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STATE DEPT. EVASIVE ON AMERICANS WORKING ON MILITARY ROCKETS IN EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10: (JTA) -- A State Department spokesman today declined to state the present United States policy toward American citizens working in the Egyptian military rocket industry but said that the Department was looking into reports of the employment of Americans in such work.

He was asked to define U. S. policy toward such activity by American scientists, in connection with a report today from Cairo that two Americans have been working there secretly for the Egyptian rocket system, and that the two have worked in American space industry before accepting the engagements in Egypt. The Cairo report also said that U. S. Embassy officials in Egypt have acknowledged that they had "heard" of the activities by the two men for some time, but declined to say whether the reports were correct.

The two American rocket experts were reported to have taken up further development of the Egyptian rocket program after the chief West German scientist in charge of the program, Prof. Wolfgang Pilz, had returned to Germany. The West German rocket teams had developed three rockets with estimated ranges of 180 to 370 miles. Each of the rockets could hit Israeli targets from bases in the Sinai.

Robert McCloskey, State Department spokesman, said the Department had no information on the situation and could neither confirm nor deny the engagement of Americans in the Egyptian rocket program. Other U. S. officials said they knew of no legal barrier that would prevent American scientists who so desired from working for Egypt. It was pointed out that they would not be violating United States laws unless they were former Federal employees or had worked on Government contracts and had revealed secret information to a foreign employer.

Investigation of U. S. Rocket Experts Working in Egypt Sought

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10: (JTA) -- Rep. Seymour Halpern, in a speech on the House floor, announced today that he has asked the United States Attorney General to investigate possible violations of Federal law by American scientists employed in Egypt's military rocket industry.

The New York Republican told the House that he has also made a formal request for a Department of State investigation and public report on the matter. He termed the work by Americans in Egypt on rockets as "deplorable." He said that a full disclosure of facts is necessary "so that we in the Congress may take appropriate legislative action to ensure that these abuses do not recur."

Rep. Halpern pointed out that "there is a distinct possibility that the two Americans named in reports may be former Federal employees who, in the course of their work, may be marketing their nation's secrets for private gain in violation of Federal law." Accordingly, he said, the U. S. Department of Justice has been asked "to ascertain if such violations are taking place."

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, a member of the Near Eastern Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, made known today that he has asked Secretary of State Dean Rusk for a report on the extent of American military assistance of all kinds to the Arab states. He made the request in a letter to the Secretary of State.

Egypt Reported Able to Fire Rockets Toward Israel from Sinai

TEL AVIV, Jan. 10: (JTA) -- Egypt has established missile launching bases in the Sinai Desert from which the Egyptian Government could fire toward Israel its El Kaher and El Zafer rockets, developed by West German scientists and aided toward perfection by at least two Americans, the Lebanese press in Beirut reported today.

The Beirut newspaper El Hayat also reported that an American spokesman had explained that United States shipments of arms to the Arab states resulted from Israel's refusal to accept Washington advice against Israeli retaliations to counter Arab border raids. The spokesman was quoted as giving the following three reasons for the American arms

shipments to the Arab states; 1. United States desire to achieve a balance between Israeli and Arab armaments; 2. an effort to balance Soviet arms shipments and armaments shipped from the West; 3. an attempt to use American shipments in an effort to push Soviet influence out of the Middle East;

(Israel will maintain a strong deterrent military force regardless of cost as the best means for maintaining peace in view of the growing arms race in the Middle East, Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman declared last night in Miami. Addressing the 18th annual scholarship dinner of the Greater Miami Hebrew Academy, Ambassador Harman said that the founding of the State of Israel 18 years ago was an indication of the "overriding Jewish will to live following the Nazi period.")

KING OF JORDAN BANS RECRUITMENT OF REFUGEES INTO SEPARATE ARMY

LONDON, Jan. 10: (JTA) -- Jordan's Minister of the Interior, Abd'ul al Majali, left his capital, Amman, for Cairo today to discuss with the Arab summit conference under way there the deepening crisis resulting from King Hussein's ban against the recruitment of Arab refugees living in Jordan into the Palestine Liberation Organization, according to reports from Beirut received here.

The Jordanian Government announced last week it would bar the PLC's call for refugees to enter its forces, which are being organized by Ahmad Shukairy, chairman of the PLC and top recruitment representative of the Unified Arab Command. The PLC's objective is to heat up open warfare against Israel. In addition to recruiting refugees for the PLC, the organization is also imposing a tax on refugees who do not enlist. King Hussein has banned the tax also.

The King has stated openly that the move to organize the refugees into a fighting force would "disrupt the stability of Jordan and destroy Arab solidarity." Calling the Shukairy drive a "treasonable" move that would "play into the hands of Zionism," the King had said there was no room in Jordan for any military organization other than the Jordanian army "to represent the Palestinians." The so-called Palestinians make up about half of Jordan's total population. (The latest United Nations report gave the number of Arab refugees in Jordan as 637,493.)

