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## ISRAEL REVAMPS ARMY TO COPE WITH SOVIET METHODS ADOPTED BY EGYPT

JERUSALEM, April 25. (JTA) -- Israel Army organization and tactical methods are being revamped to be able to cope with Soviet methods adopted by the United Arab Republic. Brigadier Yitzhak Rabin, Chief of Israel's Operations, disclosed at Army headquarters here today.

He made the disclosure in warning against the "misconception" that the potential danger to Israel's security could be gauged by the degree of tranquility on Israel's borders. "The development of military power in depth within the Arab countries constitutes a greater danger and has no relation to the border tranquility," he stressed.

For this reason, he said, Israel army training programs for the current year have been designed to meet the new conditions resulting from the adoption of Soviet military doctrines by the UAR. He reported that the UAR has been sending thousands of its key military personnel to Soviet bloc countries for training while hundreds of Soviet technicians and advisers are now in the UAR in training capacities.

"Considerable efforts are being made to improve the quality of the United Arab Republic Army," Brig. Rabin said. He revealed that Israel's current training goals "were to absorb and master new weapons in the light of knowledge of changes in Arab armies. The goal of Israel's defense forces is to maintain the status quo," he said. "To achieve this goal, Israel's Army is trained to serve as a deterrent force and, if deterrence fails, to be able to deal a crushing blow to an aggressor."

## ISRAEL CHARGED WITH IRREGULARITIES IN USING U.S. SURPLUS COMMODITIES

WASHINGTON, April 25. (JTA) -- A number of countries, including Israel, were charged today with irregularities in distribution of surplus American agricultural commodities by a spokesman for the United States Government. He alleged that in Israel there is evidence of "pilferage and widespread diversions to commercial markets through illegal sales and exchanges."

The spokesman was Roger Stewart, liaison officer between the U.S. International Cooperation Administration and Department of Agriculture. Mr. Stewart made the charges in testifying before the House Appropriations Subcommittee. The charges unfolded in the course of testimony by the executive department spokesman on the program to give U.S. surplus commodities to needy populations abroad. He submitted a list of beneficiary nations in which problems were encountered. Israel was named in this category. The subcommittee decided to make the list public.

## DAYAN APOLOGIZES TO CABINET FOR CONGRATULATING FRANCE ON ATOM BOMB

JERUSALEM, April 25. (JTA) -- Minister of Agriculture General Moshe Dayan, former Israeli Chief of Staff, apologized to his colleagues in the Israel Cabinet yesterday for having sent a personal message of congratulations to those responsible for the explosion of an atomic bomb in the French Sahara, it was disclosed today.

Mr. Dayan also expressed regrets to his colleagues because he published a signed article in the newspaper Maariv in which he said that Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion had informed him of the Prime Minister's plan to have talks with President Eisenhower and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer before others had been informed.

Cabinet members affiliated with the Mapam and Achdut Avodah parties lashed into Mr. Dayan for his action--disclosed in another one of the former general's newspaper articles--that he had sent a personal message of congratulations to those responsible for the French atomic bomb test.

Minister of Development Mordechai Ben-Tov and Minister of Transportation Yitzhak Ben-Aharon insisted that it was not proper for Dayan to have sent this message since, they argued, it would be assumed that such messages automatically were approved by the Cabinet. In view of the criticism, Dayan apologized to the entire cabinet for having made the report public in his newspaper article.

### MOTION TO HALT PICKETING OF CLEOPATRA DENIED BY COURT FOR THIRD TIME

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- United States Circuit Court of Appeals Judge H. Edward Lumbard today denied a motion on behalf of the Khedivial Mail Line, of Alexandria, Egypt, which sought again to halt the picketing of the United Arab Republic ship, Cleopatra.

It was the third setback for the Egyptian shippers in ten days. The Alexandria firm asked that the Seafarers' International Union, which has been picketing the Cleopatra since April 13, "show cause" why the picketing should not halt.

