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ISRAEL INTERCEPTS LEBANESE MILITARY PLANE; PHOTOGRAPHED ISRAELI SITES

TEL AVIV, May 27. (JTA) -- A Lebanese military plane was intercepted early today in northern Israel and followed Israel fighter planes to a Haifa airport landing after the Israel planes fired several warning shots, a military spokesman announced.

The spokesman said the plane was a three-engined FM-79 Italian-type Savoia Machetti, which was intercepted over the Ayelet Hashachar settlement in the upper Galilee. He said the warning shots were fired when the plane at first refused to heed signals from the intercepting fighters to land.

The plane and its crew of five were detained at the airport where it was found that special reconnaissance photographic equipment was part of the plane's facilities. The photographic equipment was removed to determine what the crew had photographed during its flight over northern Israel.

A military spokesman also reported today that a brief exchange of gunfire took place between an Israel patrol and a group of Arab Bedouins yesterday in the southwest Negev. The spokesman said that the patrol came upon eight armed Bedouins with a flock of sheep inside Israel territory. The patrol ordered the Arabs to return to Egyptian territory. In reply, the Arabs opened fire on the patrol which returned the fire, driving the Arabs back across the border. No casualties were reported.

EGYPT REPORTED SELLING CONFISCATED ISRAEL CARGO IN NEW PACKAGING

TEL AVIV, May 27. (JTA) -- Evening newspapers reported here today that the Israel cargo confiscated recently by the United Arab Republic from the German freighter Lealotta and the Liberian ship Captain Manolis in the Suez Canal has been re-sold in new packaging at reduced prices in Hong Kong.

Reports received here indicated that URA officials had not yet unloaded the Israel cargo aboard the Danish Inge Toft vessel which has been detained at Port Said for several days.

The Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee, at a closed session today, heard a report from Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and key Foreign Ministry officials on the Suez seizure developments.

Israel Foreign Minister Warns Egypt on Confiscation of Cargo

BUENOS AIRES, May 27. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, "seriously" warned Egypt yesterday of a possible change in policy about Egyptian ships and cargoes entering Israel territorial waters if Egypt continued to ignore United Nations decisions requiring freedom of passage through the Suez Canal.

Speaking at a press conference here, Mrs. Meir said she was "astounded that the United Nations does not have enough power to impress on the United Arab Republic that to disrespect the various United Nations decisions is intolerable."

She said she felt that peace between Israel and the Arab neighbors was closer than ever before. The Arab countries have abandoned hopes of destroying Israel and, as a result, the frontiers have been quiet, she said, adding that a remaining problem was the fear of the Arab states of "being the first" to talk about peace.

Mrs. Meir, replying to questions about Jews still in Rumania and the Soviet Union, expressed the hope that the Rumanian Government would renew approval of emigration to Israel for the same humanitarian reasons of re-uniting families on which Jews had been allowed to leave earlier this year. She said she also hoped that the Soviet Union would follow the same procedures for the same reasons as in Rumania.

KNESSET ADJOURNS DEBATE ON COMPULSORY LOAN; AGREEMENT SOUGHT

JERUSALEM, May 27. (JTA) -- A heated two-day debate on action on the Israel Government's suspended 40,000,000-pound compulsory immigration loan was halted today when the Knesset adjourned early for behind-the-scenes negotiations.

The subject of the private talks, aimed at achieving an inter-coalition agreement for passage next week, was a Cabinet-sponsored amendment which would empower the Knesset's financial committee to decide what further steps to take about the loan. The amendment

was considered a sop to ease widespread public criticism of the loan in view of the sudden suspension of immigration from Rumania.

The only supporters for the amendment were Mapai deputies. Mapai's three coalition members took divergent views. The most extreme was that of the Progressive Party, whose deputies contended that the original reasons for floating the compulsory loan were no longer valid and that implementation would be a breach of faith with the people. The left-wing Mapam urged immediate partial implementation, to obtain 20,000,000 pounds, for ending the maabarot. Achdut Avodah demanded full implementation to alleviate housing needs of earlier immigrants.

