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United States to Ship Patton Tanks to Jordan to Replace June War Losses

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 17 (JTA)--Official sources revealed today that a U.S. embargo on arms shipments will be lifted within 30 days to allow the shipment of Patton tanks to Jordan to replace the losses suffered in last June's war with Israel. Spare parts, ammunition and other transportation and communications equipment required by the Jordanian army will also be sent. A new agreement in being negotiated for surplus agricultural commodities to meet Jordan's food needs.

The State Department said today that the United States has terminated a \$30 million annual cash budgetary support allocation for Jordan because the Hussein regime is receiving adequate aid from the oil-rich Arab countries. The \$30 million included funds with which Jordan paid its army, according to Robert McCloskey, State Department spokesman.

Mr. McCloskey said that Jordan had received an authorization of \$112 million a year from the wealthy Arab states at last September's Arab summit meeting in Khartoum. It was decided there that the wealthy Arab countries would aid those whose economies suffered from the June war, Mr. McCloskey said.

The Washington Daily News said today that the United States had "politely but coolly," turned aside three bids from Egypt in recent weeks for renewal of diplomatic relations. The paper said that the approaches had been in Washington and Cairo and that the Egyptians had received "the stiffly correct U.S. response that they would be taken under advisement."

Eshkol, in London, Begins Round of Talks With British Government Leaders

LONDON, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Prime Minister Eshkol lunched with British political leaders today in what was described as "an excellent atmosphere." The Israeli leader was relaxed and "in very cordial spirits" as he exchanged views with Foreign Secretary George Brown and others. Mr. Brown was the last to leave.

This afternoon, Mr. Eshkol met with leaders of Britain's Jewish community in his hotel suite where he reiterated his desire for face-to-face talks with Arab leaders, if necessary with the U.N.'s Middle East envoy Ambassador Gunnar Jarring acting as "shadchan" (matchmaker). Mr. Eshkol said that he was not in Britain to buy any military equipment, adding that "the British do not have the kind of military hardware Israel needs." He spoke of the dangers in the mounting Arab acts of terrorism and sabotage against Israel which "could lead us to the brink" but stressed that it was peace talks, not fighting, that Israel desired.

Mr. Eshkol arrived here last evening from New York and was greeted at the airport by Minister of State Goronwy Roberts, representing the British Government; Michael Fiedler, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews; Ambassador Aharon Remez and senior members of the Israel Embassy staff and leaders of the British Zionist Organization and the Joint Palestine Appeal.

In a press conference at the airport, Mr. Eshkol said he was prepared to meet the Arabs face to face. Ambassador Jarring, he said, might preside at the first meeting and then leave the two sides to carry on by themselves. A face-to-face meeting such as this, he commented, would imply recognition by each side of the other's existence.

The prime minister said he would not exclude the holy places from the agenda of the meeting. He said that in his quest for peace, he was prepared to "go as far as Cairo if invited by President Nasser." He confirmed reports of an American agreement for the supply of additional A-4 Skyhawk fighter bombers.

Floods, Rockslides Hamper Israelis As Jerusalem Digs Out of Worst Storm in Decade

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Israelis, whose climate has often been compared to that of Southern California, were trying to take in stride today the damage and disruptions caused by the worst snow and wind storms to hit the country in more than a decade.

Members of the Knesset (Parliament) who had to walk to the Knesset building this afternoon because public transportation was still suspended, expressed shock at the extent to which public services were thrown into disarray by the storm. Whole quarters of the city remained without electricity, water or telephones. Fallen trees blocked traffic and many buildings were without heat because of the electric power failure. Late in the day, some busses began running.

Meanwhile, floodwaters from melting snow caused rock slides that blocked a recently completed 4-lane section of the Tel-Aviv-Jerusalem highway which had only just been cleared of snow. As a result, the highway was alternately opened and closed to traffic during the day.

Nine Terrorists in Jerusalem Cinema Bombing Were Betrayed By Own Leader

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Nine members of the El Fatah gang facing trial by military tribunals for attempting to blow up the Zion cinema in Jerusalem last October and other terrorist acts, learned today that it was their own leader who betrayed them to Israeli security authorities.

The Syrian-trained terrorist and sabotage ring was rounded up swiftly after the cinema-bombing attempt in what was hailed as an extraordinary piece of policework. But the Israeli authorities had been given the names of the gang members and told where to find them and their caches of weapons and explosives. The informant was the gang leader, known as "Dr. Nur," who was picked up in a routine security check in Jerusalem and found to be in illegal possession of a revolver. He confessed all and will be brought to trial separately.

