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Swiss Engineer On Trial For Selling Secret Plans Of Mirage Engine To Israel

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, April 19 (JTA)--Alfred Fraenknecht, a 44-year-old engineer, went on trial here today for selling Israel the secret plans for a Mirage jet engine manufactured for a Swiss firm. The trial opened in the Federal Criminal Court, Switzerland's highest penal court where Fraenknecht pleaded guilty to the facts but not guilty of having committed a breach of law. The defense attorney, Manfred Kuhn, said he would ask for acquittal on grounds that his client had acted to help a "friend in trouble," namely the State of Israel which was denied delivery of 50 Mirage jets it had bought in France by the arms embargo imposed by the late President Charles de Gaulle. However, Fraenknecht did not deny that he accepted \$200,000 in Swiss francs from Israeli agents for the Mirage 3-C engine plans. He is charged with economic and military espionage which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment at hard labor. Fraenknecht is a former employee of the Sulzer firm. He told the court today of his first meeting with Israelis in 1966 at a study group in Paris organized by the Sncma Works which made the "Atar" jet engine.

The engine was supplied to Sulzer which manufactured Mirage 3-C jets for the Swiss Airforce under license from the Dassault firm of France. The defendant told the five-man tribunal that on that and subsequent occasions his Israeli "friends" appealed to him for help during a "difficult period." He said that in April, 1968 he met with Israeli Brig. Gen. Menachem Kain at the Ambassador Hotel in Zurich and was begged by the general "not to leave his friends in a lurch." Fraenknecht said he failed in an attempt to get his immediate superior, a Swiss Airforce Col. named Hans Schmidt to "exchange information" with the Israeli. As a result, he told the court, he passed on to Israel some 200,000 documents and blue-prints which described in detail how to build the "Atar" engine. All of the documents were originals, he said, and were smuggled out of Switzerland in 24 crates. They were picked up by Israeli agents in West Germany. Fraenknecht said that old newspapers were burned in their stead in the Sulzer factory incinerator.

Rogers, Allon To Meet; Thant Apprehensive About New Tripartite Federation

WASHINGTON, April 19 (JTA)--Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Israeli Deputy Premier Yigal Allon will meet for the first time when they have lunch tomorrow at the State Department it was announced today by Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey. Department sources said later that the United States has not yet received an Israeli statement on partial withdrawal from the Suez Canal, and that it was unlikely that Allon will bring one with him tomorrow. One official noted that the question of a partial pull-back in the Sinai Peninsula was "not literally" part of "the negotiating process." (In New York, United Nations Secretary General Thant expressed apprehension today about the new federation of Egypt, Syria and Libya. In a statement issued through a spokesman, Thant said: "This development is another illustration of what I have been saying all along--that now is the last chance for peace in the Middle East. If this opportunity is not seized, I am very much afraid that all basis for peace in the foreseeable future may be lost.")

Civilian Housing Slated For Sharm El-Sheikh; Seen As Israel's Intention To Remain

JERUSALEM, April 19 (JTA)--Housing Minister Zev Sharef disclosed today that civilian housing is being built at Sharm el-Sheikh, the strongpoint at the southern tip of Sinai occupied by Israel in the 1967 war. The disclosure and Sharef's announcement that a new settlement to be called Hitnahlut will be built astride the Eilat-Sharm el-Sheikh road some 50 miles south of Eilat, was seen by observers here as serving notice on the Arabs that Israel has no intention of ever withdrawing from Sharm el-Sheikh. Sharef said the new housing was in an "advanced stage" but gave no other details. He told newsmen that the housing would be open to anyone who wanted to settle there. He said the most likely candidates would be Army officers and workers employed at Sharm el-Sheikh.

Israeli leaders have insisted that Israel must retain Sharm el-Sheikh and an overland link to it no matter what final peace settlement is reached with Egypt. The strongpoint commands the Gulf of Tiran, Eilat's only access to the sea. The Eilat-Sharm el-Sheikh road was recently completed. The Israeli government has encouraged local and foreign investors to construct tourist facilities at Sharm el-Sheikh and along the road. Observers said Sharef doubtlessly cleared today's disclosure with the government before he met with newsmen. They said it was probably intended to make Israel's position on Sharm el-Sheikh doubly clear in light of the new federation of Egypt, Libya and Syria announced in Cairo over the weekend. Sharef also reported that the first house built for Jewish settlers in the West Bank town of Hebron would be handed over to its tenants next month. It will house 12 families. He said that one house will be completed each month beginning next September.

