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## ISRAEL STRENGTHENS DEFENSE WITH FOREIGN WEAPONS, HIGH OFFICIAL SAYS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Col. Moshe Kashti, director-general of the Israel Defense Ministry, said here tonight that Israel was currently engaged in "an unprecedented process of strengthening itself and buying arms."

He reported also that Israel had exported 300,000 of its famous Uzzi submachineguns, and 150,000,000 pounds (\$50,000,000) worth of mortars. He said that 80 percent of the weapons used by Israel's defense forces were imported, and paid for with foreign currency.

## JOHNSON GETS LETTER FROM NASSER PROTESTING U.S. ARMS AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Israel's nuclear weapons potentialities and American arms shipments to the Jewish State were reportedly among topics covered in a "personal" letter from Egypt's President Nasser to President Johnson, informed sources said here today. The letter was handed to the President by Anwar el-Sadat, speaker of the Egyptian National Assembly, who called on Mr. Johnson yesterday. Mr. el-Sadat is in Washington as a guest of the United States Government.

The Egyptian Embassy here today disclosed, and the White House confirmed, that the "personal" letter was delivered. But neither source would go beyond mere confirmation or formally disclose the contents. However, both American and Egyptian sources said it was reasonable to assume that the letter conveyed some of the concern voiced recently by Nasser over Israel's alleged proximity to a military nuclear capability, Nasser's protest against the supply of U.S. Patton tanks to Israel, and the complications this imposed on the Nasser role of explaining American policies to North Viet Nam and urging moderation of Hanoi.

A reception tendered to Mr. el-Sadat today by the Near Eastern Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, came under fire from a subcommittee member, Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat.

Rep. Farbstein said he would not attend the reception because he does not feel that "honor should be bestowed upon the official representative of a country whose leader, Gamal Abdel Nasser, has just denounced the United States." The Congressman added that Mr. el-Sadat had also spoken of the United States "in the most deprecatory terms, and lauded the Communist Viet Cong."

The New York Congressman said he would display his attitude toward the reception by staying away. He stressed that "this reception is being held just at the time we hear from Cairo that the war in Yemen is to be pushed with new vigor, and when we hear threats of a so-called preventive war against Israel." He said that the Executive Department should implement an amendment to the Foreign Aid Law that would withhold U.S. help from nations like Egypt which threaten war and prepare for aggression.

Sources close to Rep. L. H. Fountain, chairman of the Subcommittee, said the reception was organized at the request of the State Department.

## ISRAELI-GERMAN TALKS ON ECONOMIC AID SUSPENDED; TO RESUME NEXT WEEK

BONN, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The Israeli-West German economic talks, which began here yesterday and were continued today, have been suspended until the middle of next week.

A Government spokesman, asked at a news conference why the talks were taking place in phases, said this was being done for technical reasons. One, he said, was that State Secretary Rolf Lahr, head of the West German delegation to the talks, must go to Brussels. Another reason, he said, was to give the two delegations time to consult their governments.

The spokesman said the first phase was devoted to a general discussion of key issues. When the talks are resumed next week, they will probably complete consideration of the first phase and will not be lengthy. The talks are in line with a West German pledge last spring, during negotiations which led to West German recognition of Israel, to consider economic aid to Israel.

2 MORE NAZIS CONVICTED IN LONG AUSCHWITZ TRIAL FREED PENDING APPEAL

FRANKFURT, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The Frankfurt Superior Court announced today that two more of the former Auschwitz death camp personnel, convicted here in a marathon war crimes trial, have been released pending the outcome of appeals from the verdict.

The court said that former SS Sgt. Hans Stark, 44, and former Cpl. Perry Brod, 44, have been freed because there was no suspicion that they would try to flee the court's jurisdiction. Stark was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, and Brod to four years, on conviction of participation in scores of killings at the death camp during the war.

Several weeks ago, the court ordered the release from prison of another of the defendants convicted in the Auschwitz trial, Robert Mulka. Sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment, he was released "for reasons of health" and is scheduled to undergo physical examination by a court-appointed doctor.

After the 20-month trial ended last August, both the prosecution and defense filed appeals which may take a year or more to settle. The two former SS officers, plus 14 other former camp personnel convicted in the trial, have been held since in "investigative custody" pending action on the appeals. Under West German law, a sentence does not begin officially until appeals are completed.

POLISH SOURCES ACCUSE MORE GERMAN OFFICIALS OF CRIMES DURING WAR

BONN, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- New charges have been made in Poland against West German officials who are accused of war crimes, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

Among those charged were former SS officer Gustav Bamberger, who is now Deputy Mayor of Hanover; Hans Schewel, an official of the city of Gelsenkirchen; and Otto Besler, now a high court judge in Buisberg, who is alleged to have served on a special Nazi court. Also named was a former SS man, Heinrich Richter.

THIRD TRIAL STARTED IN BERLIN FOR NAZI CHARGED WITH KILLING JEWS

BERLIN, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The third trial of a 55-year-old former Gestapo official on charges of mass shootings of Jews in occupied Russia got under way here today.

