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## JORDAN SEEKS MORE U. S. MILITARY AID; THREATENS TO TURN TO U. S. S. R.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Jordanian diplomats have informed the United States that the Soviet Union has offered Jordan modern arms, including supersonic Jet planes, and asked if America is willing to provide similar arms.

Jordan said it would prefer to update its military posture with equipment from the United States, but might turn to the USSR if Washington fails to act. There was no doubt here whatever that the planned modernization of the Jordanian air force was intended as a counter to Israel's fast, French-made Mirage jet aircraft.

State Department sources indicated apprehension lest Israel seek "balancing arms" in the event of a decision to help modernize the Jordanian army and air force. The traditional sources of Jordanian arms have been Great Britain and the United States.

(A dispatch received today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from Bonn reported that Jordan's King Hussein has decided to visit West Germany in November. Hussein, according to the report, is interested in tightening relations with West Germany, and will discuss Israeli-Jordan affairs in general as well as steps for the strengthening of Jordan's military potential.)

### Jordan Tightens Anti-Israel Boycott, Blacklists 44 Firms

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Jordan has blacklisted 44 foreign firms, including 10 in Britain, as well as others in the United States and West Germany, and banned imports of their products, it was reported here today from Amman. The firms were presumably blacklisted for trade ties with Israel.

The blacklisted British firms included a kosher butcher, a confederation of life insurance associations, a fruit merchant, the Peltours Travel Agency which sponsors tours to both Israel and Jordan, the Warburg bankers, and other companies. The other firms are located in France, Greece, Holland, Belgium, Australia, Turkey and Nigeria.

## ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT URGED TO DEAL EXCLUSIVELY WITH ISRAEL ISSUE

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministers of the 13 Arab League states, meeting in Egypt to prepare an agenda for the Arab summit conference to be held in Alexandria, sought to confine the agenda to the "Palestinian question," it was reported here today from Cairo.

Some of the Arab delegations, according to the report, insisted on enlarging the agenda to include the Yemen problem, which involves Egyptian aggression. But the Saudi Arabian representatives insisted that Israel be made the sole topic of the Alexandria parley, which is scheduled to open this weekend.

Among the items affecting Israel, it was indicated, will be the Arab refugee problem, "liberation of Palestine" by an army to include refugees as well as military elements from Arab countries, proposals for an Arab common market, alleged Israeli "infiltration" in newly independent Asian-African countries, and a report that Israel was using atomic energy for military purposes.

## ISRAEL IN PROMINENT ROLE AT U. N. CONFERENCE ON ATOMS FOR PEACE

GENEVA, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Israel is playing a prominent role at the Third International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, which was convened here yesterday by the United Nations, in cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Fifteen Israeli scientists and experts are attending the conference, and Israelis will present a total of 11 papers at the conference, which is to run until September 9. Both the size of Israel's delegation and the number of papers by Israelis is considered as significant, since few countries of Israel's size have representation at the conference.

One of the major Israeli papers will deal with the feasibility of nuclear power for desalination of sea water -- a subject in which Israel is graded among the top countries regarding expertise. Three Israeli scientists collaborated on that paper. They are Professor Shimon Yiftah, head of the nuclear science department of Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology at Haifa; and Prof. F. Aschner and Pinhas Glueckstern, both of the Israel Electric Corporation.

## SOVIET PRESS SEEN CONTINUING BARRAGE OF ANTI-JEWISH INVECTIVES

LCHDCN, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Soviet newspapers, some of them not generally available in the West, have been continuing all this summer to feature articles and "news" reports, depicting Soviet Jews as "anti-social," "miserly," and "plunderers of state funds," according to a survey of some of those papers compiled here today. The newspapers scanned included the Moscow daily, *Leninskoe Znamya*; *Pravda Ukrainskaya*, organ of the Communist Party in the Ukraine; and a number of other journals, some published in Moscow and Kiev, others in more remote provincial centers.

