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## Israeli Spokesman Sees Soviet Bombers in Egypt as 'New Element of Concern'

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)—A Foreign Ministry spokesman warned today that the presence of Soviet Tupolev heavy bombers in Egyptian skies, piloted by Russians, was a new element in the Middle East situation that should be viewed by the Western powers with as much concern as it is viewed by Israel. He referred to the reported "good-will" flight of 16 Russian jet bombers over Cairo yesterday which observers consider a morale-booster for the Egyptians and a demonstration by the Soviets that they can bring their airpower to bear in a local Middle East conflict if they wish to.

(In London today, the Manchester Guardian said that the Soviet air force visit to Egypt may be part of a "war of nerves designed to reinforce the diplomatic pressures which are being brought to bear on both Israel and the UAR to accept a compromise." The paper said that the aircraft demonstrated also that facilities for Soviet air power were readily available in Egypt should the Russians decide to take the Arab side in any new Middle East conflict.

(The Daily Telegraph reported that military attaches in Cairo believe that the TU-16 bombers, armed with air-to-surface missiles, are the ones that Soviet Communist Party leader Brezhnev promised Egypt last October. The Times Cairo correspondent said that the TU-16 was no match for Israel's Mirage fighters but could handle the Mystere fighter and could pose the threat of night bombing. "More important, perhaps, they represent an element of the offensive to the Arab world which somewhat unfairly looks to Cairo to provide this," The Times said.)

Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan addressed the Cabinet yesterday on the current political and security situations. Mr. Eban said that he had informed the French Ambassador that Israel hoped to resume her traditional ties with France in the atmosphere of friendship that prevailed prior to President de Gaulle's attack on Israel at his Nov. 27 press conference.

General Dayan reported that the latest act of sabotage — the blasting of the water reservoir at Almagor near the Syrian border, was the first instance of Syrian terrorists crossing the cease-fire line directly into Israel. Usually, he said, saboteurs from Syria entered via Jordanian territory.

Previously, Gen. Dayan had issued a stern warning to Jordan that if sabotage incidents continued along the Jordan River, the cease-fire line since the end of the June war, the Jordanian population also might not live in peace. Gen. Dayan said that Israel wanted to maintain peace along the cease-fire lines in the occupied territories, but that if unrest continued, it would be "unrest both ways." He said that "there can be only peace or war. There is no intermediate course."

Gen. Dayan said that within a year the Arabs would have the same number of tanks and planes as they had prior to the June war and that some of these "will be of a better type" than their pre-June equipment. He said a renewal of hostilities had been made "rather possible" by the speed of Arab rearmament by the Soviets, which, he said, had been faster than expected.

### Brig. Haim Bar-Lev is Named New Chief of Staff Succeeding Gen. Rabin

The Cabinet announced that Brig. Haim Bar-Lev, 43, has been named Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces, effective in January, 1968 and will be promoted in rank to Major General. He will succeed Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, who, reliable sources said, will be appointed Israel Ambassador to the United States.

The name of Gen. Bar-Lev, who is presently Deputy Chief of Staff, was formally submitted to the Cabinet by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan yesterday. He noted that the termination date of Gen. Rabin's appointment and the choice of his successor were made by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol earlier this year when he still held the portfolio of Defense Minister. Gen. Dayan spoke with high praise of the qualifications of both generals Rabin and Bar-Lev.

General Bar-Lev, formerly Brotzlawski, was born in Austria in 1924, spent most of his childhood in Yugoslavia and came to Israel with his family in 1939 at the age of 15. He studied at the agricultural school at Mikveh Israel and later joined Palmach, the famed shock troops of Haganah, the Jewish defense force, prior to establishment of the State of Israel.

The young Bar-Lev rose rapidly through the ranks. Israel's war for independence in 1948 found him a battalion commander in the Negev repulsing Egyptian attacks from Sinai. During the Sinai campaign of 1956 he commanded the armored brigade that routed the Egyptians at El Arish and Rafah. During last June's Six-Day War, General Bar-Lev served as Deputy Chief of Staff. The general studied at military schools in Britain and France and at Columbia University in New York where he earned a master's degree in business administration and economics. He is married and the father of a son and a daughter.

## Israel Cabinet Approves Budget Over \$2 Billions, Easing Taxes, Compulsory Loan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)—The Cabinet today approved a draft budget for fiscal 1968-69 which is believed to equal the current \$2 billion budget, but contains a reduction of property taxes and abrogation of the compulsory 18 percent loan for immigrant absorption that all Israelis now pay in addition to their income tax. The property tax cuts will apply to land and buildings. The budget will be introduced in the Knesset on Jan. 1, 1968.