Seven members of the gang, including one woman, went before a military tribunal in Lydda today. The trial of two other members will begin next week.

Snow-Blocked Roads Prevent Resumption of Egyptian Prisoner Exchange

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17 (JTA)--The Egyptian-Israeli prisoner of war exchange, delayed by the heavy snowstorm that blanketed most of Israel and Sinai earlier this week, was postponed again today because the Egyptians had not cleared their section of the road. It is hoped that the exchange can be resumed tomorrow. The exchange was arranged by the International Red Cross which is supervising the operation. Israel holds 4,500 Egyptian POWs while Egypt has between 10 and 15 captured Israeli pilots and marines.

Traffic in and out of Jerusalem moved normally today for the first time in more than 24 hours as roads were finally cleared of the heavy snow drifts. But sections of Galilee were still cut off and food had to be brought to outlying villages by helicopter. Druze tribesmen in the upper Galilee village of Reihaniev embraced the helicopter pilot who landed yesterday with bread.

The snow storm did not prevent a wedding from taking place on schedule. Rabbi Isaac Stein, of Safad, trudged five miles through the snow to an isolated village in order to perform the ceremony. No vehicle could get there. Said the rabbi, "it was a hard walk but a great mitzvah."

Peres Says West Bank Trade Proves Peaceful Arab-Israeli Coexistence Possible

GENEVA, Jan. 17 (JTA)--The movement of men and goods across the bridges of the Jordan River and the brisk, if unofficial trade, between the East and West banks demonstrates that peaceful coexistence is possible between Israelis and Arabs despite the hostilities engendered by war and the absence of treaties of peace, Israel's former Deputy Minister of Defense, Simon Peres, declared in an address here. Mr. Peres spoke in the course of a tour on behalf of the Swiss Zionist Federation and WIZO -- Women's International Zionist Organization. He noted that despite the lack of peace, the Arabs in Israel-occupied territories have not been cut off from the Arab world.

Mr. Peres saw little immediate prospect for a permanent peace and said that was a condition that Israel, as well as the Arabs, must live with for the time being.

(Israel has more or less given its official sanction to the unofficial trade that has been moving between the West and the East banks of the Jordan since last June's war. A ministerial committee in charge of occupied Arab territories announced last weekend that West Bank Arabs who export their produce to the East Bank, could now import Jordanian goods. Up to then, they had been permitted to bring in only goods that belonged to residents of the West Bank or East Jerusalem prior to last June 5. Residents of occupied territories are not required to declare foreign currency earned in Jordan unless they want export incentives or tax rebates from the Israel treasury.)

Egyptians Deny Charges They Tortured Egyptian Jewish Prisoners

PARIS, Jan. 17 (JTA)--The Egyptian Embassy here denied today charges that appeared in the newspaper, L'Express, that Egyptian Jews arrested during last June's Six-Day War were degraded and tortured. The charges were made in an article by the Egyptian-Jewish journalist, Berto Farhi, who is now in Paris.

According to the Embassy, 257 Egyptian Jews were arrested last June "for reasons of national security" and 23 of them have since been released. Mr. Farhi replied today that 350 Jews were arrested and 230 are still in prison. He repeated his charge that Egyptian intelligence services tortured Jewish prisoners in order to secure confessions to "imaginary crimes."

Netherlands Jewish Women Seek United Nations Aid for Jews in Arab Lands

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 17 (JTA)--The Netherlands delegation to the United Nations was urged today to intervene at the world body for action on behalf of Jews imprisoned and persecuted in Arab countries since last June's Arab-Israeli war. The appeal was made to Foreign Minister Dr. Joseph Luns, by the Executive of WIZO, the Women's Zionist Organization in the Netherlands, on behalf of its 2,300 members.

American-Israeli Partnership to Manufacture Electronic Components

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17 (JTA)--A contract will be signed here shortly establishing an American-Israeli partnership to manufacture electronic components that have both military and civilian uses, it was learned today. The 50-50 partnership involves an Israeli group and Electrogen Industries Inc., a large American firm whose president, retired U.S. Air Force General Roger Brown, and chairman, Herbert Schwartzman are now in Israel. They met former Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Itzhak Rabin and with officials of the Defense Ministry on Sunday.

Electrogen Industries Inc. will produce its Cristov V. unit in Israel for local needs and for export. The Cristov V. is an instrument that reproduces in enclosed spaces the positive electric fields found naturally out of doors. It is used in aircraft cabins, in tanks, automobiles and offices. The firm will start operations in Israel within 90 days on rented premises with parts imported from the American parent company. It is expected that 50 to 60 percent of the parts will be produced locally within one year.

