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## ISRAEL EVALUATES SYRIAN THREAT TO ESCALATE MILITARY HOSTILITIES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The announcement made last night over the official Syrian radio station in Damascus that the Syrian Government intends to continue its "strafing of sites" inside Israel, and the provocative statement made in the broadcast declaring that "it is high time that the arms for which the Syrian people are paying to be used," has provoked high interest in Israel.

It is felt here that Syria may seek escalation of hostilities with Israel which will raise tension to a high pitch and which may bring about a situation changing the present comparative state of tranquility on the Arab-Israel borders. Israel is determined to use "the right of pursuit" against Syrian aggressor planes, and to follow them into the interior of Syria,

According to the Damascus Radio, the Syrian Government has decided on a "strategy of instigating a popular war of liberation" by carrying out acts of aggression inside Israel. The Syrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Ibrahim Makhous, said in a statement last night that, instead of complaining against Israel to the United Nations Security Council, his country will from now on follow a policy of direct military response to any act of Israeli "aggression." The Syrian radio did not mention the fact that, in its clash with Israel Monday, Syria lost two Soviet MIG aircraft.

### U.S. Watching Developments in Syrian-Israeli Confrontation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- State Department sources said today that the United States is carefully observing developments in the Syrian-Israeli military confrontation, and awaiting a clearer definition of the newly-enunciated Syrian policy of striking into Israeli territory.

This week's incidents were seen by U.S. officials as an "action and counter-action," It was noted that the sequence of events was carefully controlled and terminated before an uncontrollable stage of escalation was reached. Officials noted that neither side struck at enemy air bases.

The United States does not minimize the potential danger of an explosion. Experienced American diplomats consider the Syrians as the least predictable and least responsible of the Arab nations opposing Israel. The official American policy remains one of deploring the use of force by either Syria or Israel. American diplomats have urged both sides to heed the United Nations and to cooperate with peace-keeping units in the area.

### U.S. URGED IN CONGRESS TO CEASE TRAINING ARAB MILITARY OFFICERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- A demand was made today in the House of Representatives that the United States cease training military officers of Syria and other Arab states in American military camps. Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, told the House that most Congressmen were unaware of such training until it was recently revealed by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara in testimony before the House Armed Services Committee.

In addition to Syrian military personnel, officers of Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia are also receiving free American training, he said. Rep. Farbstein stressed that these countries had "vowed to make war against Israel, and that we are training men whom Mr. McNamara termed their 'best officers' to wage that war."

Rep. Farbstein also said he regarded this practice as "inconsistent with our stated policies, contrary to our national interest and dangerous." He declared he was aware of an Administration argument that the Soviet Union would train Arab officers if the United States failed to do so. He pointed out that the Arabs have been blackmailing the United States with this tactic for years.

"I think we have gone too far in welcoming their officers to our training camps," he said. "It is one thing to sell arms on a business basis, another to train these men as our allies." He insisted that "these Arab officers be sent home" and that the United States deny hospitality to "warmongers."

IRAQI PILOT WHO DEFECTED TO ISRAEL FINDS FRIENDLY RECEPTION

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The whereabouts of the Iraqi Air Force pilot who defected to Israel yesterday in a Soviet-built MIG-21 and landed safely with an escort of Israeli military jets were a closely-guarded secret in Israel today, after the pilot met with newsmen at a press conference here last night and following the display of his aircraft to foreign diplomats in Israel. It was indicated that he feels himself completely satisfied after spending his first night in a friendly atmosphere here.

The incident was the first known instance of a flight of a MIG-21 into a non-Communist or non-Arab country. The MIG-21 is one of the advanced Soviet military jet fighter planes. The jet landed at an airfield somewhere in Israel after it was sighted by two Israeli Mirage jets in the center of Israel and in the vicinity of the Israeli-Jordanian border. The pilot waved the wings of the plane, an international sign meaning "request permission to land."

The pilot, a captain in the Iraqi Air Force whose name was not disclosed, told the press conference that he had decided to desert a long time ago and had prepared for his departure in advance. He said he had sent his wife and children abroad. He disclosed that he had written to the commander of the Israeli Air Force asking permission to come to Israel. The request was sent in two envelopes which were mailed by a third party in Cyprus, he said.

He said that one of the reasons for his decision was that he was a Catholic in a Moslem country and felt that he was discriminated against. He explained that he had chosen Israel rather than a Moslem country, such as Turkey or Iran, because he believed that Israel would not expel him. He said another reason was that he opposed the Iraqi war on its Kurdish minority. He also told the newsmen that he had been in the Iraqi Air Force 10 years and that he had spent four months in Russia training.

The Israeli Air Force commander said he had been expecting the Iraqi captain for the last 10 days and had ordered Israeli planes to be on the lookout for him.

HADASSAH ADOPTS \$8, 240, 000 QUOTA FOR ISRAEL; \$1, 679, 125 FOR U.S. WORK

BOSTON, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Delegates to the 52nd annual convention of Hadassah adopted a \$8, 240, 000 quota for the organization's 1966-67 programs in Israel, budgeted \$1, 679, 125 for its United States activities and reelected Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson to a third one-year term as president at the closing session of the convention here today.

