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ISRAEL FEARS GROMYKO MAY PROMISE MISSILE-CARRYING SHIPS TO EGYPT

TEL AVIV, March 29. (JTA) -- The arrival today in Cairo of Soviet Foreign Minister Andre Gromyko for a series of consultations with Egyptian President Nasser attracted attention in Israel because of persistent rumors that the discussions would include the subject of delivery of Soviet-built missile-carrying destroyers to the Egyptian fleet.

Israeli authorities were unable to confirm definitely that the topic was on the agenda for the Gromyko-Nasser talks. Until now the Soviets have refused to consider provision to Egypt of any such destroyer-based missile capacity.

Israel's Chief of Staff, Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, indicated recently that Egypt might be getting such missile-carrying ships but the reports have not been confirmed. Provision of such missile-armed ships would relieve Egypt of a stalemate in its own efforts to create such naval weapons systems.

It was noted here that Russian arming of Egypt with other types of missiles is well advanced. Eight Komar motorboats carrying two missiles of about 16 miles range have been supplied to Egypt and are believed to be operational. Recently ten of the most modern motorboats, each carrying four missiles, have been supplied to Egypt. It has now been indicated that Russia may send Egypt two Krupney or Kildin light cruisers with launching units for 130-mile range missiles fitted at both ends of the vessels.

ISRAEL ANNOUNCES EXCHANGE PACT WITH RUMANIA; FIRST IN EASTERN EUROPE

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- Israeli officials announced today provisional agreement between Israel and Rumania providing for trade and other exchanges, the first such agreement with an East European country. The formal agreement will be signed in April when an Israeli delegation will visit Bucharest.

The provisional pact was disclosed during the departure from Israel of a seven-man Rumanian delegation led by Deputy Trade Minister Easley Routza which was in Israel for ten days. The agreement was negotiated by an Israeli team led by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. The agreement provides for exchanges in the fields of economics, science, technology, tourism and trade. The trade phase, it was reported, provides mainly for Israeli imports and chemicals to Rumania. Israel also will export technical know-how to Rumania.

Mr. Routza said at Lydda airport that he was satisfied with the results of the negotiations and he expressed the hope that it would be implemented promptly. The importance Israel attached to the agreement was apparent from the stature of the members of the Israeli delegation which, in addition to the Finance Minister, included the director-general of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the director of the economic division of the Foreign Ministry, and the Comptroller of foreign exchange.

It was indicated that Israel hopes to improve further its relations with Eastern European countries by seeking similar bilateral agreements with other East European states. Observers said the successful talks indicated again the independent status which Rumania seems to have reached within the Eastern bloc.

THREE JORDANIAN PRIESTS PERMITTED TO ACT AS JUDGES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- Israel permitted three Greek Orthodox priests who live in the old city of Jerusalem, and who are Jordanian citizens, to act as judges in a Supreme Religious Court for members of the Greek Orthodox religion living in Israel.

The arrangement became known today when the court received an appeal by an Israeli Greek Orthodox citizen from a ruling. The Greek Orthodox court deals with matters of personal status and family property issues. The three Jordanians are permitted to cross into Israel for court sessions.

HOLLAND ASKS BRAZIL TO EXTRADITE STANGL; KILLED 80,000 DUTCH JEWS

THE HAGUE, March 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Luns, the Dutch Foreign Minister, told the Parliament today that the Netherlands Government had demanded that Brazil extra-

dite to Austria Franz Stangl, commandant at the Nazi death camps at Sobibor and Treblinka where 80,000 Dutch Jews were murdered.

Stangl was arrested in Sao Paulo on March 2 and has since been held under maximum security detention in Brasilia, awaiting action on Austrian proceedings for his extradition to face a war crimes trial in Austria. West Germany, which has no extradition treaty with Brazil, also has asked for Stangl's extradition. Under Brazilian law, the Brazilian Supreme Court must consider an extradition request within 60 days or by May 1.

SARTRE COMPLETES VISIT IN ISRAEL; FINDS STRONG DESIRE FOR PEACE

TEL AVIV, March 29. (JTA) -- Jean Paul Sartre, the French existentialist philosopher and Nobel Prize winner, summed up for the press here today his reaction to a month-long visit to the Middle East with the assertion that he had found a wide and deep Israeli desire for peace with the Arabs. He avoided newsmen's questions on how that Israeli sentiment compared with Egyptian opinion.

The philosopher, who met today with Premier Levi Eshkol and who plans to leave for Paris tomorrow, said no solution to the Arab-Israel conflict could be found unless "the preambles of both sides are accepted." He has been meeting with a wide range of Israeli personalities during the past two weeks.

He added that the "preambles" were Israel's demand that the Arab states recognize Israel's existence and sovereignty and the Arab demand that all Palestinian Arab refugees be entitled to return to their former homes in what is now Israel. He declared that no solution to the Arab-Israel conflict was likely as long as both claims were not fully accepted.

Refusal by both sides to accept the preamble of the other caused tension and fear of war, he said, adding that while he had found slight progress in relations between Israel and the Arab states, he saw "as yet no favorable signs of peace."