Gerhard Schneider had been tried twice on charges of five mass shootings in 1951, involving the murder of 320 Jewish men, women and children. He was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment at hard labor after the first trial, and the sentence was reduced to six years at the second trial. On appeal, the High Court held that a third trial would be necessary.

MUNICIPAL COLLEGE AT ANTWERP CANCELS PERFORMANCE OF 'THE DEPUTY'

ANTWERP, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The Municipal College of Antwerp decided today to cancel the showing of "The Deputy," the play by Rolf Hochhuth which charges that the late Pope Pius XII failed to speak out against the Nazi genocide.

The play, which was to have been shown here tonight, was performed in Brussels 10 days ago, when a number of incidents occurred and police arrested several demonstrators. Last night, however, the drama was performed in the Belgian town of La Louviere, without incident. Extra police were on hand inside and outside the theater, but were not called upon to intervene.

ANTI-SEMITIC AGITATOR TAKES FIFTH AMENDMENT AS KLAN HEARINGS END

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The House Committee on Un-American Activities today terminated its public hearings on the Ku Klux Klan with questioning of an anti-Semitic agitator, J. B. Stoner, of Augusta, Ga., former Klan organizer and leader of various anti-Jewish extremist groups.

When Stoner took the Fifth Amendment and refused to answer questions, Rep. Joe Pool, Texas Democrat, who served as acting chairman, said the Klan's tactics "let the American people know what kind of dirty rats you are." Rep. Pool said the next step is to draft laws to deal with hate groups and Klan-like activities.

The hearings, which lasted 35 days, disclosed a sordid picture of Klan bigotry, burnings, floggings, and other violence.

WAR VETERANS ASK GOVERNMENTS TO PAY SPECIAL HEED TO WAR CRIMES

STRASBOURG, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The international convention of the World Federation of War Veterans adopted a resolution here today, appealing to all governments not to treat Nazi war crimes as ordinary crimes.

SO. AFRICAN COURT CONSIDERS EGYPTIAN SEIZURE OF STOCKS OWNED BY JEW

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Feb. 24: (JTA) -- The Supreme Court here granted a temporary injunction today against the Standard Bank of Cape Town, freezing securities held by the bank for the National Bank of Egypt which a Jewish couple claims were confiscated from them by the Egyptian Government. In a petition filed in the Supreme Court here, Eli Leon Gani and his wife, Narguerite, who emigrated from Egypt to France in 1964, asked to be declared the owners of the stock in a number of South African companies.

Mr. Gani, who resides temporarily in London, declared in an affidavit that, in 1956, after the start of the Sinai campaign, under the threat of imprisonment, he was forced to sign documents transferring the stocks to the Egyptian Government, which immediately transferred the shares from Barclays Bank here to the Standard Bank in Cape Town, where they have remained since. Mr. Gani, who was a Greek citizen although born in Cairo, said that, after leaving Egypt, he filed claims through the Greek consulate in the Egyptian capital for the stocks and other properties confiscated by the Cairo Government.

The case has aroused widespread interest in legal circles here because it concerns principles of international law with respect to confiscation of property on the basis of religious discrimination. David Cohen, attorney for the Ganis, cited cases in England where British courts had refused to recognize confiscations by the Nazis of property belonging to Jews. After granting the temporary injunction, barring the withdrawal of the securities by the Egyptian National Bank, Justice Watermeyer postponed further hearings on the case until April 27.

DIVIDENDS TOTALING \$8,500,000 PAID BY PEC ISRAEL ECONOMIC CORP.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24: (JTA) -- PEC Israel Economic Corporation, which announced today that it has completed 40 years of operation, sent its 1965 annual report to 11,000 stockholders in the United States, highlighting PEC's "profound contribution to the economic philosophy of Israel by establishing the importance of the role of private enterprise as a factor of development."

Dividends of almost \$8,500,000 in cash and stock have been distributed by PEC during these 40 years, it was announced, with 80 percent of this sum paid out during the last 10 years. The 1965 dividend of 80 cents per common share was paid on February 15. Net earnings after taxes in 1965 were \$1,086,102, equal to \$1.28 per share on the average number of shares outstanding during the year, compared with \$1,133,768 or \$1.49 per share the year before. The number of shares outstanding at the end of 1965 was 910,770, compared with 750,178 at the end of 1964.

Last year PEC invested \$3,375,000 in Israeli enterprises. Further investments of approximately \$3,000,000 have been authorized or are under review for execution in 1966.

ADL PLANS FURTHER ACTION TO BAR NEO-NAZIS FROM N.Y. PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEW YORK, Feb. 24: (JTA) -- Plans to bar the New York City Board of Education from allowing the neo-Nazi National Renaissance Party to use a public school auditorium for a meeting were being pondered today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

An ADL spokesman, denouncing the Board's decision again, said the agency's attorneys were deciding on whether to appeal to New York State Education Commissioner James E. Allen or to seek a court injunction against the Board. The tiny Nazi party, which has a record of disseminating anti-Semitic and anti-Negro propaganda, has received permission to meet in a school building here on March 18.

