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Israelis Sink Egyptian Spy Boat; Four Crewmen Killed; Failed To Stop After Warning

TEL AVIV, Dec. 1 (JTA)--A military spokesman announced tonight that an Israeli patrol boat sank an Egyptian reconnaissance boat off the eastern shores of the Gulf of Suez last Friday night in the first shooting encounter between Israeli and Egyptian forces since the cease-fire went into effect last Aug. 7. The announcement said the four Egyptian crewmen aboard the sunken craft were drowned. The bodies of three were recovered and yielded documents identifying the men as members of the Egyptian intelligence service. The announcement also said that "signs" were found indicating that the Egyptian boat was used for both military reconnaissance and hashish smuggling. According to the Israeli account, the Egyptian boat refused to stop after it was challenged by the Israeli boat and warning shots were fired. The announcement did not say what means were used to sink it or why disclosure of the incident was delayed for more than three days.

West Germany Seeking To Restore Diplomatic Relations With Arab States

BONN, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Chancellor Willy Brandt said today that West Germany wants to restore diplomatic relations with the Arab states "but the situation is too complicated and we would be doing the wrong thing if we took the initiative in the matter." Most of the Arab states severed relations with Bonn after its establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel in 1965. Chancellor Brandt made his remarks at a question and answer session following a lunch at the Foreign Press Club. He said that before his government made any moves toward diplomatic ties with the Arabs "we have to make sure first that the security and stability of the area will be ensured."

Report Soviet Authorities Offer Exit Visas For Israel To Families Of Nine Jews

TEL AVIV, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Soviet authorities have offered exit visas for Israel to the wives and families of nine Jews facing trial in Leningrad this month but were turned down because the wives refused to depart without their husbands, according to reports published here today. The information was attributed to a French tourist who arrived here after visiting Russia. He claimed that the wives, from Riga, Leningrad, Tbilisi and Kishinev, were summoned to the offices of the KGB, the Soviet secret police, where the offer was made. They were told they could take their children and other relatives and that their husbands would be permitted to join them after serving their expected sentences. The Jews were arrested last spring in connection with an alleged attempt to hijack a Soviet airliner at Leningrad Airport. A total of more than 30 Russian Jews reportedly have been arrested on those or related charges since then and are said to face trial. According to unconfirmed reports the first of the trials will open in Leningrad on Dec. 15. The general contention is that the charges were manufactured by the KGB and that the trials are intended solely to intimidate Russian Jews who have publicly demanded their right to emigrate. According to the newspaper Yediot Achronot, the French tourist said Russian Jews were living in a state of anxiety over the possible effects of the trials on Jewish life in the USSR.

Rabbi Says No Signs Of Anti-Semitism In Chile; Israeli-Arab Peace Allende's Aim

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--While Chilean Jews have been assured of the friendship and goodwill of the new leftist regime in that country, the social revolution there has caught them in a severe economic squeeze because most Jews belong to the middle class, a Chilean rabbi said here today. Rabbi Egon I. Lunstein, of Congregation Bnei Israel in Santiago, described his country to newsmen as "a paradise on earth for Jews" as far as their religious and cultural freedom is concerned. He said that contrary to earlier fears, there are no signs of anti-Semitism in the regime of President Allende, an avowed Marxist who won election with Communist and non-Communist support. While one of the President's first acts in office was the recognition of Cuba, Chile has shown no indication of joining the anti-Israel bloc of Communist and Socialist countries, Rabbi Lunstein said. He said that President Allende has many Jewish friends and has repeatedly stated that Jews have nothing to fear. He has also promised to work for peace between Israel and her neighbors, the rabbi reported.

Eban Rejects Demand For Withdrawal Time-Table As Condition For Truce Extension

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban today angrily rejected a demand by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, that Israel must submit a time-table for its withdrawal from occupied Arab territories if it wants the current cease-fire extended beyond its Feb. 5 expiration date. Mr. Eban said it was ridiculous to regard a cease-fire extension "as an act of mercy which Egypt grants Israel when the fact is that Egypt needs the cease-fire more than we do." Mr. Eban spoke at a dinner of the Journalists Association. President Sadat told Egyptian troops in the Suez Canal zone yesterday that he would agree to renew the cease-fire on only one condition, "when we have a timetable for withdrawal" from Israel. He claimed that without such a pledge "the matter will be turned into a series of delays and procrastinations which could go on for another 20 years." The cease-fire began last Aug. 7 for 90 days and was extended on Nov. 6 by mutual consent for another 90 days. President Sadat has said previously that the current extension was the last one Egypt would accept unless Israel returns to the Jarring talks before it runs out. His remarks yesterday amounted to a demand that Israel yield on a major point before the peace talks resume.

