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## Dayan Reports SAM-2-Type Soviet Missiles Now Deployed In Syria

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said today that Israel has information that Soviet ground-to-air missiles of the SAM-2 type are presently deployed in Syria. Gen. Dayan spoke in the Knesset where he delivered a prepared reply to questions on security matters submitted earlier by Shmuel Tamir of the Free Centre faction. Dayan said that intelligence indicated that there are at present 10,000 Soviet military personnel in Egypt serving as advisors and instructors to the Egyptian Army, Navy and Air Force. Dayan said that units of Russian soldiers are operating SAM-3 missiles and are guarding the missile sites. He said that in addition, there are several operational squadrons of MIG-21s in Egypt piloted by Russians. Gen. Dayan did not elaborate on the presence of SAM missiles in Syria. His disclosure was the first by a top Israeli official that SAM missiles are located beyond Israel's northern borders as well as in the Suez Canal zone.

Gen. Dayan also disclosed that 182 Israeli soldiers were killed by enemy action during 1970 and 639 were wounded. He observed that in the same period, 43 Israeli soldiers were killed in traffic accidents and 88 were injured. Dayan said that between 1967-70, 132 residents of the Gaza Strip were killed by terrorists, including 21 children and 33 women. A total of 979 Gaza residents were wounded by terrorists in the same period, among them 216 children and 107 women. Dayan said that since the Six-Day War, 1828 terrorists have been killed in incidents along the borders.

## Status Of Jews In Arab Nations Precarious, Worst In Syria, Report Says

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (JTA)--The situation of Jews remains precarious in most Arab countries where they continue to live but is worst in Syria where the remaining 4,000 Jews are subjected to a wide range of restrictions, according to a report released here today by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, chairman of the Committee of Concern. The report was made public on the second anniversary of the hanging of Jews in Iraq. The anniversary was also marked by the International Conference for the Deliverance of Jews in the Middle East, headed by Alain Poher, President of the French Senate. The Committee of Concern and the International Conference are composed of non-sectarian groups which take a humanitarian interest in the plight of minorities in Arab countries.

Gen. Clay's report said there was a possibility that Syria's new military regime which seized power two months ago will include Jews in its announced policy of easing restrictions on civil liberties, including the right to travel. But meanwhile Syrian Jews are restricted in their movement to a distance of 2 1/2 miles from their homes, are subjected to curfews and are barred from employment in many fields, the report said. Jews must carry special identity cards with their religion marked in red. They are not permitted to emigrate and several Jews have been imprisoned on charges of attempting to leave the country, according to the Clay report.

The situation is not much better in Iraq despite the promises of Iraqi officials that restrictions on Jews would be abrogated, the report said. It noted that "various forms of economic and political discrimination are being maintained." The report found that "the Jewish community continues to live under close police surveillance in a climate of fear of arbitrary arrest. Indeed," the report said, "five Jews were arrested suddenly only last December and there are reportedly a handful who have been languishing in prison for some two years."

(In Tel Aviv, a traveler from Iraq reported today that there has been some improvement in the treatment of that country's remaining 2,000 Jews but a majority of them are jobless and lack means of supporting themselves. The traveller said that work permits have been granted to only eight Jewish doctors and pharmacists recently. But Iraqi police no longer beat up Jews in the streets and Jews enjoy a degree of religious freedom he said. They are not permitted to go to Israel. He said their main problem now was their financial plight.)

The Egyptian government released the 80 remaining Jews who had been imprisoned since 1967 last June. However, the Clay report said, "Their release was conditioned on the prisoners' signing papers renouncing their Egyptian citizenship and agreeing to leave Egypt and to surrender their property to government confiscation." There are only about 700 Jews left in Egypt, the Clay report said. The report declared that the Libyan Government failed to fulfill its promise to compensate Jews for property that was taken over by the present revolutionary regime. In addition, "The Libyan authorities have also created continuing, if unavowed, obstacles to the departure of the Jews who remained in Libya when the regime came to power," the report said.