The opposition Herut, General Zionists, the Agudas Israel and the Communists rejected the amendment and charged the Treasury with "machinations." They argued that the original budget, without the supplementary income of the compulsory loan, provided for 40,000 immigrants. Since there will not be even that number, they argued, a compulsory loan based on the prospect of 100,000 new immigrants was "entirely redundant." The National Religious Party also rejected the amendment and proposed budget revisions to provide the funds needed for housing.

SHARETT ADDRESSES B'NAI B'RITH; CALLS FOR MORE INTENSIVE JEWISH STUDIES

JERUSALEM, May 27. (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister, told delegates at the triennial convention of B'nai B'rith today that there should be more intensive Jewish studies in Jewish communities outside of Israel to increase the knowledge of Judaism and of Israel in such communities.

Praising B'nai B'rith and its accomplishments in the field of Jewish culture, Mr. Sharett called for greater study of the Hebrew language, asserting it was a "cultural disgrace" that the People of the Book generally could not read a Hebrew Bible.

Dr. Moshe Davis, provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, appealed for a world-wide study of present Jewish communities. He said it was "a most unbelievable truth that we know less about contemporary Jews in a great many countries than we know about Jews who lived 20 centuries ago in Jerusalem." He announced he would assist in the organizing of a newly-established Institute for Contemporary Jewry at Hebrew University.

Convention committees were busy drafting resolutions slated for consideration tomorrow. One of them will deal with a proposal to set up an International B'nai B'rith Coordination Commission and another will seek to foster Jewish education and the study of Hebrew.

ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE RETIRES; RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT DE GAULLE

PARIS, May 27. (JTA) -- President Charles de Gaulle today received retiring Ambassador Jacob Tsur and told the envoy he regretted that Mr. Tsur, whom he had known for many years, was returning to Israel. The two had an informal discussion, during the 45-minute meeting, of political problems during which Gen. de Gaulle demonstrated his usual friendly interest in Israel.

A foundation for increased cultural exchanges between France and Israel will be the farewell gift of the Jewish community of France to Mr. Tsur who is ending a six-year tour of duty as Israel Ambassador, it was disclosed today. A ceremonial dinner is being planned by Paris Jewish communal leaders at which the creation of the Jacob Tsur Fund will be announced.

A series of farewell tributes are being organized in this city and in other French centers, for Ambassador Tsur. To coordinate the farewell events, in which many non-Jews as well as Jews are expected to participate, a special committee was formed here today. Baron Guy de Rothschild has accepted the chairmanship of the committee.

BLAUSTEIN COMPLETES VISIT TO POLAND; LAUDS J. D. C. AID TO POLISH JEWS

PARIS, May 27. (JTA) -- The help being given Jews in Poland by the Joint Distribution Committee and ORT was praised here today by Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, who passed through Paris on completion of a two-week visit to Poland. He visited Poland at the invitation of the Polish Government.

Mr. Blaustein, who held a series of conferences with key Polish officials, including Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki, on Polish economic and social conditions, said that invaluable assistance was being given both to Jewish repatriates from the Soviet Union and the more settled Jewish community in Poland. He said he met with Jewish leadership throughout Poland, in his visits to Wroclaw, Legnica, Lodz, Cracow and Warsaw.

PUPILS OF PROTESTANT CHURCH IN GERMANY RENOVATE JEWISH CEMETERY

FRANKFURT, May 27. (JTA) -- Pupils of the Paul-Gebhardt Community Church, a Protestant house of worship at Offenbach, today began the renovation of the Jewish cemetery at nearby Seligenstadt. The children plan to complete their work during the summer, and to set up a memorial to "the dead, Jewish fellow-citizens."

MOSCOW PAPER CLAIMS SOVIET JEWS IN ISRAEL WISH TO RETURN TO RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, May 27. (JTA) -- A letter allegedly signed by 107 former Russian citizens now living in Israel, complaining about "bitter" conditions in Israel and asking help to return to Russia, has been published in a Moscow newspaper in one of the sharp-est attacks on Israel to appear in the Soviet press, it was reported here today.