(Diplomatic quarters abroad tended to discount the adamancy of the new Egyptian position. They attributed it to the "war of nerves" between the two sides while they jockey for the best position at the

Jarring talks. They claimed that Israel's continued absence from the Jarring talks was part of the same psychological warfare. In Washington, Robert J. McCloskey, State Department spokesman, said today, "We do not intend to comment" on Sadat's statement.) Mr. Eban said that if Egypt ended the cease-fire it would "reap more suffering than it inflicts." He said Israel was not asking Egypt for a time-table for peace. Questioned about Israel's attitude toward the re-opening of the Suez Canal, the Foreign Minister said he wanted to "remove a widespread misapprehension" that Israel was responsible for the canal's shut down. "It was not we who sank the ships that block the waterway" he said, adding that Israel was not responsible for keeping it closed although Egypt refuses to re-open it as long as Israeli forces occupy the east bank. Mr. Eban said Israel would not withdraw from the canal without a peace settlement. He said the government so far has not discussed any proposals that involved re-opening the canal.

12,000 Of Rumania's 90,000 Jews Receiving Assistance From Two Agencies

LONDON, Dec. 1 (JTA)--About 12,000 of Rumania's 90,000 Jews are receiving economic assistance under a program conducted jointly by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Federation of Jewish Communities in Rumania, Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Rumania said here today. Dr. Rosen told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the needy Jews received cash subsidies which are mailed to them as well as a yearly grant for clothing and other help. He said infirm Jews are given meals at their homes and receive medical attention at all times. He said there were nine kosher restaurants which are used daily by about 2000 people on the relief program. Rabbi Rosen visited here to attend a meeting of the European Executive of the World Jewish Congress. He told the JTA that he had just met with the JDC directorate in Geneva where a relief budget for 1971 was adopted.

Metullah Shelled From Lebanese Territory; One Killed, One Wounded In Gaza

TEL AVIV, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Metullah in Upper Galilee came under mortar fire from Lebanese territory this morning. No casualties or damage was reported. Israeli units returned the fire. Sounds of shooting inside Lebanon yesterday indicated a clash between Palestinian guerrillas and Lebanese regulars. One person was killed and a woman was injured in Gaza this morning when an Israeli patrol opened fire on a suspicious group which tried to escape when challenged.

Measures Being Taken To Prevent Closed Cabinet Deliberations Leaked To Press

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon wants security officers to shadow Cabinet members to prevent leakages to the press of matters discussed at closed Cabinet meetings. Mr. Allon demanded such surveillance at last Sunday's Cabinet meeting according to an apparently leaked report which the newspaper Haaretz published today. Cabinet proceedings are protected by Israeli law. When the Cabinet constitutes itself a special security committee, news media are forbidden under penalty of severe punishment from publishing anything that transpires at the sessions. But the Cabinet is reportedly concerned with the growing number of leakages and wants to find out who is responsible, Haaretz said.

One minister who was unidentified reportedly spoke to Haaretz's Knesset correspondent recently. He allegedly referred to certain proposals made in the Cabinet by Mr. Allon and said he would resign from the government if they were adopted. The leakage of stories is a hallowed custom in Israel as in many other countries that have a free press. Some leaks are inspired but others frequently embarrass authorities. Several Cabinet ministers are known to have a special relationship with certain journalists whom they provide with selected items of information in return for various favors. Some of these journalists often sell part of their information to foreign newsmen.

Seven New Cholera Cases Reported In Gaza Strip; Total Now 138; 38 Cases Active

TEL AVIV, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Seven new cholera cases were reported in the Gaza Strip yesterday bringing to 138 the total number diagnosed in the latest outbreak of the disease, according to official figures published today. Only 38 of the cases are active. The other patients have all been released from the hospital.