The French philosopher canceled a scheduled meeting with Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin as well as visits to a number of military installations. Though he did not give a reason for his action, it was believed that it was motivated by a desire to demonstrate his "anti-militarism."

BELGIUM AND ISRAEL SIGN CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT IN BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS, March 29. (JTA) -- Israel and Belgium signed here a cultural exchange agreement, providing for the development between the two countries of relations in the fields of science, letters, the arts and education "as well as mutual understanding of their social and cultural life."

The agreement was announced in a joint communique issued by Pierre Harmel, Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Amiel E. Najar, Israel's Ambassador to Belgium. The pact is to take effect a month after formal documents of ratification had been exchanged in Israel between the two governments. The agreement testifies to the increasing cultural exchanges between Belgium and Israel.

ISRAEL HOTEL RATES TO BE CUT BY 10 PERCENT FOR WINTER SEASON

TEL AVIV, March 29. (JTA) -- Hotel rates in Israel for the winter season starting on September 1 have been cut by ten percent on previously published rates, the Israel Hotel Association announced today. The association represents 230 tourist-recommended hotels throughout Israel. The lower rates are aimed at boosting traffic by individual tourists during the winter season.

GOVERNOR OF CASABLANCA ATTENDS BAR MITZVAH FOR 17 JEWISH ORPHANS

CASABLANCA, March 29. (JTA) -- Col. Sefrioui, Governor of Casablanca, attended a Bar Mitzvah ceremony here for 17 Jewish boys. He was accompanied by his wife and three of his closest associates.

The ceremony was sponsored by the En Habanim association, an organization engaged in religious teaching of poor Jews. The association annually arranges for a Bar Mitzvah for orphaned Jewish boys. The Governor spent three hours with the group. Grand Rabbis Messas and Malka sat with the Governor and his party.

One of the orphans sang Hebrew songs during the ceremony and was later presented with a gift of 150 dirhams (\$30) by the Governor, whose attendance at the event was sidely commented on by Casablanca Jewry. The attendance at the ceremony by the Governor was considered an expression of friendship to the Jewish community not only by him but also by the King of Morocco.

ROBERT MULKA, EX-COMMANDER OF AUSCHWITZ CAMP, REARRESTED IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, March 29. (JTA) -- Robert Mulka, the former deputy commander of the Auschwitz death camp who was sentenced to 14 years imprisonment after the mammoth first trial of Auschwitz personnel here in 1963, and released for reasons of ill health, was rearrested today.

The 71-year-old defendant was released from jail in January, 1966 after obtaining a medical certificate asserting that he was "not fit" to serve out his term. Recently, doctor issued a new certificate that he was competent to serve his term. His release last year evoked sharp criticism inside and outside of West Germany.

Another action against Mulka is still pending. The state prosecution filed an appeal against what is called a "lenient" sentence against Mulka. This appeal has not yet been acted on.

PRO-ARAB GROUP IN U.S. TO LOSE SECRET SUBSIDY UNDER PRESIDENT'S ORDER

WASHINGTON, March 29. (JTA) -- President Lyndon B. Johnson today ordered the Central Intelligence Agency to begin cutting off secret subsidies to private educational, philanthropic, and cultural organizations like the "American Friends of the Middle East."

The White House statement did not mention AFME or any other group by name but it was clear that he referred to such organizations. AFME was recently revealed to have financed, through secret CIA funds, the attendance at American universities of many Arab students who spread anti-Israel and anti-Jewish propaganda.

President Johnson also announced he was setting up a special committee -- to include some private citizens -- to study ways in which the Government can channel aid in an open manner to causes the Government deems worthy. Secretary of State Dean Rusk will serve as chairman of the new committee.

AFME received several million dollars to finance the travel and tuition of a considerable number of Arab students, many of whom functioned openly as propagandists espousing anti-Israel prejudice at scores of American colleges and universities. The presumed reason for AFME sponsorship of the Arab students was to persuade them that America rather than Russia was the true friend of the Arabs.

PROMINENT PRIEST CHOSEN TO DIRECT CATHOLIC RELATIONS WITH JEWS

WASHINGTON, March 29. (JTA) -- Following new guidelines for Catholic-Jewish relations, the Most Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington, has put a prominent priest in charge of Catholic relations with Jews in the national capital.

He has named the Rev. John T. Dewan, guidance director at the Cathedral Latin School, to be chairman of the Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission's subcommittee for Catholic-Jewish relations. The subcommittee will seek to implement the guidelines for improvement of Catholic-Jewish relations issued earlier this month by the national conference of Catholic bishops.

JEWISH COMPLAINT AGAINST USING CHURCHES AS POLLING PLACES DISMISSED

WASHINGTON, March 29. (JTA) -- The United States Supreme Court has refused to consider on its merits an appeal in a case known as Berman vs. Board of Education involving a suit by a New York Orthodox Jew against a state election law permitting use of churches as polling places.

The Court did not deem the Berman suit of adequate interest or importance to justify further consideration. It upheld the decision of the New York State Court of Appeals to dismiss the case.