Soviet Jews Advised To Avoid Israel; Might Be Hit By Soviet Missiles From Egypt

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA)--The Soviet Ovir (visa office) in Moscow has advised applicants for emigration that as of next week they will need invitations to enter the office, reliable Jewish sources reported today. The order was given by one of the heads of the Ovir, a Gen. Shoytob. The sources said the announcement was designed to intimidate Jews into not applying. In a related development, sources reported today that the head of the Ovir in Tchernowitz, the Ukraine, Lt. Col. Yefremov, told Jews seeking to go to Israel that they would be in danger there of being hit by Soviet missiles from Egyptian territory. It has also been learned that Soviet Jewish activist Mikhail Zand, a professor at the Institute for Eastern Studies in Moscow, lost his job last month after a faculty meeting in which his critics were led by Yosef Braginsky, a Jewish teacher known for strident anti-Israel views. Brag-

insky reportedly called Zand a "traitor." Jewish sources said Braginsky spoke out against Zand after being urged by Israel's pro-Moscow Rakach Communists to act to prevent Zand from going to Israel. Last month Zand, who specializes in Persian literature, interrupted a pro-Soviet presentation in Moscow's Choral Synagogue by 60 Soviet Jewish leaders, charging them with being unrepresentative of Soviet Jewry and apologists for the Kremlin.

Zand, a journalist, was dismissed from the Soviet journalists' association and subsequently was made an honorary member of the Israeli journalists' organization. Two staff members at the meeting at the Institute for Eastern Studies refused to speak out against Zand. They were identified by sources as Yitzhak Filistinski, who is Jewish, and Tatyana Grigorjeva, who is not. Another Soviet Jewish family has been plagued by emigration strictures, Jewish sources reported today. They said the Gait family of Tchernowitz--husband Ulrich, wife Rosa, and 23-year-old son Mikhail--received exit papers last month but were told by Yefremov, that Moscow had ordered that Mikhail not be allowed to leave. The family contacted the Moscow authorities, who denied they had issued any such order. But Yefremov held back their visas. Only Ulrich Gait was permitted to leave, and is now in Israel. Rosa and Mikhail Gait are still in Tchernowitz, and have gained an additional problem: They are homeless, as they gave up their apartment when their applications were approved last month. Meanwhile, Glenn Richter, national coordinator of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, reported today that the telephone has been disconnected at the Riga home of Aron Alexandrovich, the 23-year-old Jewish nurse arrested last October 7 and awaiting trial with other Riga Jews for alleged anti-Soviet activities. Richter called the development "ominous."

Federation Places Question Mark Over Jarring Talks, Interim Arrangement On Canal

JERUSALEM, April 19 (JTA)--The announced federation of Egypt, Libya and Syria has created uncertainty here over the future of the Jarring talks and the immediate issue of an interim arrangement with Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal. The federation and Israel's terms for an interim agreement were discussed at yesterday's Cabinet meeting. This morning, Deputy Premier Yigal Allon left for the United States 24 hours earlier than scheduled. There was speculation here that he wanted an extra day of talks with U.S. administration officials. His mission is believed to be linked with Israel's request for American clarification of the measures it would take to assure that Egypt observed the terms of an interim agreement. But it was believed that the possible effects of the new tripartite federation would also be discussed. Israeli political circles seemed to be of two opinions as to its implications. One view is that the newest federation, like the previous ones announced with fanfare by the Arabs, will never coalesce and poses no new challenge to Israel. A differing view is that the federation announcement links Egypt with two Arab countries that have consistently taken a hard line toward Israel and have criticized Cairo's peace moves. This view gained credence from the preamble to the federation pact which echoed the 1967 Arab summit meeting declaration at Khartoum--no negotiations, no recognition, no peace with Israel. Allon said, prior to his departure today that he would welcome the federation if it were intended to better the lot of the Arab peoples.

"Unfortunately, its establishment was accompanied by warlike pronouncements," he said. Allon added, "I was very sorry to hear that (Egyptian President) Anwar Sadat said he had no intention of discussing future borders with Israel. I think this is a big mistake--especially for Egypt itself." The policy of no negotiations, recognition or peace with Israel, proclaimed by the presidents of Egypt, Libya and Syria at Benghazi on Saturday, sharply contradicts President Sadat's previous acknowledgment to United Nations mediator Gunnar V. Jarring that he was prepared to recognize Israel's sovereignty, at least de facto, and enter into peace negotiations. Sadat's agreement was regarded as the most hopeful sign that the U.S. peace initiative launched last summer might at last bear fruit. Now, sources here said, Sadat seems to have been influenced by the uncompromising stands of Presidents Muammar Qaddafi of Libya and Hafez el-Assad of Syria, who have been urging mobilization for what they regard as an inevitable "fourth round" of war with Israel. Israeli officials meanwhile are studying the effects of the federation announcement on the Arab world, the Soviet Union which is Egypt's chief backer and France which has sold Mirage jets to Libya. Reaction in the Arab world was predictable. The pact was hailed by government officials and Palestinian guerrilla leaders alike as a major step toward the long sought Arab unity against Israel. Whatever peace sentiments may have existed were submerged today in the florid messages of congratulation pouring out of Arab capitals.