## Special Ramadan Amnesty Gives Freedom to 200 Gaza Strip Arabs

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4 (JTA)—Two hundred Arab prisoners from the Gaza Strip and West Bank areas were being released today as a result of a special amnesty granted by the military governors on the occasion of the Moslem holy month of Ramadan, which began Saturday. The amnesty does not apply to prisoners convicted of participation in acts of terror or sabotage, or those known to be members of El Fatah and other terrorist gangs.

## Mapam Denies Barzilai Had Called Dayan and Allon 'Expansionists'

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4 (JTA)—The Mapam Party today demanded that the Paris newspaper Le Monde retract a statement attributed to Israel's Minister of Health, Israel Barzilai, who was quoted as saying that two fellow members of the Cabinet, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Labor Minister Yigal Allon, were "expansionists." Mapam, of which Mr. Barzilai is a member, said that the Le Monde correspondent had drawn erroneous conclusions from a statement by the Health Minister that he opposed those circles who refused to countenance by any withdrawal by Israel from territory occupied in the June war.

The dispatch, which construed this as an attack on Dayan and Allon by one of their colleagues was featured on page one of Le Monde, a newspaper known to reflect Gaullist views. It drew considerable comment from political and diplomatic circles in the French capital, some of whom saw in it a confirmation of at least part of the charges leveled against Israel by President de Gaulle at his press conference of Nov. 27.

## UN To Claim Damages From Israel for Loss of Emergency Force Equipment, Stores

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 4 (JTA)—Secretary-General Thant disclosed in a budget report today that he intends to claim compensation from the "government or governments responsible" for "some of the losses and damage to property belonging to the United Nations Emergency Force or its staff" which was stationed in the Gaza Strip and along the Israel-Egyptian demarcation line prior to the Six-Day War. UNEF was withdrawn last May on the orders of Mr. Thant who was complying with Egyptian President Nasser's demand for the removal of the UN forces, a move which many consider to have been a direct cause of the war last June. At the time, UNEF officers accused Israeli forces of seizing UNEF stores and equipment.

The Secretary-General reported that the budget for the maintenance of UNEF through 1967 was to have been \$14 million, but only 45 of the 122 member states paid their UNEF assessments for the year, amounting to \$5,203,065.

Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, the new United Nations emissary to the Middle East, was reported today to have been urged by the British to give priority on his mission to the question of the reopening of the Suez Canal. This matter was brought up when he met with the chief British delegate to the UN, Lord Caradon. Ambassador Jarring was reported to have delayed his departure to the Middle East until the conclusion of the Arab summit meeting, scheduled for Rabat, Morocco, starting December 12.

(In Jerusalem, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol said that Israel will cooperate with Ambassador Jarring because his mission will be to promote direct negotiations with the Arabs — a major objective of Israeli policy.)

The annual debate on the Arab refugee question, based on the report of Commissioner-General Laurence Michelmore of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, originally set for Dec. 12, has been postponed until the early part of 1968, apparently at the urging of the Arab states, who are known to oppose a discussion at this time. The General Assembly will hold a pledging conference of member states on Wednesday to raise funds for the maintenance of UNRWA.

## Southern California Histadrut Drive Gets \$1 Million Pledges at Los Angeles Rally

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4 (JTA)—Histadrut supporters in Southern California pledged a total of \$1 million toward various projects of Israel's labor federation at a mass rally here last night honoring Aharon Becker, secretary general of Histadrut who is visiting California on his tour of the U.S.A. and Canada. The rally, attended by 2,000, was addressed by Senator Ernest Gruening of Alaska.

A campaign quota of \$500,000 was approved by the representatives of some 400 sponsoring organizations toward the national goal of \$6 million to help meet Histadrut's medical, vocational training, cultural and rehabilitation projects among immigrants, workers and youth in Israel. Another \$500,000 was pledged toward the \$5 million national goal of the American Histadrut Development Foundation in the form of bequests, assignments of insurance, securities and other gifts. The Histadrut conference re-elected Julius Fligelman as Pacific Coast president.

Sen. Gruening, a Democrat and one-time close associate of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, chastized Arab leaders as having "forfeited all claims for further support from the taxpayers of the United States." He also denounced Soviet Russia for its military aid and support of the Arab nations.

## Derwinski of Illinois Calls for Boycott of French Products as Reply to de Gaulle

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (JTA)—Rep. Edward J. Derwinski, Illinois Republican, denounced President Charles de Gaulle of France today for hostility to the United States, Israel and the Jewish people, and called for a boycott of French products and curtailment of tourism to France. Mr. Derwinski, a member of the subcommittees on Europe and foreign economic policy of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, referred to de Gaulle's attack on the American dollar and on American investments in France in asking for the curtailment of purchases of French products during the current Christmas buying season.