The picketing has been ruled a "labor dispute" by U.S. District Court Judge Thomas F. Murphy, who, Saturday, disagreed with the thesis that the picketing constitutes "political action." The maritime workers are picketing in protest against UAR blacklisting of American ships trading with Israel, contending that such a practice robs American seamen of jobs.

Judge Lumbard, however, agreed that the entire Circuit Court should hear an appeal from Judge Murphy's ruling. The hearing will be held Wednesday morning. Prior to Judge Murphy's ruling, U.S. District Court Judge Edward Weinfeld had turned down a request to issue a restraining order against the pickets.

Meanwhile, the Central Labor Council of New York, representing all trade unions in this city affiliated with the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, sent a message to Paul Hall, president of the SIU, commending the union for "the battle it is waging."

Declaring that the picketing is "a battle in defense of freedom of the seas and the rights of maritime workers," the Central Council said in its message: "The SIU, true to its tradition of free trade unionism, is not only defending its own members, but waging a historic battle for freedom of the seas in accordance with international law."

### Dockers Federation in France Backs Picketing of Egyptian Ship

PARIS, April 25. (JTA) -- The influential Dockers Federation of the French Confederation of Christian Workers today sent a cable of congratulations to the maritime workers in New York who are boycotting the United Arab Republic passenger-cargo vessel Cleopatra in the New York Harbor.

Pierre Foray, general secretary of the Dockers Federation, made the message public. The cable lauds the New York maritime workers for their "courage" and asks them to "continue the action on behalf of the liberties of all."

According to M. Foray, the French workers can only express moral support of the boycott against the UAR ships in retaliation for the Arab blacklisting of ships trading with Israel, since no UAR ships call at French ports.

### BEN-GURION BECOMES ACTING MINISTER OF EDUCATION; REPLACES ARANNE

JERUSALEM, April 25. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion today became Acting Minister of Education of Israel--in addition to being Prime Minister, Minister of Defense and Acting Minister of Posts. He assumed the fourth portfolio after the Cabinet, at its session yesterday, finally accepted the resignation of Education Minister Zalman Aranne.

Mr. Aranne tendered his resignation two months ago, after his own Mapai Party colleagues in the Cabinet refused to back him on an issue involving high school teachers who formed a splinter union, breaking away from the overall Teachers Union. The latter organization is part of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor which, in turn, is most influential in the affairs of the Mapai Party.

The secondary schoolteachers have been conducting a non-cooperation strike for many months, refusing to cooperate with the Education Ministry or with school officials until their demands for higher pay and increased social security are granted. Mr. Aranne had informed the Cabinet that he would negotiate the dispute with the splinter union. When the Cabinet, at the insistence of Histadrut, ordered him not to recognize the secondary teachers' union, he quit. There had been hopes that he would reconsider his resignation.

Mr. Ben Gurion would try, as Acting Minister of Education, to settle the dispute with the high school teachers. Then, it is presumed, Mr. Aranne would resume his place in the Cabinet.

### TRUMAN SAYS HE IS 'NOT SORRY' HE RECOGNIZED ISRAEL IN 1948

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 25. (JTA) -- Harry S. Truman, former President of the United States, declared here today that he is "not sorry" he recognized Israel within a few hours after the reborn Jewish State issued its Declaration of Independence in 1948. "I would do it again," he asserted firmly. Mr. Truman was a guest at luncheon today of the United Nations Correspondents Association.

Asked whether he thought the United Nations resolutions on repatriation and compensation of Arab refugees should be implemented, Mr. Truman answered: "Yes. They should be carried out."

# BRITISH JEWS ASK BONN GOVERNMENT TO COMPENSATE RUMANIAN JEWS

LONDON, April 25. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews has sent a communication to the West German Government, requesting the Bonn Government to grant compensation to Rumanian Jews who were persecuted by the Nazis, Barnett Janner, president of the Board, announced here today.

According to Mr. Janner, "there is a volume of evidence to substantiate the claim that the German Nazis instigated the persecutions against the Jews in Rumania."