In each case, the survey showed, the men attacked were not described as Jewish, but the names were easily recognizable by all Soviet readers as typically Jewish. Among the men attacked have been Mikhail Nisonovitch Lemberg, charged with being ringleader of a gang that had robbed the state of 22,000 rubles; a gynecologist named Dr. Samuel Chtern; a "grain robber" named Iosif Borisovich Gurevich; a film agent identified as Lev Solodov; an alleged crook named Alexander Naumovitch Gofman; and four men called Frekhtman, Roiz, Tsalkovic and Blithstein.

Most of the cases involved, according to the reports in the controlled press, offenses that were admittedly petty. But, in each instance, the newspaper articles took pains to describe the men in such a manner as to make them seem repulsive to "cultured persons" in the USSR.

### House Gets Bill to Condemn Russia for 'Serious' Anti-Semitism

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Rep. Donald Rumsfeld, Illinois Republican, today asked the House of Representatives to condemn "the increasingly serious persecution of Jews within the Soviet Union." He is the author of a pending resolution which would call on Russia to live up to its guarantee of religious freedom. He said that his constituents called his attention to anti-Jewish developments in Russia.

## ISRAELI RABBINATE AMENDS DIRECTIVE OFFENSIVE TO INDIAN JEWS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbinate Council today changed its marriage directives in line with a recent resolution adopted by the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, and omitted any reference to the Bnei Israel community of Indian Jews. The earlier directives had called for an investigation of the ancestry of those of the Bnei Israel community wishing to marry other Jews, and had led to extended protests by members of the group who felt that they were victims of discrimination.

The new regulations do not mention the Bnei Israel, but call for an investigation of ancestry in any cases where there are any doubts or suspicions regarding antecedents. The object, as in the previous directives, is to determine whether any ancestors were converts to Judaism who might have undergone incomplete conversion rites; Leaders of the Bnei Israel community expressed satisfaction today with the new directives.

## TWO ISRAEL CHIEF RABBIS DIFFER ON KASHRUTH, BUT SPLIT IS DENIED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- While shops in other parts of the country have already received kashruth certificates from the Rabbinate for the sale of meat slaughtered in the Marbek cooperative abattoir, the Jerusalem Rabbinate today posted warnings throughout the city that the sale of the meat has not yet been approved here.

The latest development followed the conclusion last week of an agreement between the Rabbinate and Marbek along lines proposed by Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman and forestalling a clash between the secular and rabbinic authorities when a Supreme Court hearing on the matter was canceled.

The Chief Rabbinate Council, meanwhile, today issued a statement denying reports of a dispute on the matter between the two Chief Rabbis. The statement apparently referred to reports that Sephardi Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim had criticized the agreement reached with Marbek by the Tel Aviv Rabbinate, which is headed by Rabbi Unterman. Rabbi Nissim is reported to have indicated that he would have preferred a showdown on the question of the jurisdiction of the Rabbinate and the secular courts.

## FIRST YM-YWHA IN JERUSALEM TO BE BUILT AT COST OF \$600,000

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Groundbreaking ceremonies were held here today for the first YM-YWHA building in Jerusalem, to be built by the World Federation of YMHA's and Jewish Community Centers. Taking part in the ceremonies were the participants in a conference on YM-YWHA and Jewish Community Center work, which opened here yesterday under the auspices of the World Federation in cooperation with the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work of the Hebrew University.

The Jerusalem YM-YWHA will be a two-story building located in the Katamon quarter of the city. A three-acre plot was made available by the Jerusalem Municipality. The first unit of the Jerusalem "Y", which will cost an estimated \$600,000, will contain a youth lounge, an assembly hall, a library, music room, snack bar, carpentry shop, photography laboratory, arts and crafts shop, club rooms, a swimming pool and a gymnasium.

## AUSTRALIAN AIRLINE BOW TO ARAB BOYCOTT INTERESTS PRIME MINISTER

CANBERRA, Australia, Sept. 1: (JTA) -- Sir Barnett Janner, British Labor member of Parliament and former president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that Australian Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies "showed genuine interest" in the concern by Jewish circles here and abroad over the decision by the Australian Qantas Airlines to cancel the appointment of an agent in Israel.

