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AMERICAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT SENT TO ISRAEL, STATE DEPARTMENT REVEALS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The State Department, acting at the request of President John F. Kennedy, has informed Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, at the United States--apparently very recently--has provided Israel with "significant amounts" of military equipment as well as "credit facilities" to finance the purchases.

Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State, wrote Rep. Halpern that "the President is asked that the Department of State reply" to Rep. Halpern's formal request to President Kennedy for a clarification of the current United States arms supply policy toward Israel. Rep. Halpern had cited Soviet arms acquired by Egypt including late-model jet bombers, jet fighters, tanks, and submarines,

Mr. Talbot told Rep. Halpern: "The Department is in a position to assure you categorically that the arms competition and military situation in the Near East remain under closest scrutiny and constant review at all times in the Executive branch. Israel's security is a matter of deepest continuing concern, and receives the most careful attention in the Department of State."

"While Israel has in fact obtained certain of its military requirements from France," said Mr. Talbot, "acquisitions from that source are by no means exclusive. Other countries, including the United States, have supplied Israel with significant amounts of equipment as well as credit facilities for their purchases." Accordingly, said Mr. Talbot, the Department believes that Israel's defensive requirements are being well met."

Details to be Disclosed by State Dept. to New York Congressman

Because further details, involving types of American military equipment provided to Israel are of a classified nature, arrangements are being made for a meeting of Rep. Halpern with State Department officials for a personal briefing.

The Talbot communication resulted from a detailed letter that Rep. Halpern sent to President Kennedy on August 21, 1962, outlining Israel's plight in view of the continuing use of ultra-modern Soviet jets and other arms to Egypt.

As co-sponsor of the Keating-Halpern amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act, Rep. Halpern had also asked about continued American aid to Egypt in view of that country's use of its own resources to buy Soviet arms. The amendment opposes assistance to such nations, subject to the discretion of the President.

Mr. Talbot informed Rep. Halpern that "as for United States assistance to the United Arab Republic (Egypt), the Department has taken pains to make clear that United States resources do not increase the capability of the UAR to acquire Soviet arms. In fact, the UAR purchases its arms by sale of cotton which cannot be sold in western countries at profitable prices. United States assistance is largely in the form of food with the balance going toward procurement in the United States."

ISRAEL'S CHIEF OF STAFF WARNS SYRIA BLUNTLY AGAINST REPEATED ATTACKS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Brigadier General Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Deputy Chief of Staff, issued a blunt warning to Syria today that Israel would not tolerate indefinite Syrian attacks on Israeli field workers and fishermen in the Lake Tiberias area.

General Rabin made his statement after a series of three Syrian attacks on field workers in the southwestern region of the lake during the past 15 hours. Only after a fire was returned did the Syrians end their shooting. No casualties were reported. A number of houses in Tel Katzir and nearby Haon were hit. After an early morning attack today on Haon, the Syrians fired twice at tractors working in Haon fields. Heavy fire silenced the Syrian gunners after a half hour on each occasion.

General Rabin issued his warning at mustering-out exercises of a group of cadets. He said: "Israel will not agree to the border area becoming a scapegoat for Syrian army's reactionary energy. Israel strives for peace and quiet on the Syrian border while

safeguarding its right to develop this fertile irrigated area. If the necessity arises, the Israel army will be able to ensure this right in the future as it did in the past."

(It was reported in London today from Damascus that Syria had called on the Arab states to meet to discuss the "Palestine issue" in isolation from recent Arab differences. Syrian Foreign Minister Jamel Aldin Farra, in a note to all Arab capitals, called for adoption of "decisive measures" to meet "dangers threatened by Israel.")

General Rabin told the cadets that they had graduated in a new era of Israel's security. He defined this as the need to face a threat on two fronts. He said Egypt was building its military power in both quantity and quality with the aid of new weapons while "on the northern border we hear too frequently the guns of the Syrians."

Israel must therefore prepare itself against the increasing strength of Egypt while at the same time maintaining a constant alert "to defend our development projects and a peaceful life along the border," he added.

BEN-GURION SAYS HIS MIGRATION ADVICE TO DANISH JEWS WAS PERSONAL

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, replying to strong Danish Jewish protests against his appeal to Scandinavian Jewish youth to migrate to Israel, said today at a press conference that he had simply expressed "my personal views."

He made the comment when he was questioned about the widely publicized rebuke from Chief Rabbi Phil Marcus Melchior for his address to a group of Scandinavian Jewish youth Monday. He urged them to go to Israel for settlement or at least for study because he was concerned about the future of Jews in countries "where assimilation is so marked." The Chief Rabbi declared that the appeal "affected the essential interests of Danish Jews" and condemned it in strong language.

After declaring at the press conference today that he believed that "every Jew can find complete satisfaction in Israel" and that "anyway, I expressed in this matter my personal views," the Prime Minister covered a variety of topics in response to other questions.

Following a farewell luncheon with Premier Otto Krag and Foreign Minister Haekkerup, the Prime Minister and his party were scheduled to leave for Iceland, the last stop on the Prime Minister's five-nation Scandinavian tour.

