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## EGYPTIAN PILOT LANDS WITH HIS AIRPLANE IN ISRAEL; ASKS FOR ASYLUM

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- An Egyptian air force captain today landed his airplane at an Israeli airfield, and asked for asylum. He turned his aircraft over to the Israeli authorities. The pilot, Capt. Muhamed Abbas Hilmi, was flying a piston-engined YAK-11.

Egyptian army planes tried to intercept Hilmi. But the Egyptian interceptors fled back to their own territory when Israeli air force fighter planes rose to protect Hilmi and escort him to a safe landing at an Israeli airbase.

This was the first instance of an Egyptian pilot surrendering voluntarily, together with his ship, to Israeli authorities. His intention of landing in this country had evidently become known to the Egyptians. But the Israeli fighters were also on the alert, and assured the pilot's safe arrival and landing.

## ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES RESULTS OF THE ARAB SUMMIT MEETING IN CAIRO

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The results of the Arab summit meeting held for five days at Cairo last week were discussed by Israel's Cabinet here today. Following the Cabinet session, it was assumed that, while Israel may warn the Arab states against any aggression, the Israel Government will not let itself be drawn into the orbit of artificial tensions which the Arab states are trying to create.

Observers here noted that, while the communique issued Friday at Cairo, following the close of the conference attended by 13 heads of Arab states or their high-ranking representatives, was full of expected anti-Israeli accusations, it was vague on practical measures that the Arabs might take to interfere with Israel's plan to draw Jordan River waters through Lake Tiberias for irrigating the upper reaches of the semi-arid Negev Desert. The vagueness, it was emphasized, was not clarified through the statement issued later by Abdel Khalek Hassouna, secretary-general of the Arab League.

Mr. Hassouna had announced formation of a joint, Arab military command "to confront any military action by Israel," stating that Lt. Gen. Ali Amer, chief of staff of the Egyptian forces, has been named as commander. Mr. Hassouna also spoke of decisions by the summit conference to divert the headwaters of the Jordan River and its major tributaries in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. But there was doubt here about the degree of genuine unanimity achieved by the Arab leaders. Arab disputes still exist between Egypt and Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Syria, Morocco and Algeria.

The Syrian-Egyptian disagreement, it is evident to observers here, has only been intensified during the Cairo meeting. Syria may have insisted on military action against Israel to boost its own reputation for militance and to prove to the Arab world that it is more anti-Israeli than Egypt.

Doubts were expressed here whether the Arabs will really embark on the projects for diversion of the Jordan headwaters and tributaries, so as to rob Israel of about half of the Jordan River's normal water flow. Implementation of such projects would take several years and vast sums of money. It would have to be financed through oil revenues from those Arab states--Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Libya--that are not directly touched by Jordan waters and stand to gain no direct benefits from the proposed diversion projects.

The final communique, issued on behalf of the conference by Mr. Hassouna, was full of the usual Arab denunciations of Israel as a "colonialist" state "guilty of aggression." The communique re-emphasized the Arab views about the alleged "danger of Zionism" and urged that the Palestine Arabs organize "to play their role in liberating the country and determining its future."

## Golda Meir Assures Soviet and British Envoys on Jordan River Plan

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, met today with Soviet and British diplomats here to stress that the Israeli tap of Jordan River water will not interfere with the water resources of the neighboring Arab countries.

She also said that the Israeli plan could be easily integrated into a regional water plan if the Arabs were willing to cooperate. Mrs. Meir's recent meetings with envoys

in Jerusalem indicated a stepped-up Israeli diplomatic campaign to counter possible Arab efforts directed toward forcing Israel to delay implementation of its massive Negev irrigation plan by bringing the issue before the United Nations or by some other diplomatic maneuver.

Mrs. Meir, in meeting with the Soviet diplomats, handed them Israel's reply to the letter from Soviet Premier Khrushchev sent to all heads of governments which asked them to agree to refrain from the use of force in settling border disputes. Israel's reply stressed that Israel welcomed the idea which Israel had been urging for many years. The Israeli reply pointed out that Israel believed that the principle was applicable to the Middle East and that Israel was ready to contribute toward ensuring peace in the area.

