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U.S.A., ISRAEL SIGN MILITARY PURCHASE AGREEMENT ON JET BOMBERS

WASHINGTON, June 2. (JTA) -- Zvi Dinstein, Israel's Deputy Minister of Defense, today signed a military purchase agreement with the United States, pertaining to the purchase of jet bombers, and met with senior U.S. defense officials. Mr. Dinstein discussed the execution and implementation of the U.S.-Israel agreement for the strengthening of the Israel Air Force.

Accompanied by Israeli Ambassador Avraham Farman, Mr. Dinstein met with Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus Vance. Together, both also met with Raymond Hare, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON GREETES JEWISH PUBLISHERS, EDITORS AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, June 2. (JTA) -- President Johnson welcomed to the White House today a delegation of more than 30 members of the American Jewish Press Association. The editors and publishers belonging to the association are currently attending the organization's annual convention, which opened five days of sessions yesterday to deliberate on problems related to the English-Jewish press in this country.

In an off-the-record address to the members of the AJPA, the President indicated during the half-hour visit, the importance he attaches to matters of Jewish interest and concern. Touching on a variety of subjects relating to world conditions in general, he talked especially about the Middle East. In welcoming the publishers and editors, he commended the dedication of the Jewish press to humanitarian causes.

A participant in the White House meeting, on the initiative of the President, was Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, chief American delegate to the United Nations. President Johnson took occasion to commend the work of Mr. Goldberg, noting how the son of Jewish immigrants could rise to great heights in the United States.

The delegation was led by Morris Janoff, president of the association and publisher of the Jewish Standard of Jersey City, N.J.

SOVIET OPPRESSIONS AGAINST JEWS REPORTED AT LVOV AND CHERNOWITZ

LONDON, June 2. (JTA) -- Reliable travelers returning from the Soviet Union reported here today that anti-Semitism has reached alarming proportions in Lvov, in the western Ukraine. The travelers asserted that Lvov Jews were not employed in any important capacities and that they were being "starved spiritually." Virtually no Jewish performers or dramatic troupes have been allowed to appear in Lvov. Applications for such performances from Jewish actors in Chernowitz and Kishinev have been turned down.

The travelers also reported persistent rumors that Jews were not accepted at the local university. Some Ukrainians confided that only 1 percent of places at the university were allocated for Jewish students. The reports stated that Jewish marriages are solemnized in secret and that, in one case, the rabbi insisted that the ceremony take place after dark with only the witnesses present. A garage in Lvov, at 23 Lenin Street, has its entrance paved with Jewish tombstones. The Lvov synagogue has been closed since November 1962, following a fierce anti-Jewish campaign in the local press. There are some 50,000 Jews in Lvov.

It was learned also that Chernowitz Jews who applied for exit permits to go to Israel were subsequently harassed in various ways. Members of the Komsomol, the Communist youth movement, whose parents applied for exit to Israel, have been questioned at length. In Chernowitz, too, Jews are barred from institutions of higher learning, no matter how capable they are, the travelers said. Anti-Jewish manifestations in public places go unpunished, they added. There are 70,000 Jews in Chernowitz.

ISRAEL SENDS RITUAL SLAUGHTERERS TO PREPARE KOSHER MEAT IN POLAND

JERUSALEM, June 2. (JTA) -- Seven ritual slaughterers left yesterday by air for Poland, where they will spend one year preparing beef for kosher consumption. The beef will be sent to Israel for sale. The slaughterers were sent by the Israeli Ministry for Trade and Industry.

SOVIET PRESS SUPPRESSES NEWS OF 'ISRAEL DAY' HELD AT MOSCOW EXHIBIT

WASHINGTON, June 2. (JTA) -- A careful review of the latest Moscow metropolitan newspapers disclosed here today that, while the Soviet Government officially designated and observed May 19 as "Israel Day" at the Soviet International Modern Agricultural Machinery and Equipment Exhibition in Moscow, no mention of this event was made in the Russian domestic press.