Ex-Wife of British Nazi Sentenced to 18 Months for Role in Synagogue Arson

LONDON, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Mrs. Francoise Jordan, ex-wife of British Nazi party leader Colin Jordan, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment today after a jury in Old Bailey Court found her guilty of conspiring to set fire to a London synagogue that burned in 1965. After the judge pronounced sentence, the French-born Mrs. Jordan faced the jury, gave the Nazi salute and shouted "heil Hitler."

The jury, which had been warned by Judge Cusack not to convict Mrs. Jordan "because you dislike her opinions," was unable to reach a verdict on another charge of conspiring to set fire to a synagogue at Stanmore, Middlesex. On the instructions of the judge, Mrs. Jordan was acquitted of a third charge of inciting members of the British Nazi party to burn synagogues.

During the trial Mrs. Jordan declared that Hitler was her "eternal leader" and that she despised the "Jewish race" because they are "evil."

Five Latvian Collaborators on Trial in Riga for Mass Murder of Jews

LONDON, Jan. 17 (JTA)--The trial of five war criminals accused of engineering and participating in the mass murder of virtually the entire Jewish population in the Latvian town of Daugapils during World War II, has opened in the High Court of the Soviet Latvian Republic in Riga, according to reports reaching here today.

The five are Karl Neiberg, Erich Lasenberg, Arnold Minga, Vincent Flocins and Nicholas Sawickis -- all Latvians who are accused of having served as torturers and executioners for the Nazis during the German occupation of the Baltic states. All had been living under false identities since the war and were apprehended only recently, the report stated. They planned the executions not only of Jews but of anti-Nazi partisans and others in the town and killed a number of people with their own hands.

The trial was expected to last a week and will hear eyewitness evidence from survivors, including several Jews, who have volunteered to testify.

Wiesenthal Asserts Bormann, Mengele Alive in South America

LONDON, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Martin Bormann and Dr. Joseph Mengele, the two most-wanted Nazi war criminals, are alive and living in South America, Simon Wiesenthal, who has devoted his life to bringing war criminals to justice, told a British television audience. He expressed doubt, however, that either would ever be brought to justice unless they were seized in the same kind of commando action that netted Adolf Eichmann.

Wiesenthal said that Bormann, who was Adolf Hitler's deputy, is living in northern Brazil. Mengele, the Auschwitz "selection doctor," is living in central Paraguay, he said. The Nazi hunter said he had photos of Mengele taken only a few months ago.

Kiesinger Not to Seek To Have National Democratic Party Outlawed

BONN, Jan. 17 (JTA)--A West German Government spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that Chancellor Kurt George Kiesinger would not ask the Constitutional High Court at Karlsruhe to determine whether or not the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party operated within the national constitution.

The government has been concerned about measures to check the growth of the neo-Nazi organization which has won seats in six provincial legislatures. The coalition partners split on proposals to amend the election laws and it had been reported that the Chancellor would seek to have the Karlsruhe court declare the NPD unconstitutional. The Chancellor, however, is apparently unprepared to take that course of action.

New Vatican Curia Prefect is Staunch Supporter of Declaration on Jews

ROME, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Franjo Cardinal Seper, the newly designated prefect of the Holy Congregation for Doctrine and Faith, a key post in the Vatican Curia, is known as one of the staunchest supporters of the declaration repudiating the charge of genocide against Jews in the crucifixion of Jesus which was adopted at the Second Vatican Council in 1965.

In a notable intervention in the debate on the document, in September 1964, Cardinal Seper asked "how can the Church not show interest in the old and new persecutions against an innocent people in such an atrocious manner? If we have been silent so far, now is the time to speak."

The Cardinal has visited Israel privately several times and has never failed to call on his many friends among Jewish settlers from Yugoslavia.

Copy of Scrolls From Synagogue There Presented to Dutch Town

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 17 (JTA)--A copy of the Torah scrolls that once belonged to the synagogue of Leeuwarden, capital of the Netherlands province of Friesland, was presented to the mayor of that town in ceremonies which recalled how the original scrolls were protected from the Nazis by the Dutch resistance movement during World War II. The original scrolls and the entire inventory of the old Leeuwarden synagogue are now at Kfar Batya in Israel, a settlement sponsored by the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America.