Sir Barnett, who met with Mr. Menzies, said that the Premier told him that anti-Semitism in Australia is negligible, with only a small group of extremists active in the country.

The British legislator also met with Senator Denham Henty, Minister of Civil Aviation, who recently denied that representations from Arab countries were behind the decision by Qantas to cancel the appointment of a Tel Aviv representative. Sir Barnett told the Minister that, regardless of the reason for the decision, the matter appears to give "aid and comfort" to the Arab boycott of Israel.

Sir Barnett said that Jews throughout Australia and other parts of the world were concerned about the matter, and that many persons would not travel by Qantas until the issue was definitely cleared up. He added that he himself would not return to London by Qantas.

Sir Barnett said today that warm response and understanding over the matter had been shown by other members of the Australian Parliament on both sides of the House.

A group of Sydney businessmen, meanwhile, were planning today to withdraw air cargo consignments from the Australian airline.

## VATICAN FAILS TO CONFIRM PLAN FOR INTERFAITH CENTER IN JERUSALEM

ROME, Sept. 1: (JTA) -- The Vatican press office said today it could not confirm reports emanating from Rome to the effect that Pope Paul VI plans to establish in Jerusalem an Institute for Comparative Theological Studies, to commemorate the Pontiff's visit to the Holy Land last winter.

The report did not indicate whether such an institute would be located in Israel's Jerusalem, or in the Old City, which is under Jordanian jurisdiction. The institute would be designed, according to the report, to advance unity within the Christian Church, Catholic and non-Catholic, as well as greater understanding between Christians and non-Christians.

## ITALIAN CATHEDRAL REPORTED REMOVING OLD RITUAL MURDER CANARD

ROME, Sept. 1: (JTA) -- The Diocese of Trento, in northern Italy, has started the removal from the Trento Cathedral of pictures and sculptures depicting the alleged ritual murder by Jews of a Christian boy--Simon of Trent--500 years ago, it was reported here today.

The disappearance in 1475 of Simon Unverdorben, a three-year-old child, before Passover of that year, touched off false rumors that he had been killed by Trento Jews for use of his blood for their Passover meal. The Jews of Trento were forced to "confess" the alleged crime by unspeakable tortures, and were then executed by burning and beheading. A papal bull of June 20, 1478, confirmed the handling of the Trento Jews as "proper," and beatified the boy as a martyr. Worship of the embalmed body of the boy in "his" chapel continued, with worshipers observing the pictures and sculptures showing Simon's alleged murder by the Jews.

In recent years, the chapel containing this medieval horror story has been opened "only" once a year. Fifteenth century rabbis placed a ban on Trento and its territory, to last as long as the ritual murder libel was continued.

The pictures will be transferred to a museum to remind future generations of Italy's dark ages. The stained glass of Simon's "martyrdom" will be replaced by one of Moses. In the chapel itself, a statue of the late Pope John XXIII will symbolize the new era of Catholic-Jewish relations.

Many leading Jewish, Catholic and Protestant personalities have sought during the past century to have the ancient charge retracted, and the material in the Cathedral removed.

## U.N. TO UNVEIL MARC CHAGALL WINDOW COMMEMORATING HAMMARSKJOLD

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 1: (JTA) -- The United Nations announced today that a stained glass panel by the famous Jewish artist, Marc Chagall will be unveiled at UN headquarters here on September 17, as a memorial to former Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld and the 15 persons who died with him in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia. The ceremony will mark the third anniversary of the accident.

The memorial will be unveiled by Secretary-General U Thant in the lobby of the Secretariat Building in the presence of the artist and Mrs. Chagall. United Nations staff members here and abroad have contributed \$15,000 to date for this project. The panel, 15 feet wide and 12 feet high, depicts conceptions by Mr. Chagall on the themes of peace and man.