Israel was honored at the exhibition, and some Israeli products were publicly lauded. But such leading newspapers as Pravda and Izvestia failed to report these facts. The event was the first time a Soviet exposition recognized Israel in this manner. However, it was noted, Soviet authorities released the story abroad.

It was also noted that details of United States participation in the exhibition were similarly suppressed. Participation of the other nations, including such Western countries as Italy, were reported in detail.

SOVIET SHIP MASTER IN MONTREAL GETS APPEAL ON BEHALF OF USSR JEWS

MONTREAL, June 2, (JTA) -- More than 1,000 young Canadian Jews in various parts of Canada sent letters to the captain of the new Soviet passenger liner, Alexander Pushkin, which today made its second call at the port of Montreal, urging the Soviet Government to grant Jews in the USSR the same rights accorded other Soviet citizens. Many of the letters, which were delivered aboard the Soviet liner when it docked here, stressed that an improvement in the plight of Soviet Jewry would enable Soviet Jewish youth and Jewish youth in other parts of the world to participate in a cultural exchange program.

Last month, when the liner, which now regularly sails between Leningrad and Montreal, made its maiden voyage to Canada, a similar protest over the plight of Soviet Jewry was presented to the ship's captain, Agram Ogamov.

ISRAEL TO CEMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA; BANS VIET NAM

JERUSALEM, June 2. (JTA) -- A Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that Israel plans to establish soon a permanent diplomatic mission in Cambodia, which is now served by a non-resident Israeli envoy.

Reaffirming the Government's policy of not establishing diplomatic relations with South Viet Nam at the present time, the spokesman said that Israel has diplomatic relations and resident envoys in all the countries of former French Indo-China, except Viet Nam. The appointment in Cambodia was attributed to developing relations with that country, to which Israel is giving technical aid, mainly in agriculture.

ILYA EHRENBURG ELECTED TO SUPREME SOVIET FROM NON-JEWISH REPUBLIC

LONDON, June 2. (JTA) -- Ilya Ehrenburg, the famous 75-year-old Soviet Jewish writer, has been elected as a representative to the Supreme Soviet from the Bashkirian Republic, it was reported here today from Moscow.

The writer was also a member of the previous Soviet in which he served as a representative of the Latvian Soviet Republic. Latvia has a Jewish population of 50,000 but there are virtually no Jews in the Bashkirian Republic.

PROGRESSIVE SYNAGOGUE MOVEMENT IN ISRAEL SEEKS OFFICIAL STATUS

JERUSALEM, June 2. (JTA) -- The Progressive Synagogue movement decided today to press for legislation to give the movement and its rabbis official status in Israel's religious establishment, which is now under Orthodox control.

The movement, which claims 1,000 dues-paying members in seven congregations, as well as others who attend services without assuming membership, reportedly seeks official recognition of the type extended to the Neturei Karta, the ultra-Orthodox sect in Jerusalem. Specifically, the movement is asking equal treatment, relative to its size, in allocation of funds and other forms of aid given by the Religious Affairs Ministry and local religious councils to Orthodox groups.

PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA RECEIVES ISRAELI MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

CARACAS, June 2. (JTA) -- Israel Minister of Agriculture Haim Gvati, accompanied by Israel Ambassador Eliashiv Ben Eorin, was received by Venezuela's president, Dr. Raul Leoni to whom he handed a personal letter from President Zalman Shazar of Israel.

Later, the Minister was warmly received by a joint session of the agricultural committees of Venezuela's Congress. Mr. Gvati, who concluded his Latin American tour here, left for Israel today.

FRENCH, ISRAELIS AGREE ON PLANS FOR BALANCED TRADE RELATIONSHIPS

PARIS, June 2. (JTA) -- A week of meetings between Israel Trade Ministry experts and French trade officials ended today with plans for closer cooperation between the two countries for the goal of a more balanced trade relationship. France currently sells vastly more products to Israel than it buys from Israel.