ISRAEL SUPREME COURT RESERVES DECISION ON ASYLUM FOR UNITED STATES JEW

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- A three-judge Supreme Court tribunal reserved decision today on the application for asylum in Israel of Peter Lieberman, 42, of Detroit, allegedly sought by United States authorities for passport fraud. The judges ordered Israeli officials to suspend proceedings against Lieberman until September 21.

Lieberman, whose exact whereabouts are unknown and who is being sought by Israeli police for illegal entry, was represented by counsel in an ex-parte hearing. The attorney, Eliezer Pugatch, asked the court to call on the Interior Ministry to show cause why Lieberman should not, as a Jew, be granted a settler's visa under the Law of the Return. The attorney asked that in the interim, Lieberman should not be deported.

The judges issued a temporary stay to enable counsel to submit further depositions by Friday. Among the depositions for which the court asked were details on Lieberman's claim he had served an American federal agent in Marseilles in anti-narcotics work and information on his entry into Israel under a false passport.

As in the case of Dr. Robert A. Soblen, who died in London yesterday from an overdose of barbiturates taken to delay his return to the United States, the United States Government cannot obtain his return because the two countries have no extradition treaty. But the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv asked the Israel Government to expel Lieberman, who arrived in Israel on August 30 as a stowaway on an Israeli liner.

ISRAELI EX-PROSECUTOR, SENTENCED FOR FRAUD, WILL SEEK NO CLEMENCY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Yaacov Baror, former district attorney and prosecution aide in the Adolf Eichmann trial who was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for posing as a qualified attorney, abandoned plans today to ask President Ben-Zvi for clemency. He will start to serve his term on Monday.

"I have to take my punishment for what I have done," he said. He added that he would ask the President for clemency after he completes his term, which he will serve as a worker in a police department. If the clemency plea is approved, he would be permitted to continue his legal profession.

He pleaded guilty last week to charges of having obtained an attorney's license under false pretenses and to having received seniority and professional allowances payable to qualified members of the bar in civil service. He indicated he hoped to achieve the required qualifications before seeking to resume law practice.

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA RATIFY PACT ON PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- West Germany and Austria today exchanged ratification signatures of the agreement entered by the two governments last year under which the Bonn Government will contribute 321,000,000 Deutschmarks (over \$80,000,000) toward Austria's general program of compensation to victims of Nazism and to other Austrian nationals who suffered losses in this country during the Nazi regime.

Foreign Minister Bruno Kreisky signed the document for Austria, while Dr. Friedrich Janz, Bonn's Ambassador to Vienna, represented his Government at the ceremonies. The pact will go into effect October 11, culminating many years of negotiations and debate of the issue by the Austrian Parliament.

Out of the total to be contributed by Germany, 95,000,000 Deutschmarks (about \$24,000,000) has been earmarked for aid to Austrian victims of Nazism, a category that includes Jews, and 6,000,000 marks (about \$1,250,000) as compensation for unclaimed, heirless property. In these areas, Austria will contribute similar amounts. The total number of Jews to benefit from the various phases of the overall program has not as yet been made public by the German authorities. The bulk of beneficiaries are expected to be non-Jews.

BOSTON JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL TAKES ISSUE WITH CATHOLIC ORGAN

BOSTON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council of Greater Boston replied today to Catholic criticisms of Jewish opposition to religious practices in public schools with a reminder that Boston Catholics in earlier years had followed the same course for their children.

The statement was made in reply to two editorials in the Boston Archdiocesan newspaper, The "Pilot," which had endorsed a public call in the Jesuit weekly, "America," to American Jews to drop their fight against prayers in the public schools because it was creating anti-Semitism among Catholics.

Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, president of the council, declared in the reply to the "Pilot," that "we shall always take inspiration from the Catholic example of fighting so valiantly to keep inviolate the religious sensibilities of their children in the public schools."

He recalled that when the Catholics of Boston "stood behind their youngsters who were expelled from the Elliot Public School some years ago for refusing to participate in religious exercises, they served their Church well, they served God well and they served America well."

For so doing, Rabbi Gittelsohn added, "they brought down upon their heads the contumely and censure of the non-Catholic community, they were scorched by the fire of religious bigotry. Fortunately, they held firm and our nation is the better for this example of dedication to a cherished ideal."

Rabbi Gittelsohn also noted that the "Pilot" in an editorial on the Catholic struggle at that time, declared that the Catholics "managed in fact to secularize the schools and to remove religion from education. Surely this was against their own basic principles, but the social situation forced them into it."

FORMER U. S. OFFICIAL HEADS ISRAEL UNIT OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Theodore Tannenwald Jr., prominent New York attorney and former Special Assistant to the United States Secretary of State, has been named chairman of the Israel Committee of the American Jewish Committee, A. M. Sonnabend, AJC president, announced here today.

Mr. Tannenwald has held various government posts since 1942 including his most recent appointment in 1961 as a member of President Kennedy's Task Force on Foreign Assistance. In addition to a number of positions in the State Department, he has been Special Consultant to the Secretary of War, Consultant to Secretary of Defense and Assistant Director of the Mutual Security Administration.