#### NAZI CAPTAIN ADMITS SENDING CHILDREN TO GAS CHAMBER AT AUSCHWITZ

FRANKFURT, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A standard refrain of Nazi war crimes defendants was heard again at the Auschwitz camp trial here yesterday when Franz Hofmann, a former SS captain, insisted in testimony that all 22 defendants were innocent.

"We are only the little fish," the 57-year-old heating engineer asserted. "The big shots in Berlin were the ones who were really guilty." He was the ninth defendant to testify in the biggest German war crimes trial since the Nuremberg tribunals of 1946.

Because he was already under sentence of life imprisonment by a Munich court for murdering two inmates at the Dachau camp, the prosecution expected him to testify against other defendants on the premise that he had nothing to lose. But Hofmann carefully refrained from doing so.

He admitted being on the arrival ramp at Birkenau several times and helping to select inmates to be sent to the gas chambers but for the most part, he insisted, "my job consisted of keeping peace and quiet in the camp." He said that each day, "the SS doctors would be told by the camp commandant how many of the new arrivals were to be spared for work gangs and how many were to be killed."

Asked to name the doctors who worked on the platform, Hofmann identified several, including Josef Mengele, who has been reported several times to be hiding in some South American country. But Hofmann carefully avoided mentioning any of the doctors among the other 21 defendants.

Under questioning by presiding Judge Hans Hofmeyer, Hofmann at first denied, then admitted he had personally sent 40 to 50 children, aged six to 12, to the gas chambers. He is also charged with forcing 10 to 12 Soviet war prisoners to undress in sub zero cold and to stand outside until they froze to death. He is also accused of having shot down one Jewish inmate and to have caused fatal injuries to another by hitting him on the head with a bottle.

Bruno Schlage, 60, a guard chief in the arrest block in cell 11, denied having killed anyone. Though charged with personally shooting prisoners, he insisted his only job was to guard the keys to the individual cells in the block.

#### SUPREME COURT JUSTICE GOLDBERG TALKS ON TREATMENT OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg said today that discrimination against Soviet Jews is not merely an "internal matter" for the USSR, but a "proper concern for all who believe in human values."

Addressing 2,500 persons at a 129th anniversary observance of B'nai B'rith, Justice Goldberg said there is "increasing evidence of discrimination against Soviet Jews and the efforts of Jewish groups to correct it comes from a concern for 'peace with justice for all peoples' and not out of hostility directed to any nation or group."

He said the concept of free and equal derives from ancient Jewish teachings and the most sacred of books, the Bible. He was presented with the B'nai B'rith 129th Anniversary Observance Award from Label A. Katz, president. Former president Philip A. Klutznick also spoke.

#### SOVIET JEWS WILL BE PERMITTED TO RECEIVE MATZOH FROM ABROAD

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government has informed a shipping agency here that Soviet Jews will be permitted to receive gift parcels of matzoh from relatives and friends abroad, it was reported today. During the past two years when the Soviet state bakeries were barred from baking matzoh, such gift parcels were not delivered to the addressees.

Gabriel Reiner, president of Cosmos Parcels Express Corporation, a shipping agency licensed by Intourist, the official Soviet travel organization, said that he was notified of the change in Soviet policy towards the shipment of gift parcels of matzoh following negotiations between his firm and the USSR Government. "It was assumed here that the Soviet customs authorities would be authorized to receive matzoh parcels from any shipping agency or through the United States Parcel Post service."

## AMERICAN ORT ACCEPTS \$8,851,300 BUDGET; J.D.C. TO PROVIDE \$1,950,000

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- More than 500 delegates attending the 42nd annual national conference of the American ORT Federation here today approved programs of vocational training during 1964 to more than 40,000 Jews in need and distress overseas. The delegates, representing 100,000 members throughout the U.S., approved a report submitted by the organization's president, Dr. William Haber, for stepped up programs of trade schools for youth and adults in Israel, France, Iran, India and Argentina.