ISRAEL-RASSCO SUSPENDS \$5,000,000 DEBENTURE OFFERING IN U.S.

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- Isras, the Israel-Rassco Investment Company, Ltd., Tel Aviv, announced here today that it had suspended an offering of \$5,000,000 of 7 percent Convertible Debentures announced earlier this month. The company said that it had asked the Security Exchange Commission to suspend the offering because of "prospective changes in its management."

The offering was to have included a rights issue to holders of the company's ordinary shares totaling \$3,063,240 at a price of 95 percent and the remainder along with any debentures not subscribed for under the rights issue at a price of 100 percent for the general public. The company indicated that it would file an amended prospectus with details of management changes as soon as they were available.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA TO OPEN STUDY CENTER AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

LOS ANGELES, March 29. (JTA) -- A University of California Study Center at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem has been approved by the University board of regents, it was reported here today.

Under the plan, according to Dr. William Allaway, director of the university's Education Abroad program, 25 California University students will attend the Study Center in Jerusalem for their junior year and then return to the University here for their senior year. The program will be for 11 months. The first ten weeks will deal with language orientation. The Education Abroad program has 12 such Study Centers in overseas schools.

Dr. Joseph Kaplan, physicist and president of the Southern California chapter of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, cited the parallel interests of the two universities in farm and water studies, stemming from the similarity of such problems in the two countries. Prof. Kaplan, who is a member of the Hebrew University board of governors, said that the experience of living and studying in Israel would help the American students to a "better understanding of the social and political problems of the Middle East."

OXFORD UNIVERSITY TO PUBLISH DR. WEIZMANN'S ARCHIVES AND LETTERS

REHOVOT, March 29. (JTA) -- Meyer Weisgal, president of the Weizmann Institute reported today, on his return from a visit to Britain, that he had completed arrangements with the Oxford University Press for publication in English of the letters and archives of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first president, covering a period of 60 years.

Mr. Weisgal, who also visited other European countries and the United States, said he had discussed with scientists plans for an appropriate memorial for the late Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the noted physicist who was a member of the Weizmann Institute board of governors and an honorary fellow of the Institute.

NEW JERSEY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AID TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

TRENTON, N.J., March 29. (JTA) -- Under heavy pressure from Jewish, Protestant and civil rights groups, Gov. Richard J. Hughes yielded yesterday to demands for a public legislative hearing on his proposal to provide free busing for an additional 60,000 of New Jersey's religious and private school pupils. Initially, Gov. Hughes had rejected appeals even from his Democratic leaders in the State Legislature.

The Governor had argued that a public hearing would be "a rehearsal of very ancient and in some cases very ugly arguments." His proposal, which has been approved by the Assembly, 41 to 11, and which is expected to pass the Senate next month, would extend free busing, now used by 60,000 non-public school pupils on established public school routes, to about 60,000 more such pupils for whom new routes would be created. The public hearing, which will be held before the Senate vote, was not expected to endanger passage.

ISAAC REMBAH, VETERAN ISRAELI JOURNALIST, WINS LANDAU AWARD IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, March 29. (JTA) -- Isaac Rembah, former editor of the daily newspaper Herut, and a veteran journalist, was today presented with the Jacob Landau award by the local lodge of B'nai B'rith. The award, which carries a small sum of money and is of symbolic expression, was given to Mr. Rembah in recognition for his 40 years of diversified journalistic activity. The award was established in memory of the late Jacob Landau, a founder of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

J.D. BERKOWITZ, NOTED WRITER, DIES IN ISRAEL; WON SEVERAL LITERARY PRIZES

TEL AVIV, March 29. (JTA) -- J.D. (Yitzhak Dov) Berkowitz, a son-in-law of the late Sholem Aleichem, novelist, critical journalist, winner of many prizes, and a translator most famous for his 15-volume translation of Sholem Aleichem's Yiddish works into Hebrew, died here today at the age of 81.

Death came at the Municipal Hospital. Funeral services have been scheduled for tomorrow. The remains will be interred in the Old Cemetery here, where other famous Jewish writers -- among them Max Nordau, Chaim Nachman Bialik and Shaul Tchernichovsky -- are buried.

Born in Slutsk, Russia, in October 1885, Mr. Berkowitz started early in life to write both in Hebrew and Yiddish, and first gained world recognition when collections of his short stories appeared in Cracow in Hebrew and in Warsaw in Yiddish, both in 1910. He married Esther Rabinowitz, a daughter of Sholem Aleichem, in 1905.

Very active in both major Jewish languages as writer, editor and critic, he first came to the United States with his father-in-law in 1905, returned to Russia, lived in the United States again from 1914 to 1921, and finally settled permanently in Palestine in 1928. He received the Tchernichovsky Prize twice for his monumental translation of Sholem Aleichem into Hebrew; was awarded the Bialik Prize in 1954 and the Israel State Prize in 1958 for his 11-volume collection of his own works, and last year again received the Bialik Prize from the Municipality of Tel Aviv for his book entitled "Chapters from My Childhood."