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EGYPT BELIEVED TO HAVE SUPPLIED NORTH VIETNAM WITH TORPEDO BOATS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The possibility was considered here today that the North Viet Nam torpedo boats which attacked the American destroyer in the Gulf of Tonkin were supplied by Egypt. It has been definitely established that Egypt sold Russian military equipment--including Soviet torpedo boats--to Red China after Moscow ceased shipping arms to the Peiping regime because of ideological differences.

Information received in Washington indicated that Egypt recently obtained newer types of naval craft such as the Soviet-built motor torpedo boats, including the missile-firing "Komar" boats and has a surplus of motor torpedo boats previously received from the Soviet Union. At the same time it is known here that the Egyptian Government, friendly to both Red China and North Viet Nam, has sold various categories of surplus Soviet arms in the Far East.

One of the opinions prevailing here is that President Nasser of Egypt is now "playing off" Peiping against Moscow, to extract maximum advantage from both, just as he has successfully played off the East against the West. Leading Red Chinese military authorities have been state guests in Cairo. Nasser recognized North Viet Nam, backed the Viet Cong forces as "freedom fighters," and lauded Ho Chi Minh.

Although Egypt needs arms for its continuing military intervention in Yemen, it is nevertheless known that Nasser has not only resold surplus Soviet weapons but that he also sells weapons of his own manufacture, made with the help of German technicians now working in Egypt on military establishments. Among arms sold by Egypt, have been military aircraft, torpedo boats, tanks, artillery, automatic weapons, mortars, machine guns, and rifles.

Since Cairo desired to keep secret its arms manipulations with countries out of favor with Moscow, like Red China, it is considered here possible that neither American nor Soviet intelligence evaluated the extent of the clandestine sales and shipments. Torpedo boats, moving under their own power, could be accompanied by a refuelling ship and easily move from Suez to the Far East.

The torpedo boats believed sold by Egypt to Red China or North Viet Nam would have been among those obtained in the 1950's at bargain rates and on easy payment terms offered by Moscow in its anxiety to infiltrate the Arab world.

ARAB ANTI-ISRAEL DIPLOMATIC ATTEMPTS CONSIDERED A FAILURE IN FRANCE

PARIS, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The failure of the Arab states in their attempts in recent months to oppose Israel on the diplomatic and political fronts was emphasized here today in an article in the authoritative French publication "Le Monde Diplomatique" which reviewed Arab activities in this field.

The article cited the refusal by delegates to the recent African conference to pass an anti-Israel resolution in spite of tireless efforts by Egyptian President Nasser, Algerian President Ben-Bella and Tunisian President Bourguiba.

Another step inspired by the same three leaders, the article noted, has brought results completely contrary to those aimed at. The Arab appeal to the Vatican not to present at the next session of the Ecumenical Council, Cardinal Bea's statement on Catholic-Jewish relations, has mainly indisposed the highest circles in the Vatican hierarchy.

Even the efforts by the Arab states to set up a Palestinian "personality" by means of a "National Congress," have dismally failed, the article declares, adding that most Arab states and organizations only paid lip service to the idea but failed to support it.

Arab plans to use methods of coercion against the states which maintain friendly relations with Israel also seem doomed to complete failure, the review stressed. "How can the Arabs decide who is a friend and who is not?" the article asks. It noted that to act on the basis of recognition would mean halting their own friendly relations with the Soviet Union while to decide on the basis of economic help would mean breaking off relations with West Germany, one of the Arabs' best sources of supply.

The article concludes by predicting that the Arab chiefs of state are due for an extensive "soul searching" during their forthcoming conference to be held in Alexandria.

2,000 PARTICIPATE IN BNEI ISRAEL DEMONSTRATION IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6: (JTA) -- Some 2,000 persons took part in a demonstration held yesterday in front of the Chief Rabbinate headquarters at Heichal Shlomo by members of the Bnei Israel community, which originated in India and has since emigrated to Israel, in protest against the Chief Rabbinate's directives with regard to marriage procedures. The marchers carried slogans demanding the abolition of the directives which they consider discriminatory against Indian-born Jews.