But the copy, donated by the Mizrahi Women, was sent to the site of what was once a flourishing Jewish community to serve as a symbolic reminder of the Dutch Jews who were deported during the Nazi occupation of Holland.

Kaufman Sees Jewish Civil Rights Drive Cooled by Stand of Negro Extremists

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Jewish resolve on civil rights issues has been "mitigated" by the activities of extremist factions in the Negro community, Rabbi Jay Kaufman, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, said at a reception given by the order in honor of Mayor Walter E. Washington and other members of the District of Columbia administration. Mayor Washington is a Negro.

"The anti-Israel position taken by SNCC (Student non-Violent Coordinating Committee) and by the New Left conference in Chicago last year has created confusion in the minds of Jews who had supported the goals of the Negro revolution," Rabbi Kaufman said. "I think that Jews were singularly free of the corrosion of the white backlash until then," he said, "but they are no longer and must be brought back to their former resolve and fervor."

Mayor Washington told the 200 guests at the reception that he accepted Rabbi Kaufman's challenge and called for a coalition of business, religious and civic leaders of the District "to help bring about the kind of town where we can live in peace and dignity." He warned, however that "if we develop the attitudes of negativism and defeatism, we may as well not make the effort."

ADL Says 87% of Private Employment Agencies Tested Violate Anti-Bias Laws

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported today that 87 percent of the private employment agencies in New York and five other cities it has approached in a random sampling, disregard Federal, state and local statutes which forbid employment discrimination. Of 388 agencies queried in New York, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Atlanta, Chicago and Miami, the ADL said, 358 accepted orders for a "white Gentile" or "white Protestant" secretary.

The study was part of a general ADL report on white collar employment practices and problems being submitted to the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Arnold Forster, general counsel of ADL, said that "not only did an overwhelming majority of the agencies accept discriminatory job orders, but their comments revealed an utter disregard for fair employment laws."

Two Philadelphia Companies Advance Jews to Executive Suite Positions

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17 (JTA)--Two corporations with headquarters in Philadelphia recently advanced or appointed Jewish personnel to high posts in management, the Management Consulting Service of the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Employment and Vocational Service reported.

Scott Paper Co. promoted an executive to assistant general counsel and named a chemist as a scientific specialist in its research division. The Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Co. advanced three of its Jewish officials to higher management posts, one of them to a vice-presidency.

The AJC-JEVS service was established with a grant from the Leon C. Sunstein Foundation in 1966 to assist and encourage employers in industry and finance to recruit qualified Jews for executive and management posts and to urge qualified Jews to take advantage of expanding opportunities in such positions with large corporations, fields in which Jews traditionally have been barred.

Reconstructionists, Temple University, Establish New Theological Training Program

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (JTA)--The first theological training program in the United States that will enable ministerial candidates to complete a Ph.D. program and concurrently receive their required theological preparation was announced here by the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation which maintains a federation of 24 affiliated synagogues and fellowships in the U.S.A., Canada and the Netherlands West Indies. The new program will be undertaken as an experiment in rabbinical training by the Reconstructionist Foundation in conjunction with the department of religion at Temple University, Philadelphia.

Candidates for rabbinical ordination under this program will be obliged to fulfill requirements for the Ph.D. degree in an area of Jewish studies at Temple University. At the same time, they will receive specialized training for their rabbinical vocation at a Reconstructionist House of Rabbinical Studies to be established adjacent to the university campus. Satisfactory completion of the joint program will earn the candidate the title "rabbi" from the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation.

Women's League of United Synagogue to Celebrate Golden Jubilee

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (JTA)--The National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, parent body of 800 sisterhoods of Conservative synagogues in North America, will mark the 50th anniversary of its founding over the week-end of Jan. 19-21. The "Golden Jubilee" will be observed by special events, prayers and services in Conservative synagogues throughout the United States and Canada, according to Mrs. Sol Henkind, president of the League and Mrs. Simon Greenberg, chairman of its jubilee committee.

The National Women's League was founded in Jan. 1918 by Mrs. Solomon Schechter, wife of the second president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. It has grown to be the largest synagogue women's organization in the world with a membership of 200,000.

City University's Foreign Study Program Is Extended to Tel Aviv University

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (JTA)--An agreement under which students of the City University of New York may spend a year at Tel Aviv University under the City University's program of study abroad was announced here today by Dr. George S. Wise, president of Tel Aviv University, and Dr. Robert W. Hartle, director of the City University program of study abroad. Some 30 students are expected to enroll at Tel Aviv University next fall. They will be accompanied by three faculty members from New York.