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## IRAQI ARMY HEAD SAYS RUSSIA WILL PROVIDE ARMS NEEDED TO FIGHT ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Iraq's Acting Chief of Staff, Major General Abdel-Rahman Aref, said in Baghdad today that the Soviet Union will supply Iraq with all the arms it requires, it was reported here today from the Iraqi capital. He said Iraq was establishing its military might in preparation for the day "of dealing with Israel and the recovery of the usurped land."

It was also reported that the Iraqi Government will shortly extend an invitation to Marshal Rodion Malinovsky, Soviet Defense Minister, to visit Iraq with a military delegation.

## ARAB LEAGUE MOVES TO FRUSTRATE ISRAEL'S AGREEMENT WITH EUROMART

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Irked by the fact that the six-member European Common Market signed an agreement with Israel this summer, giving Israel certain concessions in regard to exports to those countries, the Arab League Economic Council has decided to tighten its anti-Israel boycott in such a way as to try to keep Israeli products from "infiltrating" into Europe, Cairo dispatches received here reported today.

The League's Economic Council, backed by the Arab Boycott Office, has been holding sessions in Cairo to try to work out methods for frustrating the Israel-Euromart agreement. A communique issued at the conclusion of the council's session stated that "a positive plan" barring Israeli goods from Arab countries has been worked out. The six Euromart countries are France, West Germany, Italy, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Another dispatch, from the Boycott Office headquarters at Beirut, announced that Sophia Loren, the film star, has been put on the blacklist. The announcement stated that all of her films will be banned from Arab countries, unless she withdraws from the cast of a new film, "Judith," now being filmed in Israel.

## EGYPT SEEKS TO TRY BRITON FOR BELONGING TO FIRM HEADED BY AN ISRAELI

BONN, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A British resident of Egypt will be tried by an Egyptian court on charges of violating that country's regulations forbidding any resident from having any financial dealings with Israeli commercial companies or foreign companies affiliated with them, it was reported here today from Cairo.

The British citizen, Maj. Thomas Winston Wallace, 71, who is currently in Bonn, is a member of the board of directors of a company known as Cyprus Plantation of Limasso, whose chairman was identified as a Mr. Ambache, an Israeli citizen.

Major Wallace, who has lived in Cairo for 40 years, said here today that the company is Cypriote, and that he was not responsible for the election of Ambache as chairman. He said he had not yet decided whether he would return to Cairo to face the charges, but that he was concerned for his wife who was still there. If convicted, he faces a possible long prison sentence and a heavy fine.

## ISRAEL READY TO SIGN SOVIET PACT ON PURCHASE OF RUSSIAN PROPERTY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- An agreement regarding the purchase by the Israel Government of Russian property in this country will shortly be signed in Moscow, it was reported here today.

According to the terms of the agreement, Israel will pay \$4,500,000 over a two-year period, two-thirds of it in kind. The properties include Jerusalem's 20-acre Russian compound, which houses the city's courts and police headquarters; as well as property in Haifa, Nazareth, Afula and Tiberias. Property in Israel belonging to the Russian Orthodox Church is not included in the transaction.

Russia began acquiring the property in 1862, when Alexander II was Czar and Palestine was part of the Ottoman Empire. The purchases, for the most part, were registered in the name of the Czarist regime, to circumvent Ottoman restrictions on foreign private holdings in Palestine.

## JEWISH AGENCY TREASURER CHARGES 'AFFLUENT' AMERICANS LET ISRAEL DOWN

LCS ANGELES, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Louis Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Israel, scored the failure of the American Jewish community to increase its support of Israel's efforts to integrate new immigrants, at a time when Americans are enjoying a period of rising affluence.

Addressing the closing session last night of the 50th national convention of Hadassah, Mr. Pincus told the 2,000 delegates that, although the financial support of Israel's immigration efforts should have "at least paralleled" the economic growth, "the facts are that it has, at best, maintained a plateau--this at a time of many years of continuous, large immigration into Israel, where the needs of the integration of new immigrants cannot adequately be met because of lack of funds."

The failure of American Jewish fund-raising to keep pace with U.S. economic growth, Mr. Pincus said, may well represent the "failure to have brought home the message to the younger generation of Jews in this country; it also strikes at the roots of the future development of Jewish communal life."

Warning the delegates of mounting threats to Jewish survival, Mr. Pincus said that "Jews tend to equate their freedom with the obligation to forget their Jewishness and to maintain their identity as belonging to a Jewish community."

Mr. Pincus said that the coming decade will prove decisive whether or not this threat to Jewish survival will be overcome. This, he declared, "will basically be determined by the abilities of the Jewries of the United States on the one hand, and Israel on the other, to establish a basic understanding, a common language of ideas, means and objectives encompassing the totality of Jewish life."

### Kenen Urges Arab-Israel Peace Talks, Appeals to Big Powers

At an earlier session, I. L. Kenen, executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, urged a more effective program to counter Arab propaganda, and to carry the truth about the Arab war against Israel to the American people.