Earlier this week, the members of the group rejected a proposal for a settlement of the issue made by President Zalman Shazar at a meeting attended by the President and Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim which declared that the Bnei Israel were "Jews in every sense" and that the Chief Rabbinate's directives apply to immigrants from every distant land.

The demonstrators dispersed and a small group returned to continue their two-week sit-in strike in front of the building. The Herut, Liberal, Mapam and Communist parties, meanwhile, are planning a joint petition to reconvene the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, from summer recess to deal with the issue.

ISRAELI SOLDIER KILLED IN ONE-HOUR CLASH WITH SYRIANS AT FRONTIER

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6: (JTA) -- One Israeli soldier was killed and another seriously wounded during a one-hour clash between a Syrian position near Gonen in Upper Galilee and an Israeli patrol which had apparently entered a few yards into Syrian territory by mistake, the Israel Army spokesman announced today.

The Israeli unit, on a routine patrol, was met with fierce fire from the Syrian position which lasted a full hour. One member of the unit was killed and another seriously wounded, was at first reported missing but later crawled back into Israeli territory where he was treated for his wounds.

LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CRITICIZED FOR BACKING DOWN ON MANCROFT

LONDON, Aug. 6: (JTA) -- The London Chamber of Commerce was today accused of "running before it was threatened" when it withdrew an offer for Lord Mancroft, a prominent British Jew, to stand for the presidency of the Chamber. Earlier this year Lord Mancroft was forced to resign as a director of a British insurance firm under pressure of Arab representatives here.

The criticism of the Chamber was voiced by one of its own members, Hans Feld. The Chamber secretary, William Luxton, told Mr. Feld in a letter that some of its officers asked Lord Mancroft not to run for the presidency to avoid controversy. He said the Chamber was "under no pressure from Arab countries or chamber members dealing with the Arabs."

In his letter of reply to the Chamber made public today, Mr. Feld said that if the Chamber had not been subjected to any pressure, it ran away even before it could be threatened, "surely not an edifying spectacle for a representative body."

HADASSAH CONVENTION TO DISCUSS MAJOR PROBLEMS AFFECTING JEWISH LIFE

NEW YORK, Aug. 6: (JTA) -- Major problems affecting Jewry and American domestic and foreign issues will highlight the deliberations of the 50th national convention of Hadassah, it was announced here today. The convention will open at the International Hotel, Los Angeles, on August 16. More than 2,000 delegates--representing Hadassah's more than 300,000 throughout the United States and Puerto Rico--will attend the four-day gathering.

Mrs. Max Schenk of New York, Hadassah's national convention chairman, announced today that major issues to be dealt with at the convention will include Soviet Anti-Semitism; Arab-Supported Anti-Semitism in Latin America; Implementation of Civil Rights; Preserving Jewishness in America; Israel and Arab Intransigence; Israel-American Relations; Prayer in the Public Schools; and Revision of Existing Immigration Laws.

The convention also will feature special briefings on such aspects of Hadassah's programs as American Affairs; Zionist Affairs; Hadassah's medical work; Youth Aliyah; Hadassah's Vocational Education Services in Israel; membership; and youth activities in the United States. Hadassah conducts in Israel a comprehensive health, vocational education and social welfare program, which includes diagnostic, curative and preventive medical services, health stations, rehabilitation and education of underprivileged children and youth, and land redemption.

ANTI-SEMITIC YOUTHS INVADE ZIONIST OFFICE IN BUENOS AIRES; ATTACK GUARD

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 6: (JTA) -- Three youths broke into the headquarters of the Liberal Zionist Organization early this morning, and tied up the watchman at the premises after telling him that they hated Zionists and Jews. They stole four typewriters.

THREE BRITISH NAZIS FINED IN LONDON FOR CARRYING ANTI-JEWISH PLACARDS

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Three members of Colin Jordan's British Nazi movement were found guilty of insulting behavior and fined today for an incident last month when they picketed businesses on fashionable Regent Street wearing swastika armbands and bearing anti-Jewish placards.