JEWISH AGENCY PRESENTS BUDGET OF \$111,600,000 FOR CURRENT YEAR

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10: (JTA) -- A budget of \$111,600,000 was presented today by Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman and treasurer of the Jewish Agency, at the Agency's plenary session here. The total is expected to mean a slight decline in the activities of the Agency due to price rises in Israel, but activities in countries outside of Israel will not be affected.

The Zionist Actions Committee, supreme body of the Zionist Organization between Zionist Congresses, will open its session here tonight at the Convention Hall with an address by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization. He will speak on relations between the Zionist movement and world Jewry. The session, which will last 10 days, will elect additional members to the Jewish Agency executive, including non-party Zionists from the United States and European countries.

HISTADRUT PREPARED TO ACCEPT WAGE RESTRAINTS; CONDITIONS OUTLINED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 10: (JTA) -- The Histadrut convention closed here with election of a 350-member council, which will elect a new Histadrut executive. The new executive will be made up of 127 members, including 45 Mapai, 20 Achdut Avoda, 19 Gahal (Herut-Liberal), 18 Mapam, 15 Israel Workers Party (Rafi), six Independent Liberals, and two each for the two factions of the Communist Party.

Histadrut secretary-general Aharon Becker told the delegates labor would be prepared to accept wage restraints if it was assured that all sectors would share the national burden.

ISRAEL TESTS TELEVISION TRANSMISSION OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 10: (JTA) -- Test transmissions for Israel's developing educational television system were completed here today. Regular broadcasting of educational television programs are scheduled to start next March. These programs will be beamed, at first, only to schools in Jerusalem and in the central areas of the country. The educational TV system for Israel is being financed by the Rothschild Foundation.

Educational TV for Israel is the forerunner of an overall TV programming service, which is expected to start operating in two years. Already, however, Israelis possess thousands of television receivers. On these sets, Israelis have been tuning in to broadcasts from the neighboring Arab countries;

JEWS STUDENTS IN AUSTRALIA DEMONSTRATE IN FRONT OF SOVIET EMBASSY

CANBERRA, Jan. 10: (JTA) -- The Australian Jewish Students Organization demonstrated here for 90 minutes in front of the Soviet Embassy in protest against restrictions on Soviet Jewry. Embassy officials received a delegation of the students who handed the officials a protest petition.

ACQUITTAL IS ASKED FOR NAZI OFFICER ON TRIAL FOR KILLING 40,000 JEWS

KIEL, Jan. 6: (JTA) -- Defense attorneys for Martin Fellenz, a former lieutenant colonel in Hitler's SS, on trial here for the wartime murder of 40,000 Jews in the Cracow area in occupied Poland, today requested the court to acquit the man.

Fellenz has been on trial here on the mass murder charge since August 31. He had been found guilty during a previous trial, in 1962, for aiding two murders in the Cracow area in 1942, and received a four-year prison sentence. However, he was released by a court that ordered the deduction from his sentence of the period he had served prior to the trial. Last summer, he was rearrested on the mass murder accusation, and the Federal high court ordered the new trial, which is under way now.

In Luneburg, the state prosecution has requested the reopening of the trial of Reinhold Tuchenhausen, charged with having participated in the murder of Nissam Goldberg, a 58-year-old Jewish businessman, in Krusch, Western Prussia, during the Second World War. Tuchenhausen, 50, was brought to trial for the murder along with Otto Knurra, 70, last November, but the jury decided to discontinue the proceedings against both defendants.

GERMAN GROUP ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO PROMOTE SALE OF ISRAEL BONDS

BONN, Jan. 10: (JTA) -- Dr. Lotz Braunschweig, president of the German Society for Friendship with Israel, announced today that the Society will try to improve the climate between Germany and Israel. It is intended especially to support and promote the selling of Israel bonds in Germany.

A traveling exhibit of graphic art by 16 Israeli artists was opened in Kassel today in the presence of Israel Ambassador Asher Ben-Nathan and Dr. Georg A. Zinn, Premier of the province of Hesse. The exhibition, comprising 140 drawings and paintings, will also be held in Heidelberg, Wiesbaden and Wuppertal.

EURCART YIELDS TO ISRAEL; ALLOWS USE OF CHEMICALS FOR ORANGES

BRUSSELS, Jan. 10: (JTA) -- After months of discussions and bargaining with Israel and other countries exporting oranges to the six-nation European Common Market, the European Economic Community conceded today that the use of dyphenil to protect oranges in transit was not dangerous to human health.

Israel had protested a warning by the EEC that it might bar imported oranges treated with the chemical. In making the concession, the EEC noted that there were no adequate means to determine possible residues of the chemical on the fruits and therefore the EEC had not made any effort to fix any legal degree of tolerance in use of dyphenil.

The EEC said it had decided to allow use of the chemical during 1966 in accordance with regulations for its use in force in each member country without change. The EEC indicated it would later review settlement of the technical aspects of the question.