71 Percent Of West Germans Believe Hijacking An International Crime

BONN, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Seventy-one percent of West Germans believe that aerial hijacking should be treated as an international crime, according to a poll published here by the Emnid Institute. Only 10 percent however demanded severe punishment for offenders and six percent believed that a boycott of air traffic should be imposed on Arab states abetting hijackers. Of those interviewed, 22 percent favored better security and control procedures for air traffic; three percent asked for armed guards aboard commercial airliners. Although no German aircraft were involved in the mass hijackings by Arab terrorists last September, a number of West German citizens were among the hostages taken and the Bonn government submitted to ransom demands by freeing three Arabs who had been jailed for previous attacks on civilian airliners on German soil. According to the poll, five percent of the interviewees believed the demands of hijackers should be met; three percent said hijacked passengers should be liberated by force; three percent demanded the execution of aerial kidnappers and two percent asked for political and economic sanctions against Arab states involved in the hijackings. One percent believed that all foreigners convicted by German courts for hijackings should be expelled from Germany. Another one percent wanted all aid to Israel stopped until that country took a more moderate stand.

Commercial Relations Between South Africa, Israel Continues To Improve

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 1 (JTA)--The chairman of the Israel-South Africa Trade Association reported today that trade between the two countries increased substantially this year over 1969. According to Morris Lubner who just returned from a visit to Israel, "commercial relations between the two countries are improving all the time because of the helpful attitude of both governments.

Proposed Fiscal 1971-72 Budget At \$4.5 Billion; Based On Continuing Full Employment

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--The Cabinet met in special session today to consider Israel's budget for fiscal 1971-72 which Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, its author, said was based on a continuation of full employment. The draft was passed on to the government's economic affairs committee which was also instructed to "enquire into the possibilities of reducing income tax rates on overtime and efficiency bonuses." The proposed budget calls for expenditures of \$4.5 billion compared to the \$3.9 billion for fiscal 1970-71. Mr. Sapir said Israel's gross national product was expected to grow by eight percent while private consumption would rise by only one or two percent thereby putting a brake on inflation. He predicted that investments would grow at an overall rate of 15 percent while industry as a whole would grow by 30 percent. Mr. Sapir said that Israel's exports are expected to rise by 14 percent to reach a total of \$1.5 billion but the country's foreign trade deficit would increase slightly next year, by about \$1.3 billion. He attributed the rising deficit mainly to the construction and purchase of ships abroad to modernize Israel's merchant marine. He said the current foreign trade deficit was mainly the result of defense expenditures. The new budget is based on the possibility of tax incentives for harder work and increased productivity.

Taxes may be reduced on overtime pay and on premiums paid for higher production. Mr. Sapir has also proposed higher deductions for medical and social expenses but he wants stricter supervision of deductible allowances for business expenditures. The tax relief would apply to married women who earn wages in addition to their husband's salaries. The budget is reportedly flexible in that it allows for the return from a war to a peacetime economy and a shift back if necessary. Purely civilian projects provided for in the draft can be frozen and their funds switched to defense requirements whenever necessary. Mr. Sapir said recently that the advent of peace in the Middle East would put severe strains on Israel's economy and might cause large scale unemployment until adjustments are made. A special staff of the Finance Ministry has been working on contingency plans for a peacetime economy since the Suez cease-fire went into effect last August. Housing and other industries are expected to be ready to absorb any amount of manpower that might be released from the armed services. The new budget provides \$315 million for housing alone. Israeli wage earners will get a two percent raise in January but it will be cancelled out by a two percent increase in the compulsory defense loan.

Former West German Envoy Who Committed Suicide Reported To Have Been SS Major

BONN, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Hans Schmidt-Horix, the former West German ambassador to Portugal who committed suicide with his wife last Friday in Lisbon, was suspended several months ago when it was learned he had served with the Nazi Foreign Ministry's "Jewish Section" and had participated in the persecution of Jews. He was said to have been an untersturmbahnfuhrer (major) in the SS. His suspension was to have remained in effect pending completion of an investigation. It is generally believed here that the 61-year-old diplomat feared facing trial. His predecessor as envoy to Portugal, Herbert Mueller-Roschach, was suspended in 1967 on similar charges and is now in West Germany for an investigation.