The letter appeared in the labor newspaper *Trud* as an appeal to Marshal Kliment Y. Voroshilov, Soviet Chief of State, with charges that the writers had been "deceived" into going to Israel "through lying Zionist propaganda." Publication of the letter was considered here a move by Soviet authorities to counter a statement made by officials in Israel to the New York Times that there were almost no Russian Jews in Israel who want to return to the Soviet Union.

FARBAND CONVENTION PROTESTS SUPPRESSION OF JEWISH CULTURE IN RUSSIA

MIAMI BEACH, May 27. (JTA) -- A resolution protesting the suppression of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union and requesting that the Jews there should be given the right to live their own cultural life was adopted here today at the convention of the Farband Labor Zionist Order. The resolution also requested the Soviet Government to permit emigration of Jews to Israel and other free countries.

Another resolution called on the United States Government and the United Nations to use "all methods at their command" to put an end to the economic boycott of Israel by the Arab States. The resolution termed the boycott "an economic war of retaliation which imperils peace in the Middle East and peace in the world." The resolution called upon the United States and the State of New York to cease being parties to Saudi Arabian discrimination against American firms and individuals.

The convention pledged fullest support of Israel as the bastion of democracy and freedom in an area which is otherwise backward. It declared that Israel is necessary not only for peace and security of the Middle East but also for the peace of the world. The resolution stated that Israel must be strengthened economically, politically, and in every other way for the survival of Jewry the world over.

Another resolution urged the strengthening of cultural and educational activities in every phase of American Jewish life. It emphasized that just as American Jewry needs Israel, so does Israel need creative, dynamic American Jewry. The resolution called for the creation in Israel of a commission to relay to Israelis full and accurate information about the vitality of American Jewish life. The delegates called on the United Nations to establish an international commission for world-wide observance of an annual "day of remembrance" in memory of the 6,000,000 Jewish martyrs of Hitlerism.

American Jewish Community Urged to Make Israel "Strong and Secure"

Meyer L. Brown was re-elected president of the Farband. Louis Segal, who has served as general secretary of the organization for more than 25 years, was re-elected for a sixth term. Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, national vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, addressing the convention, declared that survival of the Jewish people is most important, not only for the Jews, but for the entire world. "In order that that task be achieved," he declared, "Jewry must help gather and bring to Israel those Jews who need to and wish to go to Israel--and Israel must be aided "to build a secure, stable and solid country, capable of absorbing the Jews who are there and are to come there."

"The entire concept of the American Jewish community must be centered on making Israel strong, secure, and capable of fulfilling its task," Rabbi Friedman continued. "This is not to say that survival of the Jewish people in America is unimportant. But the atomic pile for that survival is Israel--not America. Israel is the source of prime energy for Jewish survival. Israel is the central furnace."

Abba Koushy, Mayor of Haifa, told the delegates that Israel, in the last three years, has increased its industrial output by 37 percent; raised its electric power production by 62 percent; and has made tremendous strides in agricultural development, so that it produces now almost all the foodstuffs it consumes. However, he warned that the dollar gap between Israeli exports and Israeli imports was the most serious economic hazard facing the country.

Yaacov Herzog, Israel Charge d'Affaires, declared in an address read for him that at least 14 crises have shaken the Arab countries in the Middle East during the past two years. Most, if not all, of these crises could be traced to United Arab Republic subversion, direct and indirect, he said, adding that during the past two years, the various countries in the area had increasingly demonstrated an understanding of the doctrine of independence and integrity for all countries in the Middle East.

The Sinai campaign of 1956 in a sense opened a new epoch in this respect, he asserted, pointing out that Israel had moved from a sense of survival to one of durability. There is now more long-term planning, more contemplation of the realities of statehood and more study is being given to Israel's ultimate role in the Middle East and to its spiritual relationship with world Jewry, he stated.