J.W.V. COMMANDER URGES BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM, IF PEACE TRY FAILS

MIAMI BEACH, Jan. 10: (JTA) -- The national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of America praised President Johnson's peace offensive yesterday as evidence to the world of the American desire for peace but asserted that if it failed to achieve its ends, the United States should resume full-scale bombing of North Viet Nam.

Addressing an Americanism Day rally sponsored by the Florida Department of the Jewish War Veterans, Milton A. Waldor, the JWV national commander, described his experiences on his recent visit to Viet Nam and told the audience of 800 that he had never seen men so dedicated and inspired as the American troops there.

(In a joint statement issued yesterday by the presidents of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the national commander of the Jewish War Veterans was strongly criticized for "bomb-rattling jingoism." A statement on the Viet Nam issue will be issued this week by the Synagogue Council of America, representing the views of all branches of religion in American Judaism.)

The Jewish War Veterans meeting was also addressed by Rep. Claude Pepper, State Attorney General Earl Faircloth and Mayor Elliot Roosevelt of Miami.

JEWISH COUPLE GIVES \$1,000,000 TO MT. SINAI HOSPITAL IN CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, Jan. 10 (JTA) -- Establishment of a new clinical research institute at Mt. Sinai Hospital to be known as the Shirley and Maurice Saltzman Institute for Clinical Research, has followed a record gift of \$1,000,000 by the couple. Announcement of the gift and the new Institute was made today by Max Freedman, Mt. Sinai president, at a special meeting of the Board.

The gift, the largest in the institution's history, is expected to exert a positive effect upon every aspect of its medical program. Mr. Saltzman is a trustee of Mt. Sinai Hospital, a vice-president of The Jewish Community Federation, and was recently appointed a fellow at Brandeis University.

143 ISRAEL TEACHERS NOW TEACHING IN JEWISH SCHOOLS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10; (JTA) -- Over 60 of the 143 Israeli exchange teachers now in the United States serving in 72 Jewish schools of all types -- Reform, Conservative and Orthodox as well as all-day schools and Yiddish schools -- attended the annual conference for the exchange teachers held here under the sponsorship of the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency for Israel, it was reported today.

In the nine years since its inception, 942 Israeli teachers have participated in this exchange program sponsored by the Agency's Department of Education and Culture in co-operation with the American Association for Jewish Education. The Israelis teach in the United States for periods from one to three years. Apart from the values in any cultural exchange program, this teachers' exchange program has also helped meet the shortage in trained teaching personnel in the American-Jewish educational field.

The conference was addressed by the Israel Consul General in New York, Michael Arnon; Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency; and Dr. Samuel Blumenfeld, director in the U.S. of the Agency's Department of Education and Culture. The teachers attended an all day seminar addressed by American and Israeli experts on the subject: "The Place of the Israeli Teacher in the American Jewish School."

CHICAGO RABBIS INSIST ONLY ORDAINED RABBI CAN OFFICIATE AT WEDDINGS

CHICAGO, Jan. 10; (JTA) -- The Chicago Board of Rabbis revived today the controversy over cantors officiating at weddings with a statement that "the proper officiant at all Jewish wedding ceremonies should be only a duly ordained rabbi."

The board said it had issued the statement because of "recent discussions in the community concerning the officiants at the wedding ritual." The statement held that a couple "embarking upon the sacred responsibilities of marriage," should have the "spiritual guidance, counsel and inspiration of a rabbi." The cantor could properly participate in the ceremony by chanting appropriate portions of the service only with the rabbi, the statement said.

CANADIAN JEWISH LEADER HEADS INTER-FAITH CONFERENCE OF 28 FAITHS

OTTAWA, Jan. 10; (JTA) -- Plans for inter-faith activities during the Canadian Inter-Faith Conference during Canada's Centennial Year, which starts on January 1, 1967, were announced here by Lavy Becker, Canadian Jewish leader who is chairman of the board of directors of the Inter-Faith Conference, to which 28 faiths now belong.

The Centennial Commission recently announced a \$60,000 grant to help the Conference plan inter-denominational projects for the next two years. The Conference intends, among other projects, to commission the writing of new prayers with "universal qualities that all support." It will also choose, within a few weeks, a poet and a composer to write a hymn for 1967.

DAVID N. MYERS REELECTED PRESIDENT OF CLEVELAND JEWISH FEDERATION

CLEVELAND, Jan. 10; (JTA) -- David N. Myers has been reelected president of The Jewish Community Federation. He has been president of the Jewish Orthodox Home for Aged and a Federation trustee for the past 17 years. Also reelected were Leonard Ratner, Maurice Saltzman, and Lloyd S. Schwenger, vice-presidents, and William C. Treuhaff, treasurer. Reelected as secretary of the board was Henry L. Zucker, who is also executive vice-president of the Federation.

CHAIM SHAPIRO, EX-PRESIDENT OF 'CITY OF HOPE' DIES IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10; (JTA) -- Chaim Shapiro, attorney-at-law, a founder and former president of the City of Hope, a leader in the Histadrut and Jewish labor activities in Los Angeles for many years, died here at the age of 79 from a heart attack.