The conference accepted a budget of \$8,851,300 for the support and maintenance of over 600 technical education projects in 21 countries and approved specific allocations of \$3,163,500 toward this total. An agreement with the Joint Distribution Committee providing for \$1,950,000 during 1964 toward these allocations was ratified by the meeting. Over \$1,215,000 additional is expected from membership income of Women's American ORT and other affiliated groups. The balance of ORT financial needs overseas is expected to be met by ORT organizations in other countries and by contributions from governments and local communities in the areas where the ORT vocational programs are located.

President Johnson, in a message to the delegates read at the conference, said that ORT "continues to prove that nothing better serves an important purpose than accomplishment." He cited the ORT accomplishments in Israel, in North and West Africa, in Iran, in Poland, and in Western Europe and wished the organization success with its program of enlarging vocational training facilities for refugees in Algeria and in France.

In reporting on plans for 1964 ORT activities, Dr. Haber declared that the organization would operate on "the double track principle," augmenting its emergency training services to North African Jewish refugees in France and to new immigrants in Israel while expanding secondary level technical schooling for youth in the 14-18 age bracket.

He announced that the French Government had agreed to finance between 40 and 45 per cent of the cost of construction of new ORT schools for North African refugee training in Paris, Toulouse and Marseilles. These new facilities, he declared, will make it possible for ORT to raise its enrollment by more than 25 per cent. He noted that the problem of integration of the refugees into the French economy was a matter of skill, not jobs.

### Will Open Network of New ORT Centers in Israel Next Month

Ambassador Katriel Katz, Consul General of Israel in New York, addressed the delegates on the problem of "integrating new immigrants by means of vocational and educational programs in order to make them productive elements in Israel's democratic society." He urged an intensification of ORT educational activities for this purpose.

Mrs. Sadye Roth, chairman of the executive committee of Women's American ORT, announced that the first of a network of new ORT apprenticeship centers would be opened in Haifa, Israel next month. This center will have an annual training capacity of 2,500 students. It will be named for the former president of Women's American ORT, Mrs. Jeannette O. Gayl. Four such centers are planned for the next period, which will enroll up to 15,000 youth.

Herbert J. Waters, Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development, the U.S. foreign assistance agency, called for "an increased partnership between AID and American voluntary organizations in the conduct of people-to-people development programs." As an example of this "partnership" pattern, Mr. Waters announced that ORT training projects in the West African countries of Mali and Guinea, under contract with the AID, would be expanded. The new agreements, which will run to 1966, require ORT to provide 42 instructors and specialists in technical fields for both countries.

### ORT to Get \$750,000 in U.S. Government Excess Property

Mr. Waters also announced that under what he described as "an historic agreement with AID," under terms of which ORT is authorized to acquire \$750,000 worth of U.S. government excess property, \$200,000 worth of milling machines, lathes, drill presses and other machine tools had already been forwarded to ORT schools abroad. He described this agreement as "a significant landmark, for it was the initial excess property agreement between the AID and a registered American voluntary agency for multi-country projects."

Irving Kane, chairman of the Commission on Overseas Studies of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, speaking at the evening dinner session, described major developments in the field of welfare services within the Jewish community. Adolph Held, vice-president of the American ORT Federation, eulogized the late Herbert H. Lehman, who had been honorary president of ORT, and recalled his more than 40 years of association with the organization. The conference adopted a resolution to explore the possibilities of creating a suitable memorial in Israel to Mr. Lehman. The organization presented an award in the form of a bronze plaque to R. Sargent Shriver, Director of the Peace Corps, for achievement in the field of human development and training.

#### ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP IN ARGENTINA SPLITS; PART EMBRACES COMMUNIST LINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic Tacuara movement in Argentina has split into two wings, one group embracing Communist orientation while the Tacuara leader, Alberto Ezcurra, insists on pursuing the organization's policy of priority on anti-Semitism, New York Times reported from Buenos Aires today.

