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## Israeli Firm Acquires Rights to American Jet Plane for \$25 Million

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The Israel Aircraft Industry, Ltd., one of Israel's largest industrial concerns, confirmed last night it had signed a contract with the Rockwell-Standard Corporation, an American producer, for complete production rights to a twin-engined commercial jetliner in a \$25,000,000 transaction. The aircraft is called the Jet Commander.

Under the agreement, the Israeli firm is acquiring inventory, planes in production, tooling units and related production facilities. The planes are currently being manufactured at the Bethany, Oklahoma plant of Aero Commander, a Rockwell-Standard subsidiary.

Israel Aircraft Industry, which has an aircraft plant at Lod airport and seven other factories in Israel, will integrate its production of the seven-passenger executive aircraft with the phasing out of production in Bethany and hopes to deliver the jets off its Lod lines within two years. The Israeli company, which has 5,000 employes, now produces the Fouga Magister jet training plane and parts for commercial aircraft used in the United States.

The Israeli firm is instituting a product improvement program in its scheduling of production of the twin-engined jet and expects that it will produce an improved version for sales in western markets.

It was also learned that the Israeli firm is now developing a prototype for the first STOL (short takeoff and landing) plane in Israel, tentatively named the "Arava," which will carry 22 passengers. Aviation experts indicate there is a huge worldwide market for such planes for commercial traffic.

The Rockwell-Standard Manufacturing Company sold its Jet Commander business because the Justice Department had blocked a merger of the company with North American Aviation Inc., on grounds that both firms produce executive jet planes. Stockholders of the two American firms approved the proposed merger last June. The sale to Israel apparently removed the last obstacle to the merger. The Jet Commander sells for \$595,000 but there was no information on what price tag the Israel firm would place on the plane.

## British Institute Says Egypt Had 225 Combat Planes, 100 Missiles on June 30

LONDON, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The Institute for Strategic Studies here said today in its annual report that as of June 30 -- after the Six-Day War -- Egypt had 225 combat planes including 100 MIG-21 interceptors. The report did not indicate it, but it was assumed that the greater part of these planes were equipment rushed into Egypt by the Soviet Union immediately after the fighting to compensate for Egypt's heavy losses.

The Institute also reported that Egypt had built about 100 missiles but said there was no evidence to show that they had developed a reliable guidance system for them.

The report noted that the Syrian Air Force had suffered "heavy casualties" in the June fighting and that some of its aircraft "may have survived." It said that all the Hunter-Hawks, British-built jet fighters with which the Jordanian Air Force was equipped, had been destroyed in the fighting.

## Special Session Will Shift Arab-Israel Dispute to Regular General Assembly

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Informed United Nations quarters said today that when the special emergency session of the General Assembly reconvenes on Sept. 18 to consider the Middle East situation, it will adopt a procedural resolution turning the Arab-Israel dispute over to the regular session of the Assembly which convenes the following day. The resolution, it was expected, will ask the General Assembly to give priority to the Middle East item.

## New Arab Strategy Is To Use Western Powers To Bring Pressure on Israel

BOSTON, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Arab leaders have come up with a new strategy to bring about withdrawal of Israel forces from former Arab territory, the Christian Science Monitor reported today. The new strategy was developed at the Khartoum Arab summit conference and involves getting the United States, Britain and France to work together -- with the Soviets if possible -- to bring pressure on Israel to withdraw. It was described as based on recognition of the fact that Moscow has practically no diplomatic influence on Israel.

(In a recent press conference in Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban denied that the United States had exerted pressure upon Israel to withdraw from the territories she had occupied, as a gesture of reconciliation towards the Arabs. The U.S. had not even suggested such an action, he said, nor had any nation which supported the Israeli position at the special emergency session of the General Assembly this summer.)

Lebanon, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, the paper said, are supposed to lead the new diplomatic drive, with agreement that Lebanon, now returning its ambassadors to London and Washington, should spark the effort. The paper said that Kuwait "will work on Whitehall. Its huge sterling holdings and investments in Britain make it a special friend of London."

(The London daily, The Sun, reported today that Britain's Foreign Secretary, George Brown, was "responding warmly" to suggestions from Cairo that Egypt and Britain begin a "completely new diplomatic relationship on equal terms." The paper said that Egypt was anxious to know how much influence Britain could bring to bear to make Israel more "moderate" in her approach to a peace settlement.

### Zim Orders Construction of 120,000-Ton Tanker in Sweden

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14, (JTA) -- The Zim Line disclosed today that it had signed a contract with a Swedish shipbuilding firm for construction at the Goetesburg Yards of a 120,000-ton super-tanker. The vessel will be completed in two years and will cost \$9,000,000.

Zim officials said the order was placed after the line had received assurances that the giant tanker would be fully employed for the next ten years in carrying oil to Israel.

### Arabs in Occupied Areas to Receive Substantial Wage Increases

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14, (JTA) -- Israeli officials said today that salaries paid to Arab civil servants and workers in Israeli-occupied areas will be increased substantially to equalize salary standards with those of Israelis.

Payments will be raised 20 percent in the West Bank area, 25 percent in the Syrian Golan Heights and 30 percent in the Gaza Strip and northern Sinai Peninsula area.