The quota for the Israeli programs included \$3, 740, 000 for the Hadassah Medical Organization, \$2, 100, 000 for Youth Aliyah, \$1, 000, 000 for the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, \$700, 000 for the Jewish National Fund, \$600, 000 for Hadassah's vocational education program, and \$100, 000 for Hadassah supplies. The 2, 000 delegates also voted a series of resolutions covering foreign aid, civil rights and the problem of the Arab refugees.

The resolution on United States foreign aid endorsed legislation designed to continue the provisions of Public Law 480, recognizing "the great role" the law had in the past and its potential in helping to solve the growing world food crisis. PL 480 covers the United States "Food for Peace" program.

The resolution on civil rights noted that Hadassah was on record in support of national legislation guaranteeing equality in voting, education, housing, employment and public accommodations to all American without regard to color, race, or country of origin. The resolution endorsed and supported passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1966 now before Congress.

The resolution on the Arab refugees called on the United Nations Works and Relief Agency to withhold rations from the Arab refugees "who are being trained for aggression against the people of a member state of the United Nations." The resolution added that "Hadassah's long experience in Israel, through our medical, Youth Aliyah and vocational training programs, has convinced us that refugees can become creative, self-supporting citizens of new countries, contributing to their peaceful development."

Mrs. D. Leonard Cohen, of New York, Hadassah's chairman for vocational education, told the convention that Hadassah has voted a \$500, 000 program for converting the Alice Seligsberg vocational high school in Jerusalem into the first big city comprehensive high school in Israel. She said the goal of the conversion of the school was to make it possible "for the diverse population in our schools to become an integrated community by learning its skills together, whatever the initial capacity the children bring to their training."

DR. MOSES HADAS, NOTED JEWISH SCHOLAR, DEAD; TAUGHT AT COLUMBIA U.

ASPEN, Colo., Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Moses Hadas, a scholar noted for his expertise in Greek and Latin as chairman of the department for those languages at Columbia University, died here today. He was 66. Prof. Hadas had come to Aspen, with his wife, Rachel, to attend a conference on humanistic studies. He was stricken with a heart ailment on Monday.

Born in Atlanta, Moses Hadas was educated at Emory University and at Columbia, and studied also at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he was ordained a rabbi in 1926. He had been on the faculty at Columbia since 1925. He was a prominent author on the histories of Greek and Latin literature and of other works in the field of classical languages and literature.

GERMAN PHYSICIANS HELP EX-NAZIS TO AVOID TRIALS, PROSECUTOR CHARGES

FRANKFURT, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Life imprisonment for one defendant and sentences of 15 years at hard labor for two others, was demanded by the prosecution here today, as the trial of personnel at the former Auschwitz concentration camp continued in District Court.

Christian Raaber, the prosecutor at the trial, told the court that Wilhelm Boeger, one of the defendants, should be given a life term, and requested the 15-year terms for Gerhard Neubert and Josef Erber. He complained to the court that, of late, West German doctors have been issuing "ill health" certificates for men convicted in war crimes trials, thus bringing about the release of such defendants on the grounds that they were unfit to stand trial or stay in jail.

As an example, Mr. Raaber cited the case of Robert Mulka, former adjutant at Auschwitz, who had been sentenced two years ago, after the conclusion of the first trial of Auschwitz personnel, to 14 years' imprisonment. Upon certification by a doctor, Mulka was released from prison. Mr. Raaber said that two nights ago he saw Mulka on a television program, "digging in his garden and evidently enjoying his work."

RABBIS SEEK REVISION OF FEDERAL GUIDELINES ON RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Federal Government guidelines regarding religious discrimination by employers have been worded in such a manner that they, in effect, discriminate against Orthodox Jews or members of other minority religious groups, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission was informed officially today by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

Ten rabbinical leaders who are members of the organization clarified the stand of Jewish religious leaders to Dr. Luther Holcomb, chairman of the Commission. The guidelines for employers regarding religious discrimination under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 were issued by the Commission on June 14. Under those regulations, an employer is free to establish a normal work week which is generally acceptable to all his employees. Provisions in the guidelines permit an employer to:

1) Close his business on the religious holiday of the majority of his employees, without affording the minority an equivalent right to enjoy its religious holidays; 2) discharge or refuse to hire an employee whose religious observance conflicts with "foreseeable overtime requirements"; and 3) discharge individuals who have been employed if their altered work schedules cannot be accommodated to their religious observances without serious difficulty.

The rabbis requested Dr. Holcomb to revise the guidelines in such a way that Sabbath observers might be permitted to observe their day of rest on Saturdays without facing dismissal.

Washington Synagogue Council Calls Guidelines "Disturbing"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The Council of Orthodox Synagogues of Greater Washington has complained to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that its recently promulgated guidelines to employers, regarding religious discriminations, relegate Sabbath-observing Jews and members of other religious groups to the rank of "second class labor force."