The dispatch noted that Tacuara had undergone one earlier split, when some members formed an ultra-right-wing faction, calling itself the Guardia Restauradora Nacionalista. The major Tacuara movement has constantly boasted of its overt anti-Semitism and its allegiance to Hitlerite principles.

#### BENJAMIN SWIG ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SAN FRANCISCO JEWISH FEDERATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Philanthropic leader Benjamin H. Swig, noted national Jewish leader, was elected president of the Jewish Welfare Federation of San Francisco, Marin County and the Peninsula. Mr. Swig, who is national United Jewish Appeal chairman, was chairman of the local Federation campaigns in 1950-51. He has headed the federation's fund-raising committee for several years.

A partial list of his principal organizational affiliations, in which he holds top level volunteer positions, includes the American Association for Jewish Education, American Friends of Hebrew University, Joint Distribution Committee, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bonds of Israel, Brandeis University, Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Jewish National Fund and Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Mr. Swig has also been identified with a score of local and statewide community and educational efforts and projects. Some 2,000 civic, philanthropic, political and religious leaders honored him recently in this city on his 70th birthday.

#### HADASSAH-WIZO OF CANADA CONCLUDES CONVENTION; ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

MONTREAL, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Mrs. Charles Eisenstat of Montreal was elected national president of the Hadassah-Wizo Organization of Canada at the closing session today of its 20th biennial convention here. She succeeds Mrs. Harry Cohen of Sydney, Nova Scotia, who was named honorary president of the organization.

In his first official visit to Montreal, Israel's newly appointed Ambassador Gershon Avner told the delegates that Israel would not be deterred from its Negev irrigation project by any Arab threats. "If we can't carry out a water scheme inside our own borders," he declared, "the time will soon come when we will not be able to build a new development in one of our cities. Therefore, sometime in 1964 when our engineers say we are ready, the tap will be turned on."

He suggested that, if the Arabs "would concern themselves with humanitarian work for their own people," the Middle East and the entire world "would be better off."

#### ZIM ANNOUNCES PLANS TO ADD TWENTY VESSELS TO ITS MERCHANT FLEET

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Zim Israel Navigation Company today announced plans to increase the size of its merchant fleet this year by 20 vessels to a total of 68 ships with a combined deadweight tonnage of 565,844 tons. Passenger traffic on the lines ships increased by nine per cent during the past year compared with 1962, the company reported.

The new vessels to be acquired this year include the passenger liner s.s. Shalom which will be put into transatlantic service this spring, and 19 new Cargo vessels aggregating 154,200 deadweight tons.

#### GERSHOM SCHOCKEN, ISRAELI EDITOR, RECEIVED BY SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Gershom Schocken, editor and publisher of the Tel Aviv daily "Haaretz," has completed a brief visit to Washington where he met with leading figures in the White House, the Congress and the State Department. At the conclusion of his visit, Mr. Schocken was received by Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

#### CHAPEL DEDICATED AT GRATZ COLLEGE IN MEMORY OF DAVID GALTER

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The governments of the United States and Israel joined today in tribute to the late David J. Galter, editor of the Jewish Exponent, who won national renown as a writer and publicist on Jewish affairs. Messages from leading figures in the two governments were read at the dedication of a chapel at Gratz College here.

The chapel was built and furnished by friends of Mr. Galter. Myer Feinstein, Philadelphia philanthropist, chairman of the chapel building fund, presided at the exercises. Memorial tributes were delivered by Judge Nochem S. Minnet, president of the Federation of Jewish Agencies; Dr. Solomon Grayzel, director of the Jewish Publication Society and Mrs. William B. Lakritz, Mr. Galter's daughter. The speakers included Dr. Elazar Goetman, dean of Gratz College; Benson M. Schambelan, president of the Gratz College Alumni Association and Mark Obner, president of the Gratz Student Association.