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## JORDAN BUYS \$84,000,000 WORTH OF BRITISH JETS; USSR UPS EGYPTIAN AID

LONDON, Jan. 2: (JTA) -- The Jordanian Government has decided to order from Britain some 30,000,000 pounds sterling (\$84,000,000) worth of supersonic Lightning jet interceptor fighter planes, subject to financial arrangements between the two countries, it was reported here today. An official announcement is expected within a week.

If reports of the sale are confirmed, it will bring the value of exports of British arms to Middle Eastern countries during the last month to a record 124,000,000 pounds sterling (\$347,200,000).

At the same time, it was reported here today that Egypt and the Soviet Union have signed a five-year trade payments agreement, boosting the volume of trade between the two countries. Under the pact, which will run until 1970, trade between Egypt and the USSR will be increased from \$182,000,000 to \$280,000,000. The Soviet Union will export to Egypt various types of machinery and equipment, as well as oil and coal.

## Congressman Calls on U. S. A. to End Arms Shipments to Jordan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2: (JTA) -- Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal, New York Democrat, called on the United States Department of State this weekend to end arms shipments to Jordan, and to review the nation's policy of arms aid to all Arab countries. Noting reports that the United States has supplied Patton medium tanks to the Jordanian army, Rep. Rosenthal said that such action stimulates, rather than controls, conflict in the Middle East.

## ISRAEL REPORTS SMASHING OF SPY RING; FOUR ARABS ARRESTED IN GALILEE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 2: (JTA) -- Israeli authorities disclosed today the smashing of a pro-Lebanese spy ring, with the arrest of four Arabs in western Galilee.

One of the Arabs was caught on December 11, enroute from Israel to Lebanon. The three others were arrested a few days later. They were remanded in custody today by an order of a court in Acre. Israel complained about the spying activities to the Israeli-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission.

## ESHKOL, STILL IN RELIGIOUS DISPUTE, DELAYS CABINET FORMATION AGAIN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2: (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol will probably postpone for several days the presentation of a new Cabinet to the Knesset (Parliament), which he was scheduled to do tomorrow; it was indicated here today. The purpose of such a postponement was to enable the Premier to make renewed efforts to include the National Religious Party in the coalition.

Without the NRP, Premier Eshkol's narrow coalition would include only his Mapai-Achdut Avoda alignment, Mapam and the Independent Liberals, and would command only a slim majority of 52 of the 120 Knesset votes. The religious party, a member of the current caretaker Government and of the Eshkol coalition before the elections last November 2, has thus far refused to join the new coalition unless its demands for stricter Sabbath enforcement are met. The Premier is now expected to submit his new Cabinet either later this week or on Monday of next week.

## GERMANY, ISRAEL NAME DELEGATIONS FOR TALKS ON BONN'S ECONOMIC AID

BONN, Jan. 2: (JTA) -- Asher Ben-Nathan, Israel's first Ambassador to West Germany, and Dr. Rolf Lahr, state secretary at the West German Foreign Office, will head their respective delegations for negotiations for West German economic aid to Israel, it was announced here today.

The West German Government announced last week it had extended a "first credit" of \$18,750,000 to Israel, and that negotiations on an economic agreement between the two countries would begin in January. A pledge to negotiate such an agreement was made by the West German Government last spring in talks leading to an exchange of diplomatic recognition between the two countries.

FIVE JEWS ON BRITISH QUEEN'S HONOR LIST; ISRAEL SIEFF A LIFE BARON

LONDON, Jan. 2; (JTA) -- At least five Jews including Israel Sieff, honorary president of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, were included in the Queen's New Year's honors list announced here yesterday. Mr. Sieff, who is also chairman of the European executive of the World Jewish Congress, was made a Life Baron. Such a peerage lasts only for the life of the baron, and is not transmitted to the recipient's heirs.

Other Jews on the list included Dr. Ludwig Guttman of the London Orthopedic Center, a pioneer in rehabilitation medicine; Alderman S. Hamberger, Otto Frankel, an Australian scientist; and A. Hauser, all of whom received the title of Member of the British Empire.