He called upon the great powers to challenge the drift toward war, and bring the peoples of the Middle East to the peace table. Arab propaganda and threats in the United States, he said, have tried to block the steady normalization and consolidation of U.S.-Israel relations.

"Pro-Arab agencies," he said, "are spending close to \$2,000,000 a year in this country, and much of this is used to discredit Israel and to defame the Zionist movement in an effort to undermine Israel in this country and to weaken the U.S. commitment to preserve peace in the Near East."

He noted that the relations between the United States and Israel have "reached a new level of understanding" during the past two years, as the United States has taken effective measures to deter aggression and to maintain the arms balance in the Middle East.

## U.N. ELECTS ISRAELI SUPREME COURT JUDGE, ZENA HARMAN, TO HIGH OFFICES

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Economic and Social Council, one of the major organs of the United Nations, has elected two Israelis to two important posts. ECOSOC has put one Israeli on the 21-member Human Rights Commission and made it possible for the other to continue holding the chairmanship of the United Nations Children Fund, it was announced here today.

Israel's Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn was chosen to membership on the Human Rights Commission, to replace a representative of the Turkish Government, whose term had expired. Justice Cohn had been a member of that Commission previously, from 1957 to 1959. At that time, he was Israel's Attorney General.

Mrs. Zena Harman, wife of Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, was re-elected to the executive board of UNICEF. She is now chairman of that board but, since her term had expired, she had to face re-election by ECOSOC before she could continue holding the top UNICEF post.

## U.N. E.F. COMMANDER SUFFERS STROKE; THANT REPORTS HIM IN SERIOUS CONDITION

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Major General Flores Paiva Chaves, commander of the United Nations Emergency Force, which stands on guard at the Gaza Strip border with Israel and at Sharm el-Sheikh, overlooking the Gulf of Akaba, is in "very serious" condition in a hospital at Beirut, as a result of a stroke, Secretary-General U Thant announced here today.

General Chaves was stricken Tuesday night, while vacationing in the Lebanese capital, Mr. Thant said. The UNEF commander is a Brazilian. Mr. Thant expressed deep concern over the general's condition.

## BOHN PRESSES PARAGUAY TO FIND JOSEF MENGELE AND TO EXTRADITE HIM

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The West German Government today again requested that Paraguay intensify its search for Josef Mengele, the infamous "selection doctor" of Auschwitz, who alone decided the fate of hundreds of thousands of Jews.

Today's petition was presented by the West German Ambassador here, and is the latest action in the persistent but, so far, futile attempt on the part of the Bonn Government to obtain the arrest and extradition of the Nazi criminal.

Mengele is believed to have been granted Paraguayan citizenship in 1959. He recently crossed the border to Brazil, but returned to Paraguay after orders for his arrest were issued by the Brazilian authorities. According to reliable reports, Mengele re-entered Paraguay two weeks ago, but Paraguayan officials disclaim all knowledge of his whereabouts and contend that, even if he were found, it is doubtful if he would be extradited, as Paraguayan law forbids the extradition of a naturalized citizen.

### Brazilian Justice Minister Orders Intense Search for Mengele

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Orders for an intensive, country-wide search for Dr. Josef Mengele were issued here today by Milton Campos, Brazilian Minister of Justice. There was no indication from the Ministry as to whether new information might have been received that Mengele may be hiding in this country again.

Officials of the Justice Ministry, however, noted that, if Mengele has re-entered Brazil, it may be difficult to locate him. They pointed out that many Germans, possibly including some war criminals, emigrated to Brazil after the end of World War II. The postwar German immigrants have largely been integrated among hundreds of thousands of former Germans now living in various areas of Brazil.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA IN BRAZIL CLEANSED OF DEFINITIONS OFFENSIVE TO JEWS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A campaign undertaken here several years ago to cleanse the Great Brazilian Encyclopedia of previously used anti-Semitic definitions was seen here today as having succeeded. The new, 20th edition of the encyclopedia, issued today, has eliminated the former definitions of Jew as "swindler," rabbi as "devil," and synagogue as "a place where people gather for illegal business."

Fernando Levisky, a prominent attorney, had undertaken a drive several years ago to have such definitions deleted from the encyclopedia. Today, leaders of the Jewish community congratulated him on his success.

## AUSTRALIAN STATE ELIMINATES 'CHRISTIAN' TEACHING FROM SCHOOL SYLLABUS

MELBOURNE, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Department of Education of New South Wales today issued a new primary school syllabus which emphasizes no single religion and teaches "the good life," rather than religious dogma. The new syllabus replaces a 1959 revision of the social studies curriculum which had included Scripture with the expressed aim of underlining Christianity. That curriculum was officially aimed to give meaning and purpose "to our Australian way of life."

The change goes into effect immediately and is expected to cause controversy among some parents and church leaders. Members of the Jewish community and the Humanist Society had opposed the old syllabus.