The AJC's Israel Committee covers a wide range of issues dealing with the Middle East. To further these endeavors, the AJC has recently established an office in Israel.

SENATE CONFIRMS ABBA SCHWARTZ AS CHIEF OF STATE DEPT. SECTION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Abba P. Schwartz, former counsel for the United Nations International Refugee Organization, was confirmed by the Senate yesterday as chief of the State Department's Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs. Mr. Schwartz is the first administrator of that bureau to have Senate confirmation.

The law was changed to provide for such confirmation at the insistence of Rep. Frances E. Walters, the Pennsylvania Democrat who is chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and active in sponsoring immigration legislation. Rep. Walter has indicated approval of the appointment.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION CHANGES NAME; HAS 12,000 SHAREHOLDERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Palestine Economic Corporation, known as PEC since its establishment in New York 36 years ago, has changed its name to PEC Israel Economic Corporation, it was announced by Joseph Meyerhoff, president.

PEC Israel Economic Corporation stock is held by almost 12,000 stockholders throughout the United States, Mr. Meyerhoff said. It was founded by a group of American Jewish leaders in 1926, and has been instrumental in fostering private enterprise in Israel. PEC's assets exceed \$19,000,000. Its latest dividend, paid for 1961, was \$1.25 on its \$25 par value common stock.

PROPOSAL TO CLOSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON YOM KIPPUR REJECTED IN PASSAIC

PASSAIC, N.J., Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The Passaic Board of Education rejected a recommendation of its school superintendent to close all public schools on October 8, the date of Yom Kippur. The vote to keep the schools open on that day was seven to one. Dr. Clifford Jones, the superintendent, told the board that last year on a similar holiday, 110 teachers were absent and that he expected at least one-third of the faculty would be absent on Yom Kippur.

His recommendation to close the schools was supported only by Commissioner Benjamin Weiss, who noted that since one-third of the Passaic teachers were Jewish, keeping the schools open was not justified. He proposed that the day be declared a holiday and that the board adopt a policy of closing the schools on all major religious holidays, such as Holy Thursday before Easter when Catholic teachers usually were absent.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TO RE-ISSUE BOOK ON JEWISH DIETARY LAWS

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- A book on the Jewish Dietary Laws, written by a Minneapolis rabbi and a former University of Minnesota professor, will be re-issued by the University of Minnesota Press because of continuing demand for it, it was announced here today. The book has been out of print since 1947.

"The Kosher Code of the Orthodox Jew" was written by Rabbi S.I. Levin and Dr. Edward A. Boyden, then professor of anatomy at the university. It is a literal translation of the portion of the Shulchan Aruch which describes the deficiencies which render a bird or animal unfit for Jewish consumption. It includes a discussion of Talmudic anatomy in the light of science of that time and now. It has been used as a reference work in seminary libraries.

The re-issue will be in the form of a microfilmed reproductions made by University Microfilms of Ann Arbor, Mich., by arrangement with the University of Minnesota Press.

70TH BIRTHDAY OF RABBI LEO JUNG MARKED BY COMMEMORATIVE VOLUME

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- A commemorative volume marking the 70th birthday of Rabbi Leo Jung, spiritual leader of the Jewish Center here and a prominent Orthodox Jewish scholar, author and philosopher, was published today by the Center. The work, which also marks Dr. Jung's 40th year in the rabbinate, includes writings by leading Jewish rabbis, scholars and educators as well as a brief biography of Dr. Jung and a bibliography of his writings.

Among the contributors are Dr. Louis Rabinowitz, former Chief Rabbi of Transvaal and the Orange Free State, South Africa; the late Dr. Isidore Epstein, former principal of Jews' College, London; Professor Abraham I. Katsh of New York University; Professor Abraham J. Heschel of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Dr. Cecil Roth, prominent British-Jewish historian; and American novelist Herman Wouk.

JEWISH PROFESSOR IN BRAZIL WINS COUNTRY'S HIGH AWARD FOR SCIENCE

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The annual Moinho Santista prize for science, one of this country's most coveted scientific awards, has been granted to Dr. Leopoldo Nachbin, prominent Brazilian-Jewish mathematician and professor of mathematics at the National Faculty of Philosophy. The award, which amounts to 1,000,000 cruzeiros (\$1,600), is given by the Moinho Santista, one of the leading industrial concerns in this country. Dr. Nachbin was cited for his "relevant services to the mathematics and its teaching in Brazil."

A native of Recife, Brazil, Dr. Nachbin studied in the United States from 1948 to 1950 under a State Department scholarship and a Guggenheim fellowship. He subsequently studied at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton, N.J., and at the University of Mexico.

ISRAELI AGRICULTURAL DELEGATION COMPLETES OFFICIAL VISIT TO TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- An Israeli agricultural delegation lead by Ezra Danin, head of the Foreign Ministry's Middle East Division, today completed a two-week official visit to Turkey in which the group toured cities and agricultural institutions in the northern, central and southern regions of the country. In Ankara, the delegation met with Turkey's Minister of Agriculture and other senior Government officials.