The spokesman said it was "outrageous" that a school building should be "misused" by a Nazi group which "is neither a political organization nor serves any worthwhile civic or social function" and therefore has "no valid claim to use the tax-supported public schools to disseminate its poison."

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, joined in the protest today with an appeal to the Board to reconsider its ruling. In a letter to the Board, he said that meetings of the neo-Nazis "must inevitably lead to dissension and promote disorders in the community."

Rep. Farbstein noted in his letter that the Board had reversed an earlier refusal on grounds that it was forced to do so by an opinion from New York City Corporation Counsel J. Lee Rankin that the Nazis were a political party which had a right to meet and be heard in public school buildings. He noted, however, that N.Y. State Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz had ruled that withholding of such permission "to such a neo-Nazi, Fascistic group" was "perfectly valid" and would be upheld "by our courts."

CONGRESS GETS BILL TO BAN BIAS AGAINST U. S. JOBS FOR JEWS OVERSEAS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Rep. Richard Schweiker, Pennsylvania Republican, introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives today, calling for an end to discrimination in the assignment of United States employees to overseas posts, and citing anti-Jewish bias in assignments to Arab countries. He said the State Department has admitted distinctions between Jewish and non-Jewish employees in its assignment policy.

Rep. Schweiker charged surrender by the State Department to Arab prejudices. The concurrent resolution he introduced would express "the sense of the Congress that the President should take such steps as may be necessary to assure that the assignment of United States employees in the United States and at posts abroad shall be made without regard to race, religion, color, or national origin."

BIRCH SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP BY N. Y. POLICEMEN CONCERNS STATE AND CITY

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The issue of membership by New York City policemen in the John Birch Society, which has been charged with anti-Semitic activities, was revived again today by actions of Governor Rockefeller and Mayor Lindsay.

Gov. Rockefeller said, that as far as he knew, no members of the New York State police were Birch Society members and that he would oppose such membership because the "sole loyalty" of police "must be to the state."

Mayor Lindsay called upon City Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary for a report of the activities, "if any," of city police who were members of the Society. He acted soon after the newly-appointed police commissioner said that he would have no objection to such membership by city police if it did not impair their efficiency.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith criticized the commissioner, contending that, since the Society was on record as regarding the entire civil rights movement as a Communist conspiracy, policemen who were members could not carry out objectively duties involving civil rights problems. The ADL also asserted that anti-Semitism was "inherent" in the Birch Society philosophy. Birch spokesmen have estimated that there are 300 to 500 Birch Society members on New York's 27,000-man police force.

The Civil Liberties Union, in turn, criticized the ADL for its stand, asserting that, since the ADL champions civil liberties, the Jewish organization "does itself a disservice by cutting off the civil liberties of others."

N. J. YOUNG G. O. P. NATIONAL UNIT CLASH ON PROBING OF 'RAT FINKS'

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A clash between national and New Jersey State Young Republicans emerged today from an investigation of charges that an ultra-right faction in the state organization was guilty of anti-Semitism and racism.

A three-man national investigating team came to Trenton and held a two-day closed hearing into the charges against the Rat Finks, the extremist faction. Clark Allen, New Jersey Young Republican chairman, twice refused to testify at the hearings, calling them a "whitewash."

Philip Rich, of Roscoe, Ill., one of the three members of the team said the three would have to make another visit here because many of the persons expected to testify were not available. He said that, when the probe was completed, a report would be made to the National Young Republican Federation and to the Republican National Committee. He stated that any Young Republican found guilty of the charges faced expulsion from the Federation. "We want no one who is bigoted, anti-Semitic or racist in any way," he said.

Mr. Allen, insisting that the state organization will conduct its own probe, announced that William F. Tompkins, a former war crimes prosecutor and deputy attorney general, has been engaged to direct the state Young Republican probe. Mr. Tompkins said he would be assisted by Leonard Feisenberg, one of his former Justice Department aides, and "at least one" former FBI agent. He also said that, because of the size of the assignment and the amount of evidence being collected, he had been given permission to postpone until March 19 the start of the public hearings which will follow his investigation.

The possibility of excommunication of Episcopalians who are members of the Rat Finks was raised today by a warning from Episcopalian Bishop Alfred L. Banyard, whose diocese includes New Jersey's 14 southern counties. He endorsed a proposal for such excommunication made last week by a Diocesan Committee on Racial Concern.

CANADA REPORTS 2,816 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ENTERED COUNTRY IN 1965

OTTAWA, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A total of 2,816 Jewish immigrants entered Canada during 1965, compared with 3,113 Jewish immigrants the year earlier, according to figures released here by the Dominion Department of Citizenship and Immigration. By country of citizenship, Jewish immigrants from Israel numbered 837 in 1965, compared with 929 in the previous year. By country of last permanent residence, those from Israel numbered 822, compared with 871 in the previous year.