## Tsukerman, Jewish Activist, Leaves Soviet Union For Israeli Settlement

VIENNA, Jan. 26 (JTA)--Boris Tsukerman, a prominent Soviet Jewish activist, arrived here last night from Moscow on his way to Israel with his Christian wife and their children, Constantin, 16 and Anna, nine. The family was met at the airport by local representatives of the Jewish Agency. The Tsukermans left Moscow yesterday on an Aeroflot plane. About 50 Jews gathered at the airport to see them off. They departed just three days after receiving an exit visa promised them by Soviet authorities two weeks ago. Tsukerman, 32, a physicist, was one of a group of dissenters working under

Prof. Andrei Sakharov. He was also a legal expert. Jewish sources said he had become a source of embarrassment to Soviet authorities because he was continually challenging repressive edicts in the Soviet courts and was advising other Jews and dissidents on effective ways of dealing with the authorities. He had been employed at a scientific institute in Moscow. His home was reportedly a center for "ivritniks", the nick-name given Russian Jews who want to learn Hebrew.

Vitaly Svichinsky, another Jewish activist who was promised an exit visa at the same time as Tsukerman, has not left Russia although he was scheduled to depart on Jan. 23. According to Jewish sources, his visa was held up last week without explanation. According to reports from Moscow today, it was held up because of formalities following the birth of a child. It is not known when Svichinsky will leave.

### Heath Pledges To Raise Soviet Jewish Issue During Visit To Moscow

LONDON, Jan. 26 (JTA)--Prime Minister Edward Heath promised today that he would take up the question of Soviet Jews when he visits Moscow some time in the future at the invitation of the Soviet Government. The date of his visit has not been fixed. The Prime Minister made his promise in the House of Commons. He had been asked previously by Labor MP Richard Crawshaw to bring up with Premier Kosygin the treatment of Jews in the USSR and the "repressive measures taken which are abhorrent to the people of this country." Heath said he would do so and added, "We have done this on many occasions, and the last occasion I did so personally was when Mr. (Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei) Gromyko paid his visit to London."

Heath's apparent readiness to make representations on behalf of Soviet Jews was in contrast to the reluctance expressed by a Government spokesman in the House of Lords today. The question was raised there by Lord Burntwood, the former Julian White, who was a member of the Labor Government. He asked if the Government would make representations on behalf of Russian Jews who are denied emigration rights and cited as a basis for such representations, articles 13 and 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of which both Britain and the Soviet Union are signatories. Lord Lothian, the Parliamentary Undersecretary at the Foreign Office, replied that the Government had no formal standing on this matter and said he did not believe that further approaches would be helpful to Soviet Jews.

Lord Shinwell intervened to say that the Foreign Secretary might feel inclined to make private representations so that matters of protocol would not arise. Lord Lothian promised to convey the suggestion to Sir Alec Douglas-Home. Lord Janner pointed out that Britain was a signatory of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and so should find it possible to take some official steps. This matter should not go by default, Lord Shinwell said. Lord Lothian replied that one did not always get positive results by raising such matters at the United Nations. Lord Robbins said the expression of public disgust at Soviet anti-Semitism could do no harm to its victims. The Government spokesman agreed.

### Lindsay Asked By Protesting Teachers To Ban Soviet Performance In NYC

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (JTA)--Fourteen teachers at Walton High School in the Bronx have petitioned Mayor John V. Lindsay to ban the Carnegie Hall performances, scheduled for Jan. 28-Feb. 6, of the Siberian Dancers and Singers of Omsk "In light of the Soviet Union's actions towards its Jewish population and its recent 'mock trials'." The plea was signed by William Leibner of Nanuet, N.Y., representing Educators for the Survival of Soviet Jewry, an ad hoc group. He advised Lindsay that in the past "you have acted on moral principles in banning George Wallace from Shea Stadium and now we are asking for a similar ban by you of Soviet cultural activities in this city." Leibner conceded to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that Lindsay had later regretted banning the proposed rally by the segregationist Alabama Governor; but he said it was Lindsay's official action that counted. The petition added to the Mayor that "you have also frequently used your prerogative to abstain demonstratively from unwelcome official ceremonies involving foreign representatives." Leibner told the JTA he was referring to visitors like King Faisal of Saudi Arabia. The teacher said all 14 of the signers of his petition were Jewish, but that non-Jews as well as 40 local high schools had signed pleas that were being forwarded by him to the Kremlin.