JEWISH FARMERS IN U.S. REPORTED AFFECTED BY PRESSURES OF MECHANIZATION

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Jewish farmers in the United States are feeling the pressures brought about by mechanization and integration, but are still "tenaciously holding on," Dr. Theodore Norman, general manager of the Jewish Agricultural Society, reported today.

Dr. Norman estimates in his annual report for 1958 that the great majority of the Jewish farmers have managed to stay on their farms. Thousands of them were seriously affected by the changed conditions in the poultry industry, especially in the Northeast and in California.

Since opportunities for new settlers have very much narrowed, the work of the Jewish Agricultural Society during last year was largely with established farmers, through technical aid and loans, Dr. Norman explained. The annual report also contains a history of Jewish agriculture in California. It traces the unique story of Jewish farm pioneers, going back over a century from the opening of California during the Gold Rush days of 1849, to recent years, when hundreds of DP's and war veterans were settled on small poultry farms, with the assistance of the Society.

JEWISH EDUCATORS OPEN THREE-DAY CONVENTION TODAY IN PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, May 27. (JTA) -- Major developments and trends in Jewish education during the past year will be discussed at the three-day annual conference of the National Council for Jewish Education which opens here tomorrow. Jewish educators of all Jewish ideological groupings in the United States, Canada and Mexico will participate in the deliberations.

The discussions will center around the following important areas in the field of Jewish education: the Jewish teenager, the successes and failures of Jewish secondary education of all types, curriculum for accreditation of schools and periodic and collateral reading material for the Jewish child and adolescent.

The adoption of a Code of Practice for administrative and supervisory personnel in central agencies and local bureaus of Jewish education, for administrators and supervisors of elementary Jewish schools and for teachers in Hebrew high schools and colleges for the training of Jewish teachers, will constitute an important part of the conference agenda.

BAR ILAN UNIVERSITY STARTS CONSTRUCTION OF LINCOLN PHYSICS DEPT.

TEL AVIV, May 27. (JTA) -- Construction began today on the Abraham Lincoln Physics Department of Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan. A special contribution of the United States Government made the building possible. It will include seven laboratories, lecture halls and administrative offices.

The Haifa Institute of Technology today awarded 515 diplomas to graduates, the largest number ever to be graduated. The graduation ceremonies took place in Churchill Auditorium on the new Technion campus on top of Mount Carmel. The diplomas included eight doctorates, 52 Master of Science degrees, 128 engineering degrees and 327 Bachelor of Science degrees.

ISRAEL WORKERS BANK REPORTS GAINS BY ITS AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES

TEL AVIV, May 27. (JTA) -- The Bank Hapoalim, The Workers Bank, Ltd., announced today substantial increases during 1958 in its balance sheet, total deposits, and balance of outstanding loans. The report also showed considerable gains recorded by subsidiaries and affiliates of the bank, including AMPAL, the Israel-American Industrial Development Bank and others.

The balance was reported as 194,500,000 pounds, a growth of 19 percent. Total deposits were 172,500,000 pounds, an increase of 22 percent, and the balance of loans outstanding was 132,200,000 pounds, an increase of nearly 23 percent. The consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 1958 was reported to be 429,000,000 pounds.

CANADIAN AWARDED ANNUAL LURIE FELLOWSHIP IN JEWISH SOCIAL WORK

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Ben Lappin of Toronto, member of the faculty of the Social Work School in that city, has been awarded the 1959 Harry L. Lurie Fellowship, it was announced today by Stanley C. Myers of Miami, chairman of the Fellowship Award Committee. He will receive a grant of \$1,500 to enable him to secure his doctorate in social work. His studies will include a project on the development of suburban area councils in metropolitan Toronto.

The Harry L. Lurie Fellowships were established by friends and colleagues of Mr. Lurie in tribute to his service of almost two decades as executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, from which he retired in 1954. The Fellowships were designed to aid in the professional advancement of outstanding students who show a potential for leadership in the social work field.