.

ZIONIST CONFEDERATION NAMES BODY FOR ACTIONS COMMITTEE ISSUES

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- The appointment of a special committee of the World Confederation of General Zionists, to deal with problems and issues confronting the forthcoming session of the Zionist Actions Committee in Jerusalem was announced here today following a meeting of the Confederation's executive.

The meeting, held under the chairmanship of Dr. Emanuel Neumann, issued a call to the groups affiliated with the Confederation throughout the world to start preparations for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Theodor Herzl in May, 1960.

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN IN NEW ZEALAND; MEETS WITH PRIME MINISTER

WELLINGTON, N. Z., May 7. (JTA) -- American Jews are grateful to New Zealand for its attitude toward the United States as well as its friendship to Israel, Dr. Israel Goldstein, of New York, today told Walter Nash, New Zealand's Prime Minister. Dr. Goldstein is here to help New Zealand Jewry inaugurate its United Israel Appeal.

At a conference with Mr. Nash, the American Jewish leader declared that Jews in the United States appreciate New Zealand's friendship toward Israel, as shown since the State of Israel was created. Mr. Nash, emphasizing his government's as well as his personal cordiality toward Israel, told Dr. Goldstein he is particularly interested in the steps Israel is taking for the development of its Negev area.

MRS. MEIR URGES AMERICAN, CANADIAN JEWISH YOUTH TO STUDY IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, expressed the hope yesterday that it would become a custom for American and Canadian Jewish college students to spend at least one year of their studies in an Israel University.

She offered the suggestion at a meeting of Israel bond leaders from Toronto in an elaboration of an appeal to the same group from Prime Minister David Ben Gurion to Jewish mothers to send their children to Israel.