"Just as de Gaulle ignored the history of Franco-American amity, he betrayed the spirit of World War II resistance and the anti-Nazi crusade by disparaging the Jewish people and denouncing Israel," he said. "De Gaulle's anti-Israelism has facilitated the Soviet-Arab conspiracy aimed at the isolation and destruction of Israel."

National Commander Samuel Samuels, of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., said today that President de Gaulle had made a mockery of the sacrifices of thousands of American soldiers — including men of the Jewish faith — who died to help liberate France in two world wars. He called on "our French comrades-in-arms of all persuasions to repudiate the arrogant racism and chauvinism displayed by de Gaulle. His attack on Israel and attempt to depict the entire Jewish people as 'domineering' is as repulsive to true Frenchmen as were the words of the extremists who attempted to degrade Captain Dreyfus in the notorious affair of the last century."

## French Jewish Leader Here to Study Community Structure and Organization

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (JTA)—Earon Alain De Rothschild, president of the Consistoire Central Israelite de France Et d'Algerie arrived today on the invitation of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America to study the structure and methods of the American Jewish community. Rabbi Joseph Karasick, president of the Union who met with leaders of French Jewry in Paris last June, said the major problem is the doubling of the Jewish population in France through the influx of more than 200,000 Jews from Algeria and other North African countries during the past 10 years.

As a result, Rabbi Karasick said, the French Jewish community has been faced with overwhelming problems of establishing synagogues, schools, communal centers and other institutions for the newcomers and staffing them with trained personnel. There is a great shortage of rabbis, religious and Hebrew teachers and social and youth workers in France, Rabbi Karasick said.

## Soviet Editor Says Jew in Russia Today is 'Miles Ahead' of Jew in Czarist Days

LONDON, Dec. 4 (JTA)—The "new" Soviet Jew is "miles ahead" in his living standard, compared with the Jew in Czarist Russia, who lived in the restricted areas of "the Pale," Aaron Vergelis, editor of the Moscow Yiddish monthly, Sovietisch Heimland, declared in the November issue, which reached here today. "Yet," the Jewish Communist added, "there are political busybodies abroad who dare to involve the good name of Soviet Jews in the cold war."

The entire issue is devoted to the position of Jews in the USSR and Jewish writing, especially in Yiddish, in observance of the 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. Because the Soviet Jews are being linked to cold war propaganda, Vergelis stated, "Soviet Jewish writing is so vitally important and timely, because it does so much to give a picture of Jewish life in the Soviet Union." In the November issue, in general, Soviet Jewish writers praise the Bolshevik Revolution and its accomplishments. There is also included a survey of Yiddish literature in the USSR since 1917.

## To Hold Latin American Conference in March to Consider World Jewish Problems

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 4 (JTA)—A continentwide conference of Jewish communities will be convened here on March 5 to consider immediate problems in the educational, cultural and religious areas and the question of emigration to Israel, the Latin American Executive of the World Jewish Congress decided today. The executive concluded its 15th plenary session here after considering the world Jewish situation, and conditions in Latin America, particularly in the wake of the latest developments in the Middle East.

The Human Rights Award established by the executive will be given to Dr. Arturo Capdevila, Argentine poet and writer, it was announced today. Dr. Capdevila, whose name has been mentioned frequently for the Nobel Prize, has written many poems on Biblical themes and has written extensively on Jewish and Israel subjects. The award, for 1967, is in recognition of his role as a fighter for democracy in Latin America. Dr. Capdevila is 78.

## B'nai B'rith Proposes Johnson Call 'Blue Ribbon' Panel to Evaluate Viet Nam War

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 4 (JTA)—President Johnson was urged by the B'nai B'rith today to convene a "blue ribbon" council of distinguished Americans with divergent views on the Viet Nam war, to "make a fresh and thoroughgoing evaluation" of United States policy in Southeast Asia, "reduce abrasive arguments which are widening national disunity" and search out common agreement on objectives.

The proposal was contained in a resolution adopted at the annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith board of governors here, after hours of intense debate which reflected the divergent and ambivalent views of the B'nai B'rith's 500,000 members. It noted that many Americans are experiencing "keen anxiety over the morality and wisdom of our nation's unforeseen, large-scale involvement in Viet Nam" and that there are "no easy answers for the President" whose "goal is an honorable peace" and who "faces a ruthless and intransigent foe." The resolution also took note of the fact that "many powerful forces still persist in seeking a decisive military victory, without regard for consideration and risk."