In a letter to Dr. Luther Holcomb, chairman of the Federal Commission, Julian Landau, president of the Council of Orthodox Synagogues here, stated that the Commission's June 14 guidelines "seriously disturb" the Orthodox Jews. He urged the Commission to issue new regulations adequately protecting "the religious rights and liberties of all Americans."

JEWS IN CANADIAN ARMY TO GET HIGH HOLY DAYS LEAVE AUTOMATICALLY

MONTREAL, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Jews in the Canadian armed services will receive automatic leave for the High Holy Days each year, without having to make special application year-by-year, it was reported here today by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Paul T. Fellyer, Minister of National Defense, notified the CJC that, after receiving from the Jewish organization a calendar showing the Hebrew holidays for the next 10 years, he issued instructions that permanent arrangements be made for reissuing orders each year to release Jewish personnel on the Jewish High Holy Days "subject to the exigencies of the service" but without the need for renewed application by any Jewish organization.

HITLER'S 'MEIN KAMF' REAPPEARS IN BRAZIL IN PORTUGUESE; BAN IGNORED

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- In spite of a three-year-old Government ban against its distribution and sale, a Portuguese translation of Hitler's "Mein Kampf" made its appearance again today in a number of book stores here.

DICTIONARY IN BRAZIL ELIMINATES OFFENSIVE DEFINITION OF WORD 'JEW'

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- A revised edition of the dictionary of the Portuguese language, published by the Brazilian Literary Academy, was issued here today, with deletions of some former definitions regarded as anti-Semitic. The revised version has been cleansed of the definition of the word "Jew," which, in former editions, had been described as "devil" and "swindler." However, the work still uses anti-Semitic definitions for "rabbi" and for "synagogue." The latter, as of old, is still described as "a place for illegal business."

While the new version of the dictionary was seen here as an improvement, it was noted that the official dictionary, issued by the Government for use in public schools, has not yet been revised or cleansed of its anti-Semitic definitions of certain words and terms.

TWO COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN NEW JERSEY APPOINT JEWS AS PRESIDENTS

TRENTON, N.J., Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Two American Jewish educators have been appointed as presidents of two community colleges in New Jersey -- the Bergen County Community College and the Mercer County Community College.

The two are Dr. Richard Greenfield, who has been named to head Mercer College; and Dr. Sidney Silverman, appointed president of Bergen College. Both are from New York. Dr. Greenfield will go to the Mercer Community College from his post as head of the Sullivan County (N.Y.) Community College. Dr. Silverman has been until now dean of the Bronx Community College.

The Bergen college is expected to be the largest facility in New Jersey's community college program, and will cost an estimated \$10,700,000. It is scheduled to open in September, 1968.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS APPROVES RECOGNITION OF HEBREW FOR B.A. DEGREE

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The University of Texas has approved a program granting a B.A. degree with Hebrew as a major study, according to an announcement today by Chancellor Harry Ransom.

Chancellor Ransom said that the revival of Hebrew as a living language has stimulated the rapid progress of teaching, research and library development in Hebrew studies at the University. He emphasized that the U. of Texas program is "an essential continuation" of the tradition established by Rabbi Henry I. Cohen of Galveston. Citing the growing popularity of the program, Chancellor Ransom said that registration in Hebrew courses at the university had grown from 12 in 1963 to 100 in 1965.

ISRAELI YOUTH ORCHESTRA WINS WORLD MUSIC CONTEST IN HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- An Israeli youth orchestra became the permanent owner today of the "golden lyre," a prize offered by Queen Juliana of The Netherlands to the musical aggregation that has won the title of "general winner" three successive times. The award resulted from the fifth World Music Concourse, completed last night at Kerkrade, Holland.

The winner was the National Youth Orchestra, Gadna, of Tel Aviv. The Gadna group was pronounced general winner of the concourse, an event held every four years. Today, the Tel Aviv group was declared the permanent owner of the coveted "golden lyre" because it had won the quadrennial competition for the third successive time.

ALLAN D. EMIL NAMED CHAIRMAN OF 1966-67 APPEAL OF NEW YORK FEDERATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Allan D. Emil, an attorney prominent in philanthropic, educational and cultural activities, has been appointed campaign chairman of the 1966-67 appeal of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, it was announced today by Samuel J. Silberman, Federation president. The campaign will open officially on September 21.

Mr. Emil will hold the post of campaign chairman for the second consecutive year. Under his leadership, the 1965-66 campaign secured \$20,800,000, the largest amount ever achieved to meet the annual budgetary needs of the Federation and its member agencies. Mr. Emil will direct the fund-raising efforts of more than 15,000 volunteers who are active in the business, industrial and communal life in the metropolitan area.

DR. BACKMAN NAMED HEAD OF 1966-67 DRIVE OF REFORM JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Jules Backman, an economist, author and educator, has been chosen to head the 1966-67 campaign of the Reform Jewish Appeal. His appointment as general chairman was announced today by Irvin Fane, chairman of the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and S.L. Kopald, Jr., chairman of the board of trustees of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the two national institutions of the Reform Jewish movement in America. The Reform Jewish Appeal fosters the growth of Reform Judaism by annually raising funds for the support of the UAHC and HUC-JIR.