## NEW DEVICE FOR KOSHER SLAUGHTER BEING TESTED BY OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- An agreement to evaluate a device to eliminate shackling and hoisting of small food animals, without violation of Jewish ritual slaughter requirements, was announced today by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Ohio State University.

The Society has sponsored development of both the Small Animal Holding Pen and the Large Animal Holding Pen. The latter has been approved by Orthodox Jewish organizations, and is now in use in various cities for kosher slaughter of large food animals. The ASPCA holding pens were designed primarily to harmonize new anti-hoisting concepts with Jewish ritual slaughter requirements, and both devices are being made available to the meat industry without royalties and without profits to the ASPCA.

The Joint Advisory Committee of the National Community Relations Advisory Council and the Synagogue Council of America has cooperated with the ASPCA program.

A prototype of the second device, known as the ASPCA Small Animal Holding Pen, is now under construction by the Cincinnati Butchers' Supply Company. It will be installed at Ohio State University for testing by the animal science department of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

James H. Jenkins, ASPCA president, in announcing the evaluation plan, noted that the ASPCA program has had Orthodox rabbinical support as well as favorable consideration by the Meat Inspection Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Development of the devices ended a long-standing dispute between the ASPCA and Jewish organizations. The ASPCA agreed that Jewish ritual slaughter was humane, but contended that animals suffered in pre-slaughter handling because of the ritual requirement that animals must be conscious at slaughter. Dean Roy M. Kottman, of the Ohio State University College of Agriculture, said he could not indicate immediately how much time would be needed to determine whether the small pen was practical.

## JEWISH STUDENTS AT HARVARD REPORTED 'VAGUE' ON JEWISH VALUES

CLINTON, Conn., Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The majority of Jewish students at Harvard College have "a strong sense of belonging to Judaism," but most of them "have a vague knowledge of Judaism, and infrequently participate in Jewish causes and problems," the 11th annual convention of the Student Zionist Organization was told here today. The report was made after a survey by Jonas Galper, a Harvard graduate now studying at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, in New York.

Mr. Galper, who conducted the survey with the help of SZO and Dr. Stanley King, director of the Harvard Student Study, said his poll showed that 65 per cent of the Jewish students at Harvard would intermarry. On the question of dating, he reported, 45 per cent of the Jewish men polled said they would date only Jewish girls, 45 per cent said they would date girls regardless of religion, while 10 per cent asserted they would date only non-Jewish girls.

In answers to other questions, 90 per cent said they are interested in visiting Israel; 27 per cent said it was important to observe Kashruth; and 66 per cent said it was important to observe the Jewish holidays.

## QUEBEC GOVERNMENT APPOINTS FIRST JEW TO COUNCIL OF EDUCATION

MONTREAL, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Professor Perry Meyer, assistant professor of law at McGill University, and a member of the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, was appointed by the Government of Quebec today to serve as a member of the newly constituted Superior Council of Education. His appointment marks the first time a Jew has been named to serve on any Quebec Government educational body.

The Superior Council of Education is composed by law of 16 Catholic representatives, four Protestant representatives, and one member who is neither Catholic nor Protestant. Professor Meyer was selected from a list of nominees submitted by Canadian Jewish Congress at the request of the Quebec Government.

## CHICAGO JEWISH TEACHERS EXCUSED FROM SPECIAL NEW YEAR SESSIONS

CHICAGO, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Jewish teachers in the Chicago Public School System will be excused from special teachers' orientation sessions, to be held next Tuesday, Sept. 8, the day preceding the opening of the school term, because the second day of Rosh Hashanah falls on that day, it was announced here today.

Rabbi Mordecai Simon, executive director of the Chicago Board of Rabbis, said the agreement on this point was reached in correspondence with the office of Dr. Benjamin C. Willis, general superintendent of the Chicago Public Schools. Rabbi Simon said that Jewish teachers will be afforded a brief period of orientation before the start of classes on Wednesday, September 9.