Bill Introduced To Stem Mounting Highway Accidents; Stiff Penalties Sought

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Traffic violations were the subject of an angry exchange in the Knesset yesterday between Transport Minister Shimon Peres and Uri Avneri representing the New Left Haolam Hazeq faction. Mr. Avneri, who is anti-establishment on virtually every issue, opposed a bill introduced by Mr. Peres providing stiffer penalties for traffic offenders. The Transport Minister claimed that Mr. Avneri was issued 105 traffic summonses in a single year and that only his parliamentary immunity protected him from prosecution. Avneri demanded that the Knesset speaker publish a complete list of traffic offenses committed by all Knesset members. Mr. Peres hopes his new bill will stem the rising toll of highway fatalities and injuries. It would empower police officers to suspend the drivers license of an offender for 30 days pending trial and would make it mandatory for the courts to revoke the licenses of periodic offenders and persons involved in serious traffic violations. Punishment would be most severe for offenses committed with stolen vehicles. Minor traffic violations would be punishable with suspended license revocations.

Pioneering Program At Hebrew University Trains Immigrant Social Workers

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--In an attempt to answer a national manpower shortage and in a new move in the direction of immigrant absorption, a pioneering project in the education of professionals is currently underway at the Hebrew University's Paul Baerwald School of Social Work. The program, which was initiated last June, offers a 13-month course leading to a B.S.W. degree for immigrant students from abroad who already possess a Bachelor's degree in an allied field, according to a Hebrew University report. The idea for the program was born in the 1969-70 academic year when a graduate of the school, then working for the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, drew the University's attention to the fact that many young immigrants--primarily from English speaking backgrounds--showed a strong interest in social work in Israel but lacked the qualifications demanded by the Ministry of Social Welfare which would ensure them of academic grading.

They lacked, the report noted, necessary sound knowledge of Israeli institutions, local social work methods and the types of problems likely to be encountered. The Ministry of Immigrant Absorption felt so strongly that they should be helped to qualify, that it agreed to pay their tuition fees and to provide the budget required by the School of Social Work for running the special program. The Ministry of Social Welfare forecasts a shortage of up to 250 social workers a year for at least the next four years. Thus, this course and the parallel one being given at Bar-Ilan University constitute an important contribution to relieving the country's needs in this area, the Hebrew University report stated. The students are mainly from the U.S. and Canada, though there are also immigrants from England, South America, Australia and France.

20,000 At Chanukah Festival Pledge Support To Israel Bond Campaign

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA)--A capacity audience of 20,000 persons filled Madison Square Garden last night for the first performance of the 1970 Chanukah Festival for Israel Bonds and heard a report from William Goldfine, honorary chairman of the New York drive, that \$37,204,000 in Israel Bonds have been sold in the metropolitan area thus far this year. Mr. Goldfine said that "this year's Bond receipts represent the greatest total sold in New York in the entire history of the campaign, except for 1967, the year of the Six-Day War." He added that "this result gives encouraging evidence that the Jewish people of New York, like the Jews throughout the United States and the rest of the free world, are united in their determination to see Israel live." Since its inception twenty years ago, the total proceeds from the sale of Israel Bonds has amounted to approximately \$1.6 billion.

Abraham Feinberg, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Israel Bond Organization, said that "an Israel stifled, unable to grow, unable to develop, unable to absorb the millions who still must come, would be unthinkable. An Israel which can give full scope to the energy, to the creativity, to the ambition, the dynamism of its people, is the goal we have dreamed about together. To protect that dream," he declared, "we must for the year 1971 accept the greatest challenge to our sense of responsibility in our time. It will not be easy. But it has never been easy. It was not easy in 1948, or in 1956, or in 1967." Mr. Feinberg was referring to the projected goal of \$400 million for the world-wide campaign for Israel Bonds in 1971. Outstanding American and Israeli theatre, motion picture and concert artists who participated in the Chanukah Festival last night included Alan King, Edward G. Robinson, Theodore Bikel, Jan Peerce, Nehama Lifschitz, Harra Aroni and Pinchas Zukerman.