HISTORIANS HEAR OF POPE PAUL'S ROLE IN WAR, 'SILENCE' OF PIUS XII

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2; (JTA) -- Pope Paul VI who, in 1960, served in a highly trusted position in the Vatican under his name of Giovanni Batista Montini, had acted as a "particularly trusted intermediary" for the late Pope Pius XII in informing the British and French Ambassadors in Rome that Hitler was about to attack their countries, it was revealed here this weekend. The disclosure was made in a paper read to the convention of the American Historical Association by Prof. Harold C. Deutsch, head of the history department at the University of Minnesota. He identified himself as a man of "no particular religious affiliation." (In Rome today, the Vatican confirmed the present pontiff's role in the events related by Prof. Deutsch.)

The paper by Prof. Deutsch was one of a number on the role of the Vatican prior to and during World War II presented to the historians by a number of scholars, Catholic and non-Catholic. Prof. John L. Snell, of Tulane University, New Orleans, the official commentator at the session, saying that Pius had been "no admirer of Hitler," noted nevertheless that the wartime Pope had been in error for not speaking out against Hitler's program for the annihilation of European Jews.

Dr. Snell said that, had it not been for "The Deputy," the drama about Pius' silence on the subject, written by a German playwright and creating controversy around the world, the papers here would probably not have been on the program. He accused one of the Catholic speakers at the session of having "glossed over" this issue. "Historians," he said, "must grapple with the silence of Pius XII."

SHAZAR SEES HOPE IN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL'S 'ENLIGHTENED INTENTIONS'

TEL AVIV, Jan. 2; (JTA) -- President Shazar expressed the hope today that the "enlightened intentions" of the Second Vatican Council and other Christian churches to combat religious persecution and racial hatred would soon be translated into deeds.

He made the comment in receiving the leaders of Israel's 16 Christian denominations to present them with New Year's greetings. Archbishop Hakim, head of the Greek Catholic Church, said in his response, that it was indeed now up to the clergy to implement the declarations approved by the Ecumenical Council, both in regard to other Christian churches "as well as vis-a-vis our Jewish and Moslem brethren."

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY IN HONOR OF MARTYRS OBSERVED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2; (JTA) -- Memorial services were held in synagogues throughout Israel today to commemorate the World War II Nazi holocaust. On Mount Zion here, special services were held in the Cave of the Holocaust, where ashes from the crematoria of several Nazi death camps are preserved as a monument to the 6,000,000 Jews murdered by the Nazis.

In Tel Aviv, several hundred young Israelis gathered outside the German Embassy on the eve of Holocaust Memorial Day, planning to light six candles in memory of the six million Jewish victims. Fearing an incident, police asked the group to move on. The service was held in nearby Independence Park.

ISRAEL PLANS TO CANCEL LIMITATIONS STATUTE FOR CRIME OF GENOCIDE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2; (JTA) -- The statute of limitations on the crime of genocide will be canceled, according to the provisions of a bill submitted today by the Government to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. The bill conforms with the international draft treaty drawn up recently by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

SWASTIKAS SMEARED ON SEVERAL BUILDINGS IN WEST BERLIN; NO ARRESTS

BERLIN, Jan. 2; (JTA) -- Swastikas were found today to have been smeared on the walls of several buildings in the Charlottenburg district of West Berlin. Similar defacements were found in the same area several times in October and November of this year. Thus far, no arrests have been made in connection with these anti-Semitic daubings. An exhibition on Auschwitz was opened here today near the Zoo Station. The site is near the center of this city.