Thus far, Bonn has declined to honor the claims on behalf of Rumanian Jewish victims of Nazism. Mr. Janner said that the board has sent its request to Bonn through the German Ambassador here.

# ADENAUER TO ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE OBERLAENDER TO RESIGN FROM CABINET

BONN, April 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West Germany's Chancellor, will "attempt to convince" Dr. Theodor Oberlaender, Minister for Refugees to resign from the Cabinet, it was indicated here today. Dr. Oberlaender is charged with having participated in the mass slaughter of Jews and Poles under the Nazi occupation of Lwow, Poland, in 1941.

Dr. Oberlaender surprised political circles here this weekend by retracting a previous indication that he would resign. He told Eugen Gerstenmaier, Speaker of the Bundestag, lower house of Parliament, that he would resign "only after I am completely rehabilitated."

# DR. SILVER SEES NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ZIONIST MOVEMENT IN U.S.

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- The recent reorganization in the Jewish Agency system of the disbursement of funds which are raised in the United States for work in Israel offers the Zionist movement in this country "a great opportunity now to come into its own," Dr. Abba Hillel Silver declared here tonight at a Zionist Organization dinner at the Essex House.

"The Jewish Agency must now, in view of what has happened here, become increasingly a body charged, almost exclusively, with fiscal tasks and responsibilities," Dr. Silver declared. "In a real sense, it must become a Joint Distribution Committee for Israel. All other functions must now revert back to where they legitimately belong, to where they have belonged ever since its inception--the Zionist Movement.

"I am referring to such vital activities as education, the dissemination of Hebrew culture, the revival of interest in the Hebrew language and literature, an active propaganda among Jews and non-Jews to maintain a favorable climate of public opinion for the young state, and whatever action will be found necessary from time to time and whatever mobilization of forces to defend the political security of the State of Israel.

"I am thinking of programs for increasing the channels of communication between Israel and the Jews throughout the world. I am also thinking of the historic function of the movement which was to give positive direction and leadership to all the constructive forces within the Jewish community everywhere.

"The free the Zionist movement will become, the more successful it will be in the performance of these vital tasks which will continue for generations to come, many of them indefinitely," Dr. Silver stressed. "The movement will now be able to rally to it all those forces which are completely committed to its program. It will not have to make concessions to other groups who are not prepared to go along with it on its total program in the fond hope that they will then go along with it on a limited economic program for the benefit of Israel. It will no longer be found necessary, it never really was--to sacrifice the organization and the movement to the interest of fund-raising strategies."

The American Zionist leader emphasized that the opportunity now created for the Zionist movement "to come into its own" is predicated upon the "wholehearted support" of the Government of Israel and its people. There must be an end to the deliberate devaluation of the Zionist movement on the part of those who today speak for the State of Israel. All definition-mongering and the favorite pastime of separating the so-called sheep from the goats, those who settle in Israel, and those who do not, must cease. The World Zionist Movement must be given the prestige and the authority without which it cannot function or can function only partially and haltingly," Dr. Silver stated.

# CLOSING OF ALL N. Y. C. SCHOOLS ON JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAYS URGED

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- The New York Board of Education was considering today a recommendation to have all the public schools in the city closed on the two days of Rosh Hashanah, next September 22 and 23. The recommendation was presented by Dr. John J. Theobald, Superintendent of Schools, who said that he also intends to consider Yom Kippur as an official school holiday.

Mr. Theobald said that he asked this action since there is a large number of Jewish teachers in the schools who observe these holidays. In most schools--even in schools where the pupils are preponderantly non-Jewish--the Jewish teachers do not show up on the Jewish High Holy Days, he explained. It is estimated that of the 40,000 teachers in the New York public school system more than 18,000 are Jews.

## ISRAEL OBSERVES MEMORIAL DAY FOR 6,000,000 JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

JERUSALEM, April 25. (JTA) -- Memorial Day honoring the memory of the 6,000,000 Jews killed by the Nazis, was observed throughout Israel in synagogues, schools, and public institutions. Flags were flown at half mast from all public buildings, foreign missions, legations and churches.