"Public education can no longer emphasize a single system of religion as the basis of ethical instruction," the new syllabus declares. The instructions added that the curriculum "is not concerned with teaching Christianity or Judaism, but may often be concerned with teaching about Christianity or Judaism or about the religious systems to which our Asian neighbors adhere. It will bring out worthy ethical principles shared by all men. It will develop tolerance of all religions."

## ROBERT BRISCOE, FORMER DUBLIN MAYOR, SAYS HE WILL RETIRE FROM DAIL

DUBLIN, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Robert Briscoe, former Lord Mayor of Dublin, and the only Jewish member of the Dail, the lower house of the Irish Parliament, said here today that he will not run in next year's Parliamentary elections.

Mr. Briscoe, who was first elected to the Dail in 1927, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that: "I shall be 70 next September, and I don't want to go on until I am too old for the job--it is time to stand down and make room for other people."

Mr. Briscoe, who served twice as Lord Mayor of Dublin, is a lifelong Zionist.

## MEXICAN PRESIDENT HELPS SEND FOLKLORE BALLET FOR TOUR OF ISRAEL

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The 120-member Mexican Folklore Ballet will leave for Israel this weekend for a series of performances. Mexican President Alfredo Lopez Mateos has personally played an important role in making the tour possible.

## COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ASKS DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO REFORM IMMIGRATION LAW

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The National Council of Churches today called on the platform committee of the Democratic Party to include a plank in the party's platform pledging efforts to eliminate the discriminatory, national origins quota provisions of U. S. immigration laws;

Addressing the committee, Mrs. Theodore F. Wallace, a vice-president of the National Council of Churches, said that "any system which gives three countries (Germany, Ireland and the United Kingdom) 70 per cent of the available quotas, while 102 countries receive the remaining 30 per cent, is an affront to the peoples of the world."

"We hope that the Democratic National Convention could pledge its support for substantial reform of our immigration laws at the earliest possible moment," Mrs. Wallace declared.

## N. Y. BOARD OF RABBIS SETS DAY OF PRAYER ON BEHALF OF RUSSIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The first day of Rosh Hashanah has been designated as a special day of prayer for Divine intercession on behalf of the Jews of the Soviet Union by the New York Board of Rabbis. In making this announcement today, Rabbi Max Schenk, president of the Board, also issued an appeal to the leaders of other religions "to raise their voices to protest the discrimination practiced against Jews and Judaism in the Soviet Union."

Rabbi Harold Gordon, executive vice-president of the Board, said that this was the first time such an appeal on an organized level would be made on the High Holy Days. In the past, rabbis have made mention of Russia's Jews in individual sermons or prayers.

## California Governor Supports Petition Against Soviet Anti-Semitism

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Governor Edmund G. Brown today announced his support of efforts by the California Committee to Protest Soviet Anti-Semitism in securing signatures on a petition against Soviet anti-Semitism, which will be submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Commission. The Committee is sponsored by the Jewish Labor Committee and the Workmen's Circle here.

The petition will be circulated beginning August 24, which marks the 25th anniversary of the signing of the infamous Hitler-Stalin pact. Support of the petition was also announced by W. J. Bassett, executive secretary of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, who said that "the Soviet Union is the only major power in the world today, where anti-Semitism is officially inspired. We cannot permit these violations of human rights to go unheeded by world public opinion."

## 199 MARYTRS OF 'ILLEGAL' PALESTINE IMMIGRATION TO BE HONORED BY ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The bodies of 199 Jewish refugees attempting to emigrate "illegally" to Palestine, who drowned in December 1940 off the coast of Turkey when their vessel, the San Salvador, capsized in a storm, will be reinterred with state honors August 31 on Mount Herzl here, it was announced today.

Of the 323 refugees aboard the 65-foot vessel when it went down, 120 were rescued. All but four of the bodies were recovered, and buried in the Turkish village of Salivara. The immigrants had boarded the ship in Bulgaria.

The reinterment is being sponsored by a public committee headed by Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, in cooperation with the Israel Government, the Bulgarian Immigrants Association, the mayors of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and the Yad Vashem documentation center.

## TWO ISRAELI INSURANCE FIRMS MERGE; COMBINE IS LARGEST IN COUNTRY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The board of directors of Migdal, Israel's largest life insurance company, today voted to acquire the Binyan Insurance Company as a wholly-owned subsidiary in a transaction that will constitute the largest merger in Israel's history. A controlling interest in both firms is owned by Africa-Palestine Investments, Ltd.

Although the two companies will continue to operate separately, the merger is expected to increase the profitability of both firms by increased efficiency and reduction of administrative expenses. Migdal's life insurance in force at the end of last year totaled 282,000,000 pounds (\$94,000,000).

Migdal, which now owns seven per cent of the shares of Binyan, will acquire the remaining 93 per cent of the shares from Africa-Palestine Investments, which will receive in return 575,000 shares of Migdal stock. About 60 per cent of the shares of Migdal will be owned by Africa-Palestine.