REFORM TEMPLE EDUCATORS TO INTENSIFY TEACHING ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2: (JTA) -- The National Association of Temple Educators called today upon Jewish teachers to intensify their studies of Christianity and other faiths to meet the growing demand for knowledge of various religions from religious school youngsters; The educators from the 664 Reform Jewish synagogues of the Union of American Hebrew congregations in the United States and Canada concluding their annual convention here, indicated that this was necessary because "in this ecumenical age the frequency of communication between the church and the synagogue has increased;" They reelected Max Frankel, of Temple Emanuel, Denver, as president;

The convention adopted a resolution calling on Reform congregations "to expand our participation in cooperative institutes, seminars, and workshops for religious school teachers involving religious institutions of all faiths and denominations in the community, and to share information and broaden interfaith understanding to make more effective the teaching of comparative religion."

At the same time the NATE members adopted a statement encouraging greater contact and communications between youngsters of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism through social, religious and organizational programs; The educators felt the need not to neglect a broader understanding by the young men and women in the religious schools of the various branches of Judaism while, at the same time, gaining a greater insight into Christianity and other religions;

Abraham Segal, Philadelphia; the newly appointed director of teacher education of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in New York City, announced that his department would prepare educational materials on comparative religions in a curriculum for teacher certification; The UAHC department would also encourage and provide material for regional teacher training education institutes in this same area; He said that this increased interfaith understanding is necessary "to meet the growing menace of secularism and materialism, especially in our urban centers; We must cooperate with other religious faiths in improving our communications and impact on all age levels, he declared;

Dr. Louis Lister, chairman of the NATE resolutions committee and professor of Education at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, said that there had been an increased popularity in courses on comparative religion in the religious schools of Reform congregations; He indicated that such courses were being supplemented by visits to churches and institutions representing other faiths, so that youngsters could observe ritual and other practices;

Rabbi Sees Loosening of Ethnic Ties, Stresses Religious Orientation

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, UAHC national director of education, called for a radical revision of the approach to Jewish education to conform with the pervasive changes in the American Jewish community; He said the present program of religious education, promulgated decades ago, has become largely irrelevant, and "fails to cut into the current of our children's deeper needs;" He called for a change of emphasis in Jewish education from an "ethnic to a religiously centered curriculum," explaining that "the younger generation views Judaism in strictly religious terms, and finds unintelligible the stress placed by their parents on a cultural, national and defense-oriented Judaism;"

Rabbi Schindler spoke of the "loosening of the ethnic strains" which once bound the American Jewish community and of the "compensating reinforcement of the religious bonds expected to serve as a unifying force in the stead;" He stated that the "secular culture or nationhood envisaged by many Jews of a previous generation has proved illusory, incapable of fulfillment on the American scene; The community has become a communion, bound by belief, turning primarily to religion to define its nature and to justify its continuity;"

As a first step Rabbi Schindler announced that the Commission on Jewish Education of Reform Judaism -- a joint body of the UAHC and the Central Conference of American Rabbis -- has directed its curriculum committee, under the chairmanship of Rabbi Samuel Glasner, of Baltimore, to "summon a conference of Jewish theologians of diverse convictions not necessarily to forge a unified Reform Jewish theology, but to agree on what we should teach our children in the realm of belief;" He also indicated that the UAHC's department of education must begin producing new texts, new teachers guides, redirect the orientation of existing texts, and change the orientation of our religious school teachers;

WORLD JEWISH POPULATION SET AT 13,887,000; U. S. TOTAL IS 5,612,000

NEW YORK, Jan. 2: (JTA) -- A survey of Jewish communities made public here today by the World Jewish Congress put the global total of Jews at 13,887,000;

The survey, carried out by the WJC's Institute of Jewish Affairs, noted that the vast majority, 10,885,000, reside in three countries: U. S. A., 5,612,000; USSR, 3,000,000; Israel, 2,273,000; The remaining 3,000,000 are scattered in almost 100 lands around the world;

BAN ON U. S. SUBSIDIES URGED FOR SHIP LINE BOWING TO ARAB BOYCOTT

NEW YORK, Jan. 2; (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith suggested to the State Department today that federal subsidies be withdrawn from the American President Lines, a big West Coast shipping company, for canceling a scheduled stop by one of its vessels in Haifa, Israel, under Arab pressure.

The firm announced last week that it had promised Egypt not to let one of its cruising ships visit Haifa, after the Cairo Government had threatened to bar the vessel when it would try to pass through the Suez Canal.