### Israel's National Electric Network Is Being Extended to Gaza Towns

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14, (JTA) -- The town of Gaza is being linked to the Israel national electric network at a cost of more than 250,000 pounds (\$83,000). When the installation is completed, the Arab town will receive its electrical power from the national grid instead of from diesel generators. Since electric lines run from Gaza to the larger villages in the Gaza Strip, these other areas will also receive light and power from the Israel grid.

Gaza was off bounds to visitors today to permit a census to be taken in the town.

### 'Basle Quarter' at Hertzlia to Mark Zionism's 70th Anniversary

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14, (JTA) -- The town council of Hertzlia, the only settlement in Israel bearing the name of the founder of political Zionism, agreed today to a Jewish Agency proposal to establish a residential area to be known as the Basle Quarter. The first Zionist Congress was held in Basle 70 years ago and the proposal to establish the Basle Quarter at Hertzlia is part of the program to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the World Zionist Organization.

### Dedicate Memorial to Jewish Legion of World War I Near Nathanya

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14, (JTA) -- Representatives of the Israel Government, the Israel Army and veterans of the Jewish Legion -- the American and British Jewish volunteers who fought under Lord Allenby in the liberation of Palestine from the Turks in World War I -- attended ceremonies today dedicating Beth Hagdudim -- the House of the Legion -- as a tribute to Jewish heroism and Israel's fighting forces.

The building, construction of which was conceived and carried out by American legionnaires led by Samuel Dror, stands on a hill near Nathanya, overlooking a settlement of veterans of World War II.

### Abram Criticizes U.S. Failure to Ratify Human Rights Pacts

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14, (JTA) -- Morris B. Abram, United States Representative to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, criticized the United States today for failing to ratify U.N. human rights conventions. He testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which met to hear the position of the American Bar Association, which opposes the pacts.

Mr. Abram, who is also president of the American Jewish Committee, said the United States, "the professed leader of the free world," stands "with Bolivia, Spain, Togo, South Africa and Yemen as one of the tiny minority of members of the United Nations, which has not ratified any of its human rights conventions."

He told the committee that "we should have been the first to ratify" the conventions on slavery, forced labor and the political rights of women, "rather than still be haggling about vague and fictitious dangers lurking in them."

## Israel Development Ministry Schedules Three New Projects at \$155 Million Cost

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The Israel Development Ministry was reported today to be embarking on three projects entailing an investment of \$155 million and to be planning to spend an additional \$33.5 million on three other projects awaiting confirmation.

The scheduled projects, to be completed in the next three years, call for doubling the production of potash in the Dead Sea Works, construction of a chemical combine in Arad and building of a new 42,000 kilowatt electric power station in Tel Aviv.

The doubling of Dead Sea potash output to 1.2 million metric tons annually will cost \$42 million, it was indicated. The Arad complex will produce 160,000 tons of phosphoric acid and will be built on a 50-50 basis with the Madera Company of Delaware at an expected cost of \$50 million.

The three projects awaiting confirmation are the opening of a new phosphate deposit operation at Ein Yahav in the Negev, production of ammonia and urea by Chemical and Phosphates Company of Haifa and development work at the Timna copper mines.

## South African Government Authorizes Transfer of Emergency Funds to Israel

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Dr. N. Diederichs, the South African Minister of Finance, announced today that the South African Treasury had authorized the transfer to Israel of funds raised here in the Israel Emergency Campaign.

The terms of the Treasury authorization provide for the immediate transmission of 1,000,000 Rands (\$1,400,000) plus 2,000,000 Rands (\$2,800,000) in special, five-year, non-resident bonds which can be sold overseas. The same arrangement is applicable for each of the next five years.

Pending transfer, the funds raised will be deposited with the Public Debt Commissioner for investment in South African Government securities. Spokesmen for the South African Zionist Federation expressed satisfaction with the conditions and appreciation of the Government's helpfulness.

The South African Government has maintained rigorous controls for many years on the transfer of funds from South Africa and has a strict licensing system governing these transfers.

## Strauss Says West German Aid to Israel Should Reach \$40 Million in 1967

BONN, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Franz Josef Strauss, the West German Finance Minister, said yesterday that he believed aid to Israel this year would be about 160 million marks (\$40 million), equivalent to the aid given last year. He cited this figure during a press conference on West Germany's economic situation, in reply to a question from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Declaring that a part of the current aid for Israel had already been earmarked, the Finance Minister added that budget committees of the West German Parliament would have to approve the action but that there was no doubt such approval would be given. It was indicated that an economic aid agreement will be signed soon with Israel.

## Argentine Jews Voice Concern Over Brethren in Russia and Arab Lands

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Resolutions expressing concern over the fate of the Jews in Arab countries and condemning discrimination against the Jews in the Soviet Union were adopted today by the national convention of the Federation of Argentine Jewish Communities. The convention, attended by delegations from the Jewish communities in most Argentine cities, was held in La Plata City to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Jewish community there.

