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## Pompidou Favors General Arms Embargo, Would Reconsider If Sales Have Been One-Sided

PARIS, June 9 (JTA) -- Former Premier Georges Pompidou, the Gaullist candidate for the Presidency of France, said in an interview published today that he favored a general arms embargo on all the belligerents in the June, 1967 Arab-Israeli war and that he would reconsider France's embargo policy only if it turned out that France has been selling arms to one of the two sides while the de Gaulle-imposed embargo is in effect.

M. Pompidou, who most public opinion polls indicate will win the Presidency by a wide margin over Acting President Alain Poher in next Sunday's run-off elections, told the newspaper L'Aurore that "no country should supply any war materials or equipment to any of the belligerent parties." Replying to a question by journalist Serge Groussard, he specifically exempted Lebanon from any arms embargo. "Lebanon is out of the fight and certainly is no belligerent," M. Pompidou said.

The Gaullist candidate declared that "France will always defend Israel's right to exist in full independence and security and hopes that all countries will admit this fundamental right." He added that until this day arrives, France must do all it can to avoid a new Arab-Israeli war which could have "frightening consequences for all humanity."

Pressed about possible French arms deliveries to Arab states despite the embargo on both sides, M. Pompidou said, "I have been away from power for nearly one year now. If elected I shall study these files and should it become clear that one of the two sides has been supplied with weapons, France will reconsider her entire stand on the issue. There can be no double standard for the parties concerned."

M. Pompidou's statement was the most detailed and specific he has yet made on French Middle East policy. Observers here said it greatly diminished the possibility that the arms embargo against Israel would be lifted if M. Pompidou is elected. They noted that he carefully avoided making any promises or commitments on the issue that he might be held to after the June 15 election.

### Israeli Defense Official Finds More Sympathy Since De Gaulle's Departure

TEL AVIV, June 9 (JTA) -- Israel's assistant Defense Minister, Gen. Zvi Tsur, said on his return from Paris yesterday that no developments could be expected on the French arms embargo against Israel until after next week's Presidential run-off election.

Gen. Tsur, who conferred with French Defense Minister Pierre Messmer and other Government officials and aircraft industrialists, said "the general feeling was more sympathetic and it was more pleasant to talk to them" since the departure from political power of ex-President Charles de Gaulle. Gen. Tsur visited Paris at the invitation of officials of the international air show held at Le Bourget Airport.

He was accompanied by Admiral Mordechai Limon, head of the Israeli purchasing mission for Western Europe, at his meeting with M. Messmer. He also met with Pierre Blanchard, ministerial delegate for arms and munitions supplies, and Marcel Bloch-Dassault whose firm manufactures the Mirage supersonic jet fighter bomber.

Fifty Mirage V air craft, built to Israeli Air Force specifications, were bought and paid for in full by Israel more than a year ago. They are still held in a French warehouse pending an end, to the embargo on aircraft and spare parts imposed by Gen. de Gaulle following the June, 1967 Six-Day War.

In a related development, a major French aviation company is negotiating for the rights to assemble a small private airplane designed in Israel. The plane, called the Arava, is represented by a scale model at the international air show. Sud Aviation, which has built transport planes for Israel, wants to start production of the Israeli aircraft at its plant in the south of France within a few months, sources here said.

## Young Arabs Receive Sentences For Bombing Incident At Hebrew U. That Injured 22

TEL AVIV, June 9 (JTA) -- Sentences of 25 years and five years imprisonment were imposed yesterday by a military tribunal in Lydda on two Israeli Arabs who confessed to charges of setting off a bomb that injured 22 people in the Hebrew University cafeteria in Jerusalem on March 6. A third has pleaded guilty.

Fathi Salem Khalil, 22, student at the university, received a sentence of 25 years. Assid Nimir Asawi, 22, a waiter at the Holyland Hotel, was sentenced to five years imprisonment. Both come from Touraan Village in Galilee. Asawi received a lighter sentence after it became apparent that his guilt was only in placing his room at the disposal of the plotters. Immediately after the sentencing, another defendant, Adnan Marai Hassan Halaikhal, 23, said he also wished to plead guilty. Seven Arabs are accused of the crime. Mariam el Shachshir, 19, charged with placing the bomb in the cafeteria, was separated from the case with the others who pleaded not guilty.

## Report "Whispering Campaign" Against Jews In French City Of Orleans

PARIS, June 9 (JTA) -- The newspaper Le Monde reported that an anti-Semitic "whispering campaign" is going on in the city of Orleans where anonymous letters and posters attacking Jews have appeared. The paper said the campaign was characterized by word-of-mouth slander accusing Jews of engaging in white slave traffic. It called on police authorities to act promptly before the campaign spreads to other cities.