Some 50 memorial rallies were held in different parts of the country, including Army bases and kibbutzim while movie houses canceled all matinee performances. Shows, concerts, the visiting Philippine ballet company and the Polish circus also called off performances.

President Ben-Zvi and Prime Minister Ben-Gurion were among the many thousands who attended memorial services on Mount Zion. After Kaddish Luz, Speaker of the Knesset, delivered a eulogy, the assembly sang the "Ani Maamin" prayer and then recited the kaddish for the martyred Jews. The Police Orchestra rendered dirge music throughout the proceedings.

The Polish envoy was among those who attended a memorial meeting at Martyrs' Forest in the Jerusalem hills. He earlier visited Kibbutz Lochamei Hagetaot, a settlement named for the fighters of the Warsaw Ghetto, where special ceremonies marked the 17th anniversary of the Ghetto uprising. A model of the Ghetto as well as books and photos showing the emergence of neo-Nazi trends in Germany, were displayed in the kibbutz museum.

### French Leaders of All Faiths Honor Memory of Annihilated Jews

PARIS, April 25. (JTA) -- Rabbis joined religious leaders of other faiths here today at solemn services at the Tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr, where commemorative rituals were conducted honoring the memories of Jews deported by the Nazis from France to extermination camps.

Throughout the country, similar services were held. Today was declared "National Deportation Day" in memory of the hundreds of thousands of French residents sent to their deaths from their homes in this country during the German occupation.

Catholic priests and Protestant ministers participated in the commemorative procession to the low-ceilinged crypt of the Tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr. After wreaths were laid in memory of the martyrs, the clergymen proceeded to the Memorial Museum, where an exhibit was opened under the title "Genocide of Jews Under the Nazi Regime."

### Martyrdom of 6,000,000 Jews Commemorated in Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, April 25. (JTA) -- The martyrdom of the 6,000,000 Jews during the Nazi holocaust and the 17th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising were commemorated here last night at a rally sponsored by Stockholm's Jewish organizations. Gunnar Josephson, president of the Stockholm Jewish community and other Jewish communal leaders addressed the gathering. Cantor Leo Rosenbluth recited the El Molei Rachamim memorial prayer.

A similar rally sponsored last week by the Institute of Jewish Cultural Information was addressed by the Polish Ambassador Anton Szymanowski and by Olof Lagercrantz, chief editor of Dagens Nyheter, the country's largest daily.

## UNITED HIAS HONORS HUNGARIAN CATHOLIC FOR SAVING JEWS FROM NAZIS

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Leslie Ocskay, a Catholic Hungarian who saved the lives of several thousand Jews during the Nazi occupation of Hungary, was presented with a gold watch today at the Award meeting of the United Hias Service Women's Division.

The watch was given to symbolize the years added to the lives of Jews he saved from the gas chambers while serving as a Hungarian army commander of a labor battalion in 1944. On one occasion, he managed to load onto three trucks Jews who were doomed to extermination and transferred them to his "battalion of refuge." Mr. Ocskay now lives in Kingston, N. Y.

## FARBAND TO AWARD 20 SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS OF JEWISH CULTURE

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Three new scholarships to be awarded by the Louis Segal Cultural Foundation of the Farband Labor Zionist Order were announced here today by Meyer L. Brown, president of the order. Two of the scholarships will be awarded to students at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem while a third will be awarded to a deserving student at the Jewish Theological Seminary here.

The new stipends are part of the Farband's program of encouraging studies in Hebrew, Yiddish and Jewish cultural subjects at leading institutions of higher learning. The Farband will award scholarships again this year to 20 students at the following colleges and universities: University of California, University of Cincinnati, Brandeis University, Brown University, Wayne State University, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Columbia University, City College of New York, Queens College, New York University, Hunter College and Brooklyn College.