Arnold Forster, general counsel for the ADL, said today that there is "no evidence that the United Arab Republic had threatened such action nor that the American President Lines had asked our Government's help in the face of such a threat." According to Mr. Forster, the State Department had pointed out that "denial of such passage would be a violation of the convention under which the U.A.R. operates the Canal." The ADL official called the promised action by the American President Lines "contrary to United States policy" and a violation of U. S. laws.

WORLD CONGRESS LEADER APPEALS TO GERMANY ON INDEMNIFICATION DELAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 2; (JTA) -- A plea for amendment of the West German Government's decision to defer compensation for Nazi victims was made here today by Dr. Max Nussbaum, chairman of the American section of the World Jewish Congress, on the eve of a scheduled visit to Berlin.

Dr. Nussbaum, in a statement critical of the recent decision of the German Parliament to defer until 1968 indemnification payments to certain categories of Nazi victims, deplored the announced delay in a letter sent to the West German envoy to Washington, Ambassador Heinrich Knappstein. Noting that "budgetary requirements" was the basis for the German Parliament action, Dr. Nussbaum stated:

"The hapless remnants of Nazi victims may well conclude that Germany is consciously abandoning its former exemplary policy of attempting in some measure to compensate those who survived the Hitler holocaust." Urging Ambassador Knappstein to convey the concern of the WJC American section to his Government, Dr. Nussbaum called for the initiation of immediate action to secure amendment of the German law so that due compensation "may be made without any delay at all."

DR. ALFRED HIRSCHBERG, BRAZIL DIRECTOR OF JTA, FETED IN SAO PAULO

SAO PAULO, Jan. 2; (JTA) -- State and municipal authorities and outstanding representatives of the political and cultural world joined here in a series of celebrations this weekend, marking the 25th anniversary of Dr. Alfred Hirschberg as editor-in-chief of the newspaper Chronica Israelita, and as a leader in the Jewish communal and inter-faith activities of the city.

Dr. Hirschberg, who is director in Brazil of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, began his Jewish communal activities in Germany in 1920. He assumed the editorship of the famed German Jewish weekly "CV Zeitung" in 1933, when Hitler came to power, and edited that paper in Berlin until the Nazis forced his emigration in 1938. He served at the same time as joint executive director of the Central Union of German Jews.

In Brazil, Dr. Hirschberg was a leader in the organization of the Christian-Jewish Brotherhood Council and of the Brazilian Institute for Human Rights. As executive director of the Sao Paulo Jewish community -- the Congregacao Israelita Paulista -- since 1940, Dr. Hirschberg was largely responsible for developing and modernizing the organizational setup and in developing relations between Latin America's Jewish communities and in strengthening contacts and relationships with the non-Jewish world.

DR. MANFRED GEORGE, EDITOR OF 'AUFBAU,' AUTHOR, DIES AT AGE OF 72

NEW YORK, Jan. 2; (JTA) -- Dr. Manfred George, editor of the German language Jewish weekly Aufbau died here this weekend. He was 72.

Dr. George who was also a biographer and novelist, was known as a liberal editor in Germany before the advent of Nazism. He became editor of Aufbau after arriving here in 1939. Under his direction, the weekly grew from a small monthly newsletter to an influential publication with a circulation of 30,000. Dr. George was the author of a popular biography of Theodor Herzl with introductions by Thomas Mann and Albert Einstein.

GOLDBERG ATTENDS FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MOTHER-IN-LAW; SHE WAS 83

CHICAGO, Jan. 2; (JTA) -- Arthur J. Goldberg, chief United States Ambassador to the United Nations, returned here today to attend funeral services for his mother-in-law, Mrs. Esther Feldman Kurgans, who died here this weekend at Michael Reese Hospital. She was 83. Mrs. Kurgans was active in Pioneer Women. Ambassador Goldberg cut short vital Government missions abroad relating to the Viet Nam war to attend the obsequies for his mother-in-law.