During the trial, the court was shown two placards, one with the words "Boycott Bloom and Jewish Business," and the other "Free Britain from Jewish control." All three men said they would appeal the judgment. Gordon Callow, 30, and William Paley, 21, were each fined 50 pounds (\$140) and 10 guineas (\$29.40) costs with the alternative of three months' imprisonment, while Gerald Lawman, 18, was fined 25 pounds (\$70).

PARAGUAY ACCUSED OF REFUSING REQUEST TO EXTRADITE MENGELE TO GERMANY

HAMBURG, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Alfredo Stroesser, head of the Paraguayan Government, was accused here today by Der Spiegel, mass circulation weekly, of having refused to honor the Bonn Government's demand for the extradition of Dr. Josef Mengele, the infamous Auschwitz "selection doctor," because Mr. Stroesser's own family is of Bavarian origin.

According to the weekly, "Dictator Stroesser" has threatened to cut off all relations with Bonn if it persisted in demanding Mengele's extradition. Dr. Spiegel claimed that Mengele "is being supported by a number of Nazis in Paraguay." The court in Frankfurt, now trying 22 former administrative and medical personnel at Auschwitz, has offered a reward of 60,000 deutschemarks for the apprehension of Mengele.

The "selection doctor" is under indictment for murder and cruelty committed during his service at Auschwitz. The Universities of Frankfurt and Munich, where he had obtained doctoral degrees, had canceled his diplomas. "Mengele," said Der Spiegel, "should sit in the dock in Frankfurt today, alongside the other Auschwitz defendants."

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN CANADA REQUEST ANTI-DISCRIMINATION MEASURES

MONTREAL, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A series of steps, calling for Fair Employment Practices Acts, other anti-discrimination measures and the adoption or tightening of human rights codes in several of Canada's most populous provinces has been taken by Jewish organizations, the Canadian Jewish Congress reported today. The activities, according to the CJC, have been initiated in the provinces of Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia and Manitoba by the joint advisory committee on labor relations of the Congress and the Jewish Labor Committee.

In Toronto, a memorandum calling for changes in the Ontario Human Rights Code was submitted to the provincial government by the Toronto Labor Committee for Human Rights.

In Quebec, a delegation called on Provincial Prime Minister Jean Lesage, requesting the adoption of a Fair Employment Practices Act, another measure assuring fair accommodations, and a human rights code. The FEPC act was introduced in the Quebec Legislative Assembly today by Carrier Fortin, Minister of Labor. The bill would ban all employment discrimination on grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national extraction or social origin.

In Montreal, the United Council for Human Rights is preparing to request municipal authorities to outlaw discrimination in areas under the city's jurisdiction. In British Columbia, a survey has been begun to examine employment application forms, to ascertain the effectiveness of the FEPC legislation in the province.

Meanwhile, today, the Quebec Chamber of Commerce of Notaries adopted a resolution calling for a revision of the Civil Code in such a way as to outlaw all forms of racial or religious discrimination. The Canadian Jewish Congress had helped draft the resolution.

NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES URGE ACTION ON RELIGIOUS INCITEMENT

HALIFAX, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A resolution urging government action against racial and religious incitement was passed unanimously by the Western Region of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. Drawn up by Hubert L. Lynch, Deputy Mayor of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, it was accepted by the three counties of Yarmouth, Digby and Shelburne.

The resolution asked the government of Nova Scotia to submit a request to the Postmaster General suggesting that "Post Offices in this Province carefully investigate all third class mail coming into the Province, and any such literature which contains hate propaganda to be turned over to the proper authorities."

The resolution requested the Department of Justice in Ottawa "to take immediate action to amend the Criminal Code, so that action can be taken against those who spread racial hatred in our country." The resolution will be submitted to the regular meeting of the Union to be held in Halifax commencing August 30.

NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION GETS \$1,000,000 FROM NON-JEWISH FOUNDATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 6: (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Greater New York and Mount Sinai Hospital were granted \$1,000,000 each by the James Foundation of New York, Inc., a charitable foundation established by railroad industrialist Arthur Curtiss James, who died in 1941. The gifts were part of \$96,000,000 in grants to universities and other institutions announced today prior to the liquidation of the Foundation which will dissolve December 31.