Le Monde has published a six-page special supplement devoted to "France and the Arab world" which stresses the interdependence between the two and their links of trade and culture. Political circles here saw significance in the appearance of the supplement a week before the run-off Presidential elections.

## Foil Sabotage Attempt On Railway Line Linking Tel Aviv And Haifa

TEL AVIV, June 9 (JTA) -- An attempt to sabotage the Tel Aviv-Haifa railway, Israel's main railway line, was foiled Friday according to a police communique released today. The communique said a railway worker observed a suspicious object connected to wires near the line, some nine and a half miles south of Haifa. A police explosives expert discovered an electric bomb weighing 22 pounds under the rails. The bomb was dismantled with no damage.

## 2 Israelis Wounded When Army Vehicle Attacked On Heights; Shooting Continues At Canal

TEL AVIV, June 9 (JTA) -- Two Israeli soldiers were wounded last night when an Army vehicle was attacked in the Golan Heights, a military spokesman reported. Sporadic shooting continued yesterday along the Suez Canal but there was no repetition of the eight-hour artillery duel that raged from Saturday night into the early hours of Sunday, the spokesman said.

He said yesterday's shooting was begun by Egyptian snipers. It was followed by machine-gun fire and further escalated by volleys of mortar and artillery shells. The shooting would subside for long intervals and resume again following the same pattern, the spokesman said. There were no Israeli casualties.

## Gen. Bull Returns To United Nations For Consultations With Thant

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 9 (JTA) -- Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of the UN Truce Supervision Organization team in the Mideast, will return here for consultations with Secretary-General U Thant tonight, a UN spokesman said. He was not expected to meet any Big Four members or parties to the Mideast conflict. His last visit here was about a year ago.

## Egypt Has Shown No Inclination To Enter Nuclear Race, Says 'Monitor' Correspondent

BOSTON, June 9 (JTA) -- Egypt has shown no inclination to enter a nuclear arms race with Israel and apparently relies on Big Power protection under terms of the nuclear non-proliferation draft treaty which Egypt has signed but has not yet formally ratified, Christian Science Monitor correspondent John K. Cooley reported from Cairo today.

The treaty, which Israel so far has refrained from signing, will take effect only when at least three nuclear powers and 40 other nations have completed ratification. So far, only Britain, of the nuclear powers, and 11 other nations have ratified the draft.

According to Mr. Cooley, Cairo considers the estimated \$400 million cost of a nuclear weapons program prohibitive. Israel and Egypt both began peacetime nuclear-energy programs in the 1950s. (There have been a flurry of reports recently that Israel has produced nuclear bombs, emphatically denied by Israeli authorities. It is generally conceded however that Israel has the technical capability to produce such weapons.)

Mr. Cooley noted that nuclear research has been conducted at Israel's Soreq research center since 1952 under safeguards and inspection of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna. Atomic research is also conducted at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovoth, at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the Haifa Technion, he said. Israel constructed a research reactor at Dimona in the Negev in the early 1960s with French help which is operated without IAEA safeguards or inspection, Mr. Cooley wrote. He said that Israel has no known means of manufacturing enriched uranium but the Dimona reactor can manufacture plutonium from uranium found in the Dead Sea Phosphate beds.

Mr. Cooley noted that Egypt signed its first agreement on nuclear cooperation with the Soviet Union in 1956 and in 1961 the Russians built a 2,000 kilowatt reactor at Inchass in lower Egypt. It has no known capacity for manufacturing plutonium in military quantities, nor has Egypt, like Israel, developed natural uranium supplies, the correspondent wrote.

## Ben Gurion Tells British That Hebrew Must Replace Yiddish As Jewish Language

LONDON, June 9 (JTA) -- Former Premier David Ben Gurion of Israel said here today that Hebrew must replace Yiddish at the universal Jewish language in the Diaspora. Addressing a reception in his honor attended by Zionist, Joint Palestine Appeal and community leaders, Mr. Ben Gurion said that with the decline of Yiddish, "Hebrew must fill the gap because only through Hebrew can Jews understand the full meaning of Jewishness." The reception was tendered by Michael Sacher, chairman of the JPA's administrative committee.

Mr. Ben Gurion said that Hebrew education and immigration to Israel were the two most vital problems confronting Jews today. He said Israel needed material aid from the Diaspora to help meet its social needs while the State provides for an ever growing defense budget. But more important, he

said, "we need people, young people, the most gifted and most skilled among Diaspora Jews, if we are able to complete the task of building a Jewish state."

(In Geneva, the Covenant Communications Corp. announced that its film of the life of Mr. Ben Gurion has been completed in Israel after a year's work. The final sequence was the Battle of Latrun in the War of Independence. Melville Mark, executive producer, said the film had cost \$500,000 to date and would cost another \$150,000 before its release. Final editing will be done in London and its premier will be in the auditorium at Kibbutz Sde Boker on Ben Gurion's 83rd birthday on Oct. 16.)