Henri Rousselier, director of the National Center for Foreign Trade, in summarizing the plans, also announced that a mission of French engineers and technicians would soon repay the visit of the Israeli experts. The nine-man Israeli mission was headed by David Golan, director of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

M. Rousselier said one proposal called for France to make an effort to increase the quantity of imports from Israel, mainly in agricultural machines. Another provides for cooperation between French and Israeli engineering organizations in evaluating of markets in the two countries. A third proposal involves an effort to coordinate scientific and technical research in the two countries, to advance the practical applications of such research. The three proposals were included in an official communique from the French Finance Ministry.

M. Rousselier told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that France has never accepted the Arab boycott of Israel. He added that he felt France should seek a formula to protect French industry from having its commercial relations with Israel hindered by the Arab boycott.

BONN GROUP AT ACCRA PRESSES ON EXTRADITION OF AUSCHWITZ CAMP DOCTOR

ACCRA, June 2. (JTA) -- Two representatives of the West German Government arrived here last night to negotiate an extradition treaty with the new Ghana Government, to make possible the extradition of a Nazi who took refuge in Ghana for several years.

The Nazi is Dr. Forst Schumann, who is wanted in Bonn for mass murder as a physician at the Auschwitz death camp. The Nkrumah regime refused to accept West German requests for the extradition of Dr. Schumann, who came to Ghana in the late 1950's as a medical officer in the Health Ministry here. He is now under protective custody. The extradition treaty signing is expected in a few days.

GERMAN PROSECUTOR SEEKS 8-YEAR SENTENCE FOR MURDERER OF 8,000 JEWS

HANOVER, June 2. (JTA) -- The prosecution demanded today sentences for two former SS officers being tried here on charges of participation in the wartime murder of 8,000 Jews.

A sentence of eight years at hard labor was demanded for Friedrich Pradel, who was charged with responsibility for introducing gas vans into procedures for killing Jews, first in Serbia and then in the Soviet Union. A sentence of three and a half years was demanded for Henry Wentritt, Pradel's aide.

GERMAN-ISRAEL YOUTH CENTER OPENED IN MUNICH; PREMIER A SPONSOR

MUNICH, June 2. (JTA) -- A West German-Israel Youth Center has been established here to increase understanding between the youth of the two nations. Sponsors are Alfons Goppeln, Premier of Bavaria, and the German poet, Erich Kaestner. It is also planned to establish soon a West German-Israel Cultural Center.

SO. AFRICAN MINISTER LAUDS ISRAEL DESPITE 'POLITICAL DIFFERENCES'

JOHANNESBURG, June 2. (JTA) -- South Africa's Minister of Tourism, Frank Waring, expressed his country's admiration for Israel this evening "notwithstanding political differences between the two countries." (For years, Israel has voted at the United Nations with the majority of members in condemning South Africa's apartheid policy.) Mr. Waring, who is also Minister-designate for Sports, was guest of honor at a dinner here marking the 30th anniversary of the South African Maccabi Association and Johannesburg's Balfour Park Sports Club.

Addressing his remarks to Israel's Consul-General Yaacov Mombaz, who was a guest at the event, Mr. Waring said: "South Africa has always admitted the courage and fortitude of your people against the enemies that surround you. We in South Africa can take to heart that spirit and courage of a small nation in the face of enemies that surround her. We can take an example and lesson from you." He praised the "inspiration and aspiration of the Zionist movement."

FRENCH JEWISH POPULATION EXCEEDS 500,000; 300,000 LIVE IN PARIS

PARIS, June 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of France has reached more than 500,000, according to figures published here. The breakdown showed the following statistics for the Jewish population in the leading French cities: Paris, 300,000; Marseilles, 65,000; Lyon, 20,000; Nice, 20,000; Toulouse, 18,000; Strasbourg, 12,000.