Mr. James was one of the 10 or 12 wealthiest men in the country but also one of the least known to the public. He inherited \$26,000,000 from his father, a railroad man and miner, in 1907. The son built up a railroad empire in the West that covered a quarter of the country and included one-seventh of the entire railroad mileage in the United States. He gave away millions during his lifetime but laid down one rule in making his contributions--recipients were not to give out any publicity on the gift, or it would be canceled.

LUBAVITCHER REBBE ESTABLISHES LOAN FUND FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Aug. 6: (JTA) -- The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, world leader of the Lubavitcher movement, today announced the establishment of a special loan fund for teachers and schools of Jewish learning.

Speaking at the Lubavitcher center here commemorating his father's 20th Yartzeit, the Rebbe told of the plight of many teachers of Jewish studies in Yeshivos and other Jewish schools: "They are often underpaid," said the Rebbe, "and in most cases receive smaller salaries than teachers of secular studies. Often they are paid with a postdated check valid several weeks, and sometimes months, hence."

He called for an increase in salaries for teachers of Jewish studies so that they at least equal that paid for secular teaching. He said that teachers receiving postdated checks would be able to redeem them immediately at the loan fund. As an incentive for Jewish schools to expand their religious studies facilities, "the Rebbe said, "the new fund would offer loans to such schools for such expansion. These loans would be administered on an equal basis for the benefit of Jewish studies departments of all Jewish schools, and would not be restricted to Lubavitcher or other institutions."

DR. MOYAL, JEWISH AGENCY TREASURY REPRESENTATIVE, NAMED TO PARIS POST

NEW YORK, Aug. 6: (JTA) -- The appointment of Yaacov Morris as representative of the Treasury of the Jewish Agency for Israel in the United States--succeeding Dr. Isaac Moyal who is leaving New York this weekend to assume the post of Jewish Agency Treasury representative in Paris--was announced last night at a reception at the Jewish Agency offices here bidding farewell to Dr. Moyal and welcoming Mr. Morris.

Mr. Morris, who is on loan from the Israel Foreign Ministry to the Jewish Agency Treasury, is well known in New York where he was Israel Consul from 1957 to 1961. An authority on the problems of Israel's immigrants, Mr. Morris is also the author of "Masters of the Desert--6,000 Years in the Negev," which was published in this country in 1961. He is the author of three other books, the last, soon to be published, will deal with the subject of American settlers in Israel.

Dr. Moyal, who has served as the representative of the Jewish Agency Treasury in New York since 1961, had previously served the Jewish Agency as representative of the Economic Department for Europe and North Africa. He is a member of an Israeli family established in Palestine for many generations. Present at the reception, in addition to members of the Israel Consulate and representatives of American and Israeli banking institutions, were three members of the executive of the Jewish Agency-American Section: Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairman; Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Dr. Joseph E. Schechtman, the only members of the Executive currently in the United States.

CANADIAN JEWISH LEADER LAUNCHES UNITED ISRAEL DRIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 6: (JTA) -- The United Israel Campaign of South Africa was launched here last night at a banquet attended by 900 leading Zionist workers and addressed by Judge Samuel Freedman of Winnipeg. In his address at the dinner, Judge Freedman said that the strengthening of Israel was the best way to convince Nasser that the cost of an attack would be higher than he could afford.

Eliahu Dobkin, a member of the Jewish Agency executive, outlined Israel's plans for economic development and security. I. Maisels, president of the South African Zionist Federation, called for a maximum effort in the tradition of South African Zionism. Others addressing the gathering included Israel's Consul General Dov Sinai and Chief Rabbi Bernard Casper.

DR. JACOB SINGER, LEADING CHICAGO RABBI, DEAD; FOUNDED HILLEL FOUNDATION

CHICAGO, Aug. 6: (JTA) -- Dr. Jacob Singer, rabbi emeritus of Temple Mizpah here, died here yesterday at the age of 81. He was a former president of the Chicago Rabbinical Association. Born in Latvia, Rabbi Singer was a chaplain in the U.S. Army during the First World War. He had occupied the pulpit of Temple Mizpah since 1923 and was the founder and first director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Northwestern University.