92nd Congress Will Include 14 Jews, 5 Fewer Than Now; Three Of 50 Governors Jews

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (JTA)--The 92nd Congress, which convenes in January, will include 14 Jews, five fewer than now, according to the independent Protestant publication "Christianity Today." Of the 100 Senators, only incumbents Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, and Abraham A. Ribicoff, Connecticut Democrat, are identified as Jews. Neither was up for reelection this year. Of the 435 Congressmen, 12 were identified as Jews--two Republicans, Seymour Halpern of New York and Sam Steiger of Arizona, and 10 Democrats: Abner J. Mikva and Sidney R. Yates of Illinois, Joshua Eilberg of Pennsylvania, and Bella S. Abzug, Emanuel Celler, Edward I. Koch, Bertram L. Podell, Benjamin S. Rosenthal, James H. Scheuer and Lester L. Wolff of New York. Of the 50 Governors, three were named by the publication as Jewish: Frank Licht of Rhode Island, Marvin Mandel of Maryland and Milton J. Shapp of Pennsylvania, all Democrats. There will be a record 116 Catholics in the 92nd Congress, the journal said, with Methodists second with 86. The only state with all its Congressmen of the same religion is Utah, with four Mormons (its Governor is also a Mormon).

Rigerman's Uncle Pleased With Congressional Interest In Plight Of His Nephew

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Leonid Rigerman's uncle said today he was pleased by Congressional interest in the plight of his nephew, the 30-year-old Jewish computer programmer who has been harassed by Soviet authorities for attempting to assert American citizenship. But the uncle, Louis Michael, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he did not have "too much faith" in the public-petition route. He lives in the Bronx district of Rep. James H. Scheuer, a Jewish Democrat who has gathered 67 Congressional signatures on a petition to the State Department urging it help the Russian-born Mr. Rigerman and his Brooklyn-born mother relocate in the United States. Six additional House members have initiated similar requests individually. Mr. Michael said that when Mr. Rigerman's mother was here two years ago, she said she and her son were suffering "hardships" in the USSR. She indicated then, he said, that the hardships were largely financial and social, with "some" anti-Semitism. In Mr. Rigerman's current predicament, said Mr. Michael, who has never met or corresponded with him, "We're not able to gauge how he might feel." He said his sister had described Mr. Rigerman as an "intelligent and gifted" young man who had taught himself Hebrew because he wanted to. Mr. Rigerman's grandfather, Jacob Michael, lives in a Bronx nursing home.

Guilden Named President Of State Of Israel Bonds; Feinberg Board Of Directors Chairman

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Ira Guilden, prominent New York industrialist and banker, has been named president of the Development Corporation for Israel, the organization which carries on the sale of State of Israel Bonds in the United States and other parts of the free world. Since its inception 20 years ago, the Israel Bond campaign has sold a total of more than \$1.5 billion in Israel Bonds. Mr. Guilden, who has served as national chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, succeeds Abraham Feinberg, who occupied the post of president for the past 15 years, and who now becomes chairman of the Board of Directors of DCI. Leo Bernstein, former national director of field operations, was chosen to serve as executive vice president and chief executive officer of the Israel Bond Organization. Mr. Bernstein replaces Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, who retired in September after 15 years of service in that capacity. In a cable welcoming Mr. Guilden as the new president of Israel Bonds, Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir of Israel said: "In these trying days your leadership and many years of fruitful experience will help us reach the new goals that have been set. All my colleagues join me in expressing deep appreciation for your devoted and dedicated efforts toward a strong and vigorous Israel." Mr. Guilden is a founder and president of Boys Town Jerusalem and a director of the Palestine Economic Corporation.

Sacher: Israel Hard Pressed To Meet Social Needs Due To Increased Defense Burdens

LONDON, Dec. 1 (JTA)--The head of a Joint Palestine Appeal mission to Israel said here that Israel was harder pressed than ever to meet the social needs of its populace owing to unprecedented defense burdens and that "constitutes the challenge facing diaspora Jewry." According to Michael M. Sacher, chairman of the JPA's administrative committee, American loans do not ease the burden on Israeli taxpayers because they are credited against arms deliveries to Israel.