### Two Calif. Groups Protest 'Establishment' Blasts At Jewish Defense League

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26 (JTA)--The Southern California Council for Soviet Jews and the California Students for Soviet Jews, which have engaged in self-described "friendly and reasonable" protests against Soviet anti-Semitism, asserted today that "Mindless violence is deplorable and to be avoided, but selective discriminating force is sometimes necessary." Si Frumkin, chairman of the SCCSJ, and Zev Yaroslavsky, head of the CSSJ, protested the condemnation of the Jewish Defense League by what they called the "Establishment" Jewish organizations. "I feel," said Yaroslavsky, "that the right to criticize those who seem to be overly active has to be earned and must be reserved to those who have been active in the past. The vast majority of the groups who are joining in the shrill chorus of hate directed at the JDL have not done anything on behalf of Soviet Jewry for the past 15 years (except for) the passing of a few resolutions..."

The result of the SCCSJ's and the CSSJ's "reasonable" tactics, Frumkin said, was "escalation" of Soviet anti-Semitism and the staging of trials of Jews. "It is conceivable," he went on, "that our response must be escalated as well." He added that "The trouble was not started by JDL, or anyone else in this country. The Russians were the ones who started the persecutions, and they must bear the consequences of their acts." He asserted that "At a time when 11 people were sentenced to a lingering death in concentration camps for having dared to choose freedom, it is slightly grotesque to

have Russian representatives complain about having their afternoon strolls interrupted," Yaroslavsky and Frumkin, speaking to a joint membership meeting of their two groups, denied any intentions to kidnap Soviet diplomats as ransom for arrested Soviet Jews.

The Commission on Soviet Jewry of the Jewish Federation Council's Community Relations Committee, stated here that "Disruptive tactics tend to be counterproductive" and that "We cannot condone violence; in fact, we condemn it." In newly issued "Guidelines for Community Action," the Commission recommended peaceful dissent and picketing to aid Soviet Jews. The Commission also announced creation of a Soviet Jewry Information Center. It cited a statement of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, of which the Los Angeles CRC is a member, that "Unfortunately the Jewish Defense League has fallen victim to the very tactics it claims to oppose. We consider its activities no less harmful and dangerous because it calls itself 'Jewish.'"

#### Report Tekoah May See Jarring Today, With Israel's Reply To Egypt, Jordan Proposals

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 26 (JTA)--Informed sources here said today that Israel may reply here tomorrow to the Egyptian and Jordanian responses to Israel's peace proposals given to intermediary Gunnar Jarring in Jerusalem two weeks ago. There had been widespread reports that Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah was to meet today with the Swedish diplomat. Jordan's reply to the Israeli proposals were delivered to Dr. Jarring on Jan. 18 and disclosed here yesterday by Ambassador Muhammed H. el-Farra. Although Israeli spokesmen would not indicate the nature of Tekoah's planned statement to Dr. Jarring, it appeared from the Jordanian text that Jordan's stance would not be welcomed by Israel.

The first plank in the Jordanian text demanded "Withdrawal of the Israeli armed forces from all occupied territories without exception in conformity with (Security Council) resolution 242, which emphasized 'the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war.'" But Israelis were quick to point out that the resolution calls for "Withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in (the Six-Day War)"--meaning not necessarily all Israeli forces and not necessarily all occupied territories. Jordan also demanded that "Israel should unequivocally repudiate its policy of territorial expansion"; that there should be guaranteed "free access" by all to "the Arab city of Jerusalem," and that the refugee stalemate could be solved only through "Israel's respect for the rights of the Palestinian people." Jordan also called for "the termination of all claims or states of belligerency"; "freedom of navigation in international waterways"; "the territorial inviolability and political independence of every state in the area"; and "adequate" Security Council "arrangements" to "provide security to all states in the area," possibly including demilitarized zones and a "United Nations observation force in which the permanent members may participate." In Egypt's statement to Dr. Jarring last week, Big Four participation in a peacekeeping force was urged specifically.