The convention also adopted a resolution deploring the death, in Prague, under mysterious circumstances of Charles H. Jordan, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Working sessions under the chairmanship of Dr. Tobias Kamenszain, president of the organization, discussed educational and religious problems of the community and other domestic issues.

## Hebrew-Speaking B'nai B'rith Lodge is Established in England

LONDON, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The first Hebrew-speaking lodge of B'nai B'rith outside of Israel was inaugurated here in the presence of 75 British Jewish leaders who helped found the lodge. They included former British Commonwealth Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie, president of the lodge, and Professor Norman Bentwich, monitor.

At a banquet following the inauguration, the importance of Hebrew as the language of the entire Jewish people and as a vehicle for the Jewish culture, past and present, was stressed by a number of speakers. They included H. Bar-Tov, cultural attache at the Israel Embassy here, Itzhak Alfassi of Tel Aviv, general secretary of the B'nai B'rith in Britain and Alderman M. Fidler, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Hayim Pinner, executive director of B'nai B'rith, was lauded for initiating the idea of a Hebrew-speaking lodge.

## Urges United Nations Action to Aid Jews in Arab Countries

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) — A World Jewish Congress leader charged today that Jews in some Arab countries, particularly Egypt, Syria and Iraq, continued to be the victims of inhuman treatment and he urged action at the coming session of the United Nations General Assembly to do something on their behalf.

The charge was made by Dr. Max Nussbaum, chairman of the American section of the WJC, at a meeting here today of the executive council. He said the abuse of Jews in those countries was "a violation of fundamental human rights and completely irreconcilable with the spirit of the charter of the United Nations."

"Jews are being imprisoned, beaten and spoiled," he declared. "They are subject to harassment of all kinds and to incessant intimidation. Innocent people are arrested and held without trial in often appalling conditions." He also charged that occasionally the authorities in those Arab countries "make every effort to conceal the facts of this deplorable situation."

Dr. Nussbaum asserted that "this inhumanity is compounded by the denial to Jews in the three countries of freedom to emigrate. They are not allowed to live in peace where they are and where their forbears in many cases have lived for centuries, nor are they allowed to leave and seek a new and better life elsewhere. They are condemned to endure helplessly the spiteful insults of the Arabs in whose midst they are."

He said the international community would be "derelict" if it allowed the political aspects of the Middle East situation to blind it to "the sufferings of these Jews." He said the Assembly session opening Sept. 19 could provide "a suitable opportunity" for world opinion to make itself heard on the issue.

Both "ordinary humanity" and the "spirit" of the U.N. charter demand that such Jews who wish to remain in those countries "should be allowed to live without molestation, in peace and security, and that those who wish to emigrate should not be prevented or obstructed from doing so," he asserted.

## Conference to Launch New \$500 Million Israel Bond Issue Opens Today

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) — A three-day National Mobilization Conference will open here tomorrow under the auspices of the Israel Bond Organization to inaugurate the sale of a new \$500,000,000 State of Israel bond issue in the United States, Canada and other parts of the free world. More than 500 representatives of communities in the United States and Canada are expected to attend the sessions at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir of Israel will report to the conference on short-term problems confronting Israel in restoring its war-dislocated economy and on long-range development measures required to create greater economic stability for Israel.

Ephraim Evron, Israeli Minister, and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-president of the bond organization will address the luncheon session on Friday. Mr. Sapir and Gen. Ezer Weizmann, Chief of Operations of the Israel Defense Forces, will address the Saturday night dinner session. Abraham Feinberg, president of the organization, will preside.

A concluding session Sunday morning will be devoted to detailed planning of the Fall bond sales campaign. The speakers will include Louis H. Boyar, chairman of the board of governors, and Leon Keyserling, economist. Samuel Rothberg, national campaign chairman, will preside over this session.

## Role of JTA to be Discussed on New York Television Program Sunday

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) — The role of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency as an instrumentality of the Jewish community will be discussed Sunday morning on WOR-TV (Channel 9) at 9:00 A.M. on the Point of View program sponsored by the Radio and Television Commission of the New York Board of Rabbis.

Robert H. Arnow, President, and Victor M. Bienstock, General Manager of JTA, will discuss the work of the agency in its fifty years of operations. Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, President of the New York Board of Rabbis, will moderate the program.

## Former Associates Hold Memorial Service for Charles H. Jordan in Geneva

GENEVA, Sept. 14. (JTA) — A memorial service for the late Charles H. Jordan, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee who died mysteriously last month during a vacation visit to Prague, was held in the Synagogue of Geneva today.

Dr. Alexander Safran, the chief rabbi, said a prayer for the late JDC official. The cantor recited Psalms and El Mole Rachamin, one of the traditional prayers for the dead. Kaddish was recited by Theodor Feder, deputy director general of the JDC. Eulogies were delivered also by Mordecai Kidron, Israel Ambassador to the United Nations office in Geneva; James L. Carlin, chief of the refugee and migration section of the permanent United States Mission to the international organizations here; Dr. Michael Potulicki, secretary-general of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies, of which Mr. Jordan had been president; and Herbert Katzki, deputy director general of the JDC. The ceremonies, held in connection with afternoon Mincha prayers, were attended by a large group of officials of international organizations and Geneva authorities.