### Report Massive Security Precautions For Mrs. Meir's Coming Visit To London

LONDON, June 9 (JTA) -- Massive security precautions are being taken by the special branches of the London metropolitan police and Israeli security services for the forthcoming visit of Israel's Premier, Mrs. Golda Meir, the Evening Standard reported today. The paper said that no advance details about her time of arrival or her movements will be made public.

### Resolution Urging Creation Of New Mideast Police Force Defeated By ADA

WASHINGTON, June 9 (JTA) -- A resolution that would have urged the Big Four Powers to create a new international military force to keep the peace in the Middle East was narrowly defeated at the national convention of Americans for Democratic Action, a liberal political organization, here today. The resolution, which had been approved nine to five by the ADA's foreign policy commission, was beaten 53-48 after a heated floor debate.

The resolution was proposed to the commission by Prof. Richard Cottam of the University of Pittsburgh and had the support of commission chairman Hans Morgenthau who was said to believe that it would be favored by a majority of the convention delegates. But it was attacked on the floor by Sumner Z. Kaplan, of Boston, chairman of the Massachusetts unit of the ADA, and I.L. Kenen, of Washington, a member of the foreign policy commission and executive vice chairman of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee.

The Middle East resolution finally adopted by the delegates opposed Big Four efforts to impose a settlement on the region and called for freedom of navigation, secure and recognized boundaries and the provision to Israel of "military equipment which will enable her to deter aggression."

### Rhode Island's Gov. Licht Will Lead Delegation To Legal Congress Slated In Israel

NEW YORK, June 9 (JTA) -- Rhode Island Gov. Frank Licht will lead a delegation of lawyers and jurists from the United States to the first International Congress of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists in Jerusalem in August. The congress, the first of its kind, is being held under the patronage of Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro, Minister of Justice of Israel, and is sponsored by the Israel Bar Association. It will be attended by some 800 delegates from the U.S., Canada and Europe. Gov. Licht is a past president of the General Jewish Committee of Providence.

### 'Yiddische Shriften,' Warsaw Yiddish Monthly, Has Ceased Publication

HAIFA, June 9 (JTA) -- A local importer of foreign books and periodicals said today that the Warsaw Yiddish monthly "Yiddische Shriften" has ceased publication. He gave this information to customers who wanted to renew their subscriptions. He said he was advised of the suspension by the Polish State Periodicals Export Co. which gave no reason for the closure of the magazine.

### Knesset Approves Measure To Change Name Of Currency From Pound To Shekel

JERUSALEM, June 9 (JTA) -- Legislation to change the name of Israel's basic unit of currency from pound to shekel has been approved by the Knesset. But the new name will not become official for several years, until the present stock of currency is exhausted and new bills are printed, the Bank of Israel said. The Israel pound, also known locally as lira, is worth about 35 cents at current rates of exchange.

The shekel was originally a weight and later a coin used in ancient Israel. It was said to have been based on a coin minted in Babylon, the center of commerce in the region. In 1897 the shekel was adopted by the first World Zionist Congress in Basle as the unit of contribution to the Zionist movement. The word shekel has also crept into the English language as slang for money.

### Dutch Group Seeks To Secure Compensation From Israel For Palestinian Refugees

AMSTERDAM, June 9 (JTA) -- A Dutch group that says it aims to secure compensation from Israel for Palestinian refugees is sending a 10-member delegation to Lebanon, Syria and Jordan to study the refugee problem. The group calls itself the Dutch Palestine Committee. Its spokesman, the Dominican Father Jan Van Eupen, stressed that the committee is not anti-Semitic or anti-Israel. The delegation will contact El Fatah leaders in the various Arab countries.

### Sociological Survey Finds Life Of Sao Paulo Jews Like Those Of North Americans

NEW YORK, June 9 (JTA) -- A sociological survey of Jews in Sao Paulo, Brazil, undertaken by the local Jewish federation in collaboration with the American Jewish Committee, has revealed the same patterns of change in Jewish life that have occurred in the major cities of North America, AJCommittee president Philip E. Hoffman disclosed.

He said that the study, directed by Dr. Henrique Rattner, professor of social sciences at the University of Sao Paulo, showed a trend away from traditional customs and practices and away from the old Jewish neighborhoods as families acquired affluence, and as the number of native-born adults exceeded the immigrant population. Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest commercial and industrial center, has a Jewish population of about 50,000, over 50 percent born in Brazil.