#### 40,000 Arab Refugees May Move Soon From Gaza Strip To West Bank

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26 (JTA)--About 40,000 Arab refugees now living in the Gaza Strip may move voluntarily to the West Bank within the next few months, it was learned by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. Their move will be assisted by the Israel Army. The move has long been sought by military authorities who believe that over-population and unemployment in the Gaza Strip are responsible for the high incidence of terrorist activity in that region. About 220,000 Arabs presently live in refugee camps in the Gaza Strip, comprising two-thirds of the population. About 5,000 former Gaza Strip residents have already moved to the West Bank. They are mainly in Jericho, Tulkarem and Jenin. In contrast to conditions in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank is short of labor and contains several former Jordanian Army camps and refugee camps that are empty and could provide temporary shelter for Arabs coming from Gaza.

#### Israel Manufacturers Oppose Commercial Advertising On Television

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26 (JTA)--The Israel Manufacturers Association went on record today against the introduction of commercial advertising on Israel's nationally owned television broadcasting service. The Association's president, Mark Moshevitz, said in a letter to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir that his group favored tv commercials in principle but thought they would be harmful at this time because they would run counter to the Government's policy of holding down private consumption. Moshevitz observed in his letter that tv advertising was costlier than other forms. He hinted that Israeli manufacturers who had to produce their own commercials would be at a disadvantage compared to importers who could use commercials produced by their principals abroad. Daniel Recanati, director of the Israel Discount Bank, one of Israel's largest private banks, has also counseled the Government to delay the introduction of commercial tv because of the effect it would have on private spending at a time when inflation is a serious problem. Opposition to commercial tv is shared by the Israel Newspaper Publishers Association which fears the media would divert advertising revenue from Israel's already financially ailing daily newspapers.

#### Red Cross Reports Visiting 12 Israeli Prisoners In Egypt, Three In Syria

TEL AVIV, Jan. 26 (JTA)--Representatives of the International Red Cross have visited the 12 Israeli prisoners in Egypt, according to Red Cross reports from Geneva. Two of the prisoners were visited in the hospital last Dec. 23 and 24, and the other 10 on Jan. 5 and 6. The IRC also received permission to visit them every two weeks henceforth. It has also been learned that IRC representatives visited the three Israeli prisoners in Syria toward the end of December, delivering to them parcels and letters.

#### Israel Plans Special Working Grants To Attract Overseas Scientists

TEL AVIV, Jan. 26 (JTA)--Israel will try to attract top Jewish scientists from abroad to settle and work in the country by means of generous cash grants, it was announced today. Absorption Minister Nathan Peled said a \$1.5 million budget has been approved for an initial 15 scientists. Each will receive \$100,000 for laboratory equipment and staff. The project was conceived several years ago by former Absorption Minister Shimon Peres who is presently Minister of Transport.

## Toledo Family Service Starts Effort To Locate Elderly Isolated Jews

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 26 (JTA)--Officials of the Jewish Family Service have announced plans for a program to locate isolated elderly Jews in Toledo and to provide them with services they are presumably not getting because of their isolation. In announcing plans for "Operation Outreach," the JFS officials said the project was based on the premise that elderly persons should be helped to stay in their own homes as long as possible.

They said that the problems of the elderly person may not be financial but rather loneliness and the need for help with physical and related problems. Such persons, they said, may be getting inadequate medical care and meals because they may not be able to provide these requirements for themselves. The officials reported that they had already found a few such elderly persons who needed help and urged Toledo Jews to help locate others.