INDIAN JEWISH YOUTH HOLD TWO-WEEK SEMINAR IN VALLEY OF KASHMIR

BOMBAY, June 2. (JTA) -- The Central Jewish Board of Bombay reported today that, for two weeks, discussions on Jewish religious lore and Hebrew melodies were heard in the Valley of Kashmir, where a seminar encampment of Bene Akiba youth leaders and Hebrew teachers was held.

H. Cynowicz, president of the Jewish Board, traveled 1,200 miles to spend the Shavuoth holiday with the seminar members. He spoke on the history of the Jews in India, stressing their peaceful life over the past 2,000 years.

Mr. Cynowicz was received in Srinagar and Kashmir by Chief Minister G. M. Sadiq. He said the Chief Minister was gratified to learn that the seminar members had met only friendship. He also reported that the seminar participants discussed theories about the affinity of the ancient Kashmiri and Jewish peoples, in the light of myths and legends still current in the Kashmir Valley.

ATLANTIC CITY COUNCIL URGES ACTION AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 2. (JTA) -- Atlantic City's Municipal Council has adopted a resolution urging local businessmen to refrain from any cooperation with the Arab League boycott against Israel.

The resolution cited the Congressional amendment to the U.S. Export-Import Control law, and stated that the City Council was joining with the Secretary of Commerce in "urging and requesting all businessmen to refrain from taking any action, including the furnishing of information or signing of agreements, which has the effect of furthering or supporting restrictive trade practices or boycotts fostered or imposed by foreign countries against other foreign countries friendly to the United States."

ISRAS DECLARES \$1.33 DIVIDEND, BRINGING FISCAL YEAR TOTAL TO \$2.66

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- Isras, the Israel-Rassco Investment Company, Ltd., announced today a dividend of \$1.33 per share, payable on July 29 to stockholders of record as of June 2, 1966. The latest dividend, together with an interim payment six months ago, brings the total dividend for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1966 to \$2.66.

Isras, an Israel-based company traded over-the-counter in the United States and on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, is an affiliate of the Rassco-Rural and Suburban Settlement Company, Ltd., a land settlement and development firm.

ISRAEL NAMES NEW MILITARY ATTACHE TO WASHINGTON, OTTAWA EMBASSIES

JERUSALEM, June 2. (JTA) -- Brigadier Yosef Geva today was named as the new military attache to the Israel embassies in Washington and Ottawa. Brig. Geva has held a number of important posts in the Israeli Army, including that of brigade commander in the armed forces.

MONTREAL RABBI GETS \$1,000 GRANT FOR ISSUING RARE RABBINIC WORK

MONTREAL, June 2. (JTA) -- Rabbi Moshe Grossberg, of Montreal, has been awarded a \$1,000 grant by the Quebec Cultural Affairs Department for publication of a work on a rare rabbinic manuscript of the famous Rabbi Joseph Rozin, known as the Gaon of Rogodzev.

DR. JACOB ZINEMAN, WRITER, HISTORIAN OF ZIONISM, DIES IN PARIS

PARIS, June 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Jacob Zineman, historian, writer and author of a complete history of Zionism, died here at the age of 73.

Born in Lithuania, Dr. Zineman was a history master at the Hebrew high school in Bialystok. He moved to Warsaw where he devoted his full time to historical research and writing. After World War II, he settled in Paris, where he continued his literary activities and research. He was buried here provisionally, pending transfer of his remains to Israel for reburial.

FUNERAL TO BE HELD TODAY FOR OSCAR GREEN, YIDDISH THEATER FIGURE

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- Oscar Green, Yiddish theatrical manager, and an active member of the Jewish Theatrical Alliance, died here yesterday, aged 73. Funeral services will be held tomorrow.

Born in Ukraina, Mr. Green emigrated to the United States in 1908, helped found Jewish theatrical troupes and road companies, and conducted Jewish theaters in Boston, Brooklyn and New York.