## Finch Says 'Common Interest, Destiny' Key To Stability And Peace In Mideast

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9 (JTA) -- Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Robert H. Finch called "a sense of common interest and common destiny" between Israel and her Arab neighbors "the only key to stability, to mutual security, and ultimately to a peace that endures." Mr. Finch spoke at an Israel Bonds rally here.

"There is much," Mr. Finch said, "that the Israeli kibbutz can teach us in child-rearing, in education, and in all those central areas of growing self-consciousness within a turbulent American society." Mr. Finch, who represented the United States at the funeral of the late Premier Levi Eshkol, said he intended to "have the experts of the U.S. Public Health Service take full advantage of the experience of the Hadassah total health system."

"Our society is marked by the impatient dissatisfaction of the young," he said, "and by the tendency to smug complacency among those who 'have it made.' Both have much to learn from the Israeli adventure in nation building."

## Undersecretary Tells Graduates U.S. Awaits Moves By Kremlin To Reduce Tensions

BOSTON, June 9 (JTA) -- Undersecretary of State Elliot L. Richardson told Emerson College graduates here yesterday that the U.S. was awaiting specific moves by the Soviet Union to prove they mean to reduce global tensions in the Mideast, as well as in Vietnam and Berlin.

He voiced hope for resolution of the Mideast dispute with the observation that a start of a downward spiral in strains in that region may have begun. He said Washington has explained to Israel why the Big Four support implementation of the Security Council's 1967 resolution. "And I know the Israelis understand this position," he said.

## Lord Caradon, At Day School Dedication, Says Progress Made By Big 4

NEW YORK, June 9 (JTA) -- Britain's chief representative in the Four Power talks on the Middle East affirmed yesterday that progress was being made on recommendations to the United Nations Secretary-General to be proposed as basis for negotiations and agreement between Israel and the Arab states. Lord Caradon, permanent British representative to the United Nations, stressed again that there would be no attempt at imposing a peace. He said that while peace had to be achieved by the countries involved, no one could remain aloof and it was the duty of all countries to seek a permanent peace.

Lord Caradon spoke at Mamaroneck, N.Y., at the dedication of the Wolfson wing of the Westchester Day School given by Sir Isaac Wolfson and members of the Wolfson family. Sir Isaac and Lady Wolfson and other members of the family were present for the services as was Rep. Ogden Reid, former American Ambassador to Israel. The Westchester Day School is an Orthodox Jewish Institution.

The British diplomat described the efforts of the Four Powers as an attempt to find common ground and a basis for conciliation. He expressed his "complete disagreement" with those who would leave the issue to the people of the Middle East, asserting that there would be no permanent peace until all the nations pressed for it.

Speaking of the Four Power meetings, Lord Caradon said they were making "progress" which he hoped would be translated soon into conclusions to be reported to the Secretary-General as suggestions for the basis of peace that could be put forward to the parties in the conflict.

## L.A. Federation Sets Up Foundation To Buy Land For Low Cost Housing For Elderly

LOS ANGELES, June 9 (JTA) -- The Jewish Federation Council of Los Angeles has established the Menorah Housing Foundation to purchase land for low cost rental housing for elderly persons in the area. Robert J. Felixson, chairman of the Foundation's board, said there was an urgent need for such housing among thousands of elderly Jews who live on Social Security, small pensions or other small incomes.

He said that more than 5,000 aged Jews in the Los Angeles area have annual incomes of \$4,000 or less and half the group are rentees. A building site has been selected in an area where shopping, recreational and medical facilities are readily available. Mr. Felixson said he hoped the Federal Government would help fund the proposed housing units.

## Segal Foundation Awards \$500 Prizes To Three Canadian Cultural, Education Leaders

MONTREAL, June 9 (JTA) -- The J. I. Segal Foundation has awarded \$500 prizes to three leaders of Canadian Jewish cultural and educational life. The recipients were Shlomie Wiseman, principal of the Jewish People's School and a pioneer in the integration of Jewish and general studies in Canada; Dora Wasserman, head of the youth and drama program of the Jewish Public Library; and Mordeh Hussid, a critic and poet, who has contributed to many Yiddish and Hebrew publications. The Foundation's awards committee, headed by Chaim Silber, said it hoped to make yearly awards for the best works of Jewish writers and poets in English, Yiddish, Hebrew and French. It disclosed that an anonymous donor in Vancouver, B.C. has set up a fund for \$100,000 in yearly prizes for the best works written or produced in Yiddish.

## Abraham Balfour Dead At 72; Was Labor Zionist Leader And Served 'Yiddish Kemfer'

NEW YORK, June 9 (JTA) -- Abraham Balfour, a Labor Zionist leader for nearly 50 years and for more than 25 years managing editor of the "Yiddisher Kemfer," the Labor Zionist Yiddish weekly, died at his home Sunday at the age of 72.