The new program will include three forms of help, the officials said. One will be casework for aged Jews needing social, health or financial assistance. Another is a friendly visitor service to be provided by JFS volunteers. Their assignment will be to visit such Jews regularly, help them with their shopping, take them to their doctors and help them participate in social activities for older persons. The third is a "Meals on Wheels" program in which JFS volunteers will deliver prepared dinners three to five days a week at a small charge to the elderly Jews.

## Wife, Daughter Of Abducted Israeli Watchman Coming To U.S. For Help

TEL AVIV, Jan. 26 (JTA)--The wife and daughter of a kidnapped Israeli watchman, Shmuel Rosenwasser, will go to New York shortly to appeal to the United Nations and to world opinion on behalf of the 50-year-old man who has been held captive by Arab terrorists since Dec. 31, 1969. A ticket for the daughter, Annika Rosenwasser, was purchased by Joseph M. Mermelstein, a tourist from New York, who read about the Rosenwasser case in local newspapers.

Her mother insisted that the girl was too young to travel alone. El Al, Israel's national airline, provided her with a ticket so that the mother can go along. Rosenwasser was seized by terrorists from Lebanon while on duty as a watchman at Metullah on Israel's northern frontier. He is presently being held in Jordan. Negotiations for his release have made no progress as Israel refuses to deal with the terrorists and insists that the Lebanese authorities are responsible for freeing him. According to Red Cross representatives who have visited the captive, Rosenwasser is in good health and has received parcels sent by his family. The family has since moved from Metullah and lives near Haifa.

## ADL Plans Effort To Counter Anti-Semitism From Far Left And Far Right

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith plans to increase the production of educational material on the Middle East conflict in order to counteract a campaign of "politically-powered anti-Semitism" emanating from the far right and the far left in this country. Benjamin R. Epstein, the ADL's national director, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today the organization will give top priority to the effort. He said it will include the production of new audio-visual as well as printed material, television programs and fact-finding reports all of which will be given the widest possible distribution.

Epstein said there has been a proliferation of anti-Semitism in this country under the guise of anti-Zionism, which is being spread by bigots of the far right and by far-leftists in tune with the Soviet-Arab campaign against Israel. He said such material has been "accepted by too many Americans who have no access to the facts." The ADL, according to Epstein, will also combat the extremists "by exposing their real purpose, their affiliations and the true nature of their backing." He said, "such exposure worked in the 1930s and '40s and we believe it will work again."

## Maryland Fund Plan For Private School Pupils Opposed By Jewish Council

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (JTA)--The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington said today that it was opposed to a recommendation by a Maryland commission to establish a \$14 million scholarship fund for non-public school pupils in the state. The commission was appointed by Gov. Marvin Mandel, of Maryland to study state aid to non-public school education.

The Washington JCC embraces heavily Jewish suburban areas of Maryland as well as the District of Columbia. It claimed that the proposed scholarship program "does nothing for educational reform but in fact re-enforces the status quo." The council said that Americans have the right to maintain private schools but must preserve the important American principle of separation of church and state.

"It is unthinkable," the JCC statement said, "that at a time of fiscal crisis in the public schools, the Governor and the legislature should be pressured to provide a subsidy for essentially middle class parents who have determined to send their children to private schools."

## Gibraltar Couple Say Most Fellow-Jews Planning To Settle In Israel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 26 (JTA)--About two-thirds of Gibraltar's Jewish community of 600, all young people, are expected to emigrate to Israel within the next few years, it was reported here last night by a young Jewish couple who just arrived from the British Crown Colony. According to David and Esther Hassan deterioration of business since the Spanish border was closed seven years is the main reason why the Jews want to leave. Most of Gibraltar's Jewish community run small businesses. The Hassans, whose families have live on the "Rock" for generations, ran a mens' apparel shop and a boutique. They said that Gibraltar Jews are well-organized and have become Zionist-minded in recent years. They see emigration to Israel as the only way out of their difficulties, the Hassans said.