## Post Awards of \$50,000 for Arrest, Conviction of Mississippi Terrorists

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 4. (JTA) — Rewards totaling at least \$50,000 had been posted here by today for information leading to the arrest of night-riders who bombed Temple Beth Israel in Jackson last September and hurled a bomb into the home of its spiritual leader, Rabbi Perry Nussbaum, last week. Half the amount has been pledged by local civic and business leaders, and the balance was posted with Mayor Allan Thompson from an anonymous source.

While the official community expressed outrage at the bombing, and Rabbi Nussbaum's congregation called it "an attack on every member of the Jewish faith," the head of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations called on Governor-elect John Bell Williams to repudiate the racist and segregationist groups in the state which, many believe, were implicated in the bombings. Kenneth I. Dean, director of the Council, referred specifically to the Ku Klux Klan, Americans for the Preservation of the White Race and the White Citizens Council. He charged that members of the Governor's campaign organization and of his personal staff were either connected with these organizations or attended meetings in support of them. Rabbi Nussbaum has been active in the civil rights movement.

## Yeshiva University Study Reveals 17% of American Jews Marry Non-Jews

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) — A Yeshiva University psychologist reported in a study just published here that 17 percent of American Jews intermarry and that Jews and Catholics who marry outside their faiths run the highest risk of divorce and conflict in the rearing of children. Dr. Victor J. Sanua, associate professor of psychology at Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work, based his study, "Marriage Counseling: Psychology-Ideology," on a number of studies on intermarriage made over the past 35 years including a book by the rabbi and sociologist Albert I. Gordon and a survey made by Iowa State University. His conclusions are that Jews and Catholics are most hurt by intermarriage, that the rate of broken marriages is more influenced by lack of religious identification of one of the partners rather than by clashes of religious values and beliefs and that approximately 75 percent of the offspring of Jews who intermarry are not identified as Jews.

Dr. Sanua observed that while there are no definitive studies of intermarriage divorce rates among Jews, information gathered in his report shows that Jews marrying outside of their faith see their relatives less regularly and "what is considered more significant, feel the unmarried can be just as content as the married." It is also shown, the study said, "that Catholics and Jews carry an additional burden in that both groups have to cope with more pressure from church and family than do Protestants."

## Overflow Audience Jams Madison Square Garden for First of Three Chanukah Festivals

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (JTA) — More than 18,000 New Yorkers filled Madison Square Garden Monday night for the Chanukah Festival for Israel Bonds which initiated a series of nationwide celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel. Max Abrams, campaign chairman of the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds, which sponsors the festival, reported that "in New York, Israel Bond sales so far in 1967 have more than tripled since last year." In 1966, sales of Israel Bonds in metropolitan New York amounted to more than \$18 million.

William Goldfine, honorary chairman of the Israel Bond campaign in New York, hailed Israel's anniversary, declaring that "by its inspiring example of bravery and courage, by its great achievements in pioneering and development, by its dedication to freedom and social justice, Israel has brought new dignity, new self-respect, new pride to every Jew on the face of the earth."

Tonight's performance of the festival, which was free to purchasers of Israel Bonds, was sold out. To accommodate the record number of Israel Bond buyers this year, a second and third performance of the Chanukah Festival will be held December 18 and January 1 in Madison Square Garden.

## Funeral Services Held for Leo W. Schwarz, Writer, Editor, Educator

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (JTA) — Funeral services were held here today for Leo W. Schwarz, Jewish writer, editor, educator and lecturer, who died this weekend at the age of 61. The funeral was private, but memorial services were scheduled to be held next Sunday at Metropolitan Synagogue.

Born in New York, and graduated from Harvard College, Mr. Schwarz started his career as rabbi of Vassar Temple, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, was on the Joint Distribution Committee's staff in Germany after the war, aided the American Friends of the Hebrew University in New York, was an adviser to students at South African universities, and was visiting professor of Judaic studies for two years at the University of Iowa.

A prolific author, he also edited anthologies of Jewish literature and wrote many works on Jewish themes. Last month, Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of America, gave him its Myrtle Wreath Achievement Award, hailing him as a "devoted friend of Hadassah, whose great literary talent, sensitive understanding and creative imagination have made him an outstanding interpreter of Jewish life." The award was given to him while he was a patient at Veterans Hospital here.

## Rabbi Bezalel Cohen, Head of Mizrachi, Dead at 66 in Israel

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA) — Cabinet members, rabbis and other public figures attended the funeral here today of Rabbi Bezalel Cohen, acting chairman of the world executive of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi who died yesterday at the age of 66.