The Soviet Union also hailed the new federation. The Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, termed it a major step toward "ultimate victory over the forces of aggression, Zionism and neo-colonialism in the Middle East." There was evidence however that the Soviets and Egyptians have not abandoned efforts for an interim arrangement to reopen the Suez Canal. The subject was almost certainly on the agenda of the talks between Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad in Moscow this week. But Riad's reported statement that reopening the Suez Canal was of secondary importance to Israeli withdrawal from all Arab territories has dampened the prospects for an interim agreement. Some Israeli officials believe the new federation may have a degenerative effect on Franco-Arab relations. The French agreement to sell more than 100 Mirage jets to Libya's tiny air force a year ago contained the stipulation that the warplanes cannot be transferred to a third power. France assured Israel at the time that its stipulation would be enforced. Under the new federation pact however, the armed forces of Egypt, Libya and Syria would be interchangeable and Egyptian and even Syrian pilots could eventually be flying Libyan Mirages. Israel is believed almost certain to make representations to France on this matter. France reportedly assured Israel recently that it would halt delivery of the Mirages to Libya if it had evidence they were being transferred to Egypt.

French Police Arrest New Leftists Close To PFLP; Cache Of Explosives Uncovered

TEL AVIV, April 19 (JTA)--The arrests of five French-trained saboteurs in Israel last week has led to a number of arrests in France among extreme New Leftists close to Dr. George Habbash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, it was learned here today. French police also uncovered a

large cache of explosives near Paris, presumably for use in anti-Israeli terrorist acts in Western Europe and the Near East. According to local authorities, the five arrested here are cooperating with authorities. They reportedly admitted joining the PFLP and disclosed details of a mission that was intended to instill fear in foreign tourists by detonating bombs at hotels and other public places during the height of the tourist season. Two sisters from Casablanca, Madeleine and Nadia Bardly who were arrested on April 12, reportedly confessed that they were assigned to plant the explosives. An elderly French couple, Pierre and Edith Burghalter, aged 69 and 60, were the "porters" who brought explosives into Israel concealed in their clothing. They were also arrested last week. The ring-leader, according to police, was 26-year-old Evelynne Brage, a German-born woman raised in France.

Police who questioned her said today that she was the mysterious woman who visited the hotel rooms of Palestinian commandos in Frankfurt last summer prior to the multiple air liner hijackings that stunned the world last September. She was seen in the company of Lella Khaled and her American companion just before their abortive attempt to hijack an El Al airliner. Miss Brage was also linked by Israeli police to a million dollar dock fire in Rotterdam last March 15. Police said she was attempting to damages stored Israeli goods but touched off stores of refined oil by mistake. Meanwhile, it was also disclosed that a PFLP cell was uncovered recently by Israeli security forces in the northern districts of Acre and Nazareth. Four members of the group were arrested while its leader, Saadi Jaateer, Bethlehem, escaped to Jordan. The cell was still in its formative stage and did not carry out any acts of sabotage.

American Jew, Held As Suspect In Bomb Attack On Soviet Mission, Released

AMSTERDAM, April 19 (JTA)--An American Jew who was held by police as a suspect in the bomb attack on the Soviet Trade Mission last week was released today and a police spokesman told newsmen they were now "following another trail." The Jew was identified as Renee Wilner, a 35-year-old painter. Several of his friends, police reported, had come forward during the past few days to testify that he is a quiet sort of person, who would not, they maintained, resort to violence under any circumstances.

Parley Votes 73-3 To Call For End To Mideast Fighting And Work With Jarring

CARACAS, April 19 (JTA)--The Inter-Parliamentary Union ended its current meeting here and approved by a vote of 73-3 a Venezuelan resolution on the Middle East calling for an end to fighting in that area. The document asks all parties to collaborate with United Nations mediator Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring in his effort to reach an agreement based on Resolution 242. Israel was forced to vote against the proposal because its preamble included a short paragraph saying the Union was "also mindful of United Nations resolutions concerning Jerusalem." The chief Israeli delegate, Haim Zadok, said his country was "determined that the city of Jerusalem should never be divided."

Jaabari Warns Jordan Not To Interfere With Plans To Establish Arab University

JERUSALEM, April 19 (JTA)--Sheikh Mohammad Ali Jaabari, the Mayor of Hebron, warned the Jordanian government today not to interfere with plans by West Bank Arab leaders to establish an Arab university on the West Bank. Jaabari spoke in reply to a charge made by the Jordanian Education Minister in Amman Saturday that "all those who take part in planning the university are traitors and collaborators with the Israelis." The Hebron Mayor who is one of the most influential West Bank leaders said, "We do not want to give the Jordanians any trouble but if they ask for it we can do it easily." A congress of leading West Bank educators met last month and decided to establish a commission to examine the feasibility of founding an Arab university for West Bank high school graduates. Israeli authorities favor the idea.

President Of French UJA Executive Committee Due In U.S. For UJA Meetings

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA)--Jean Rosenthal, president of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal of France, is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow for a week's visit in which he is to participate in several top-level campaign meetings of the UJA. Rosenthal, who is a prominent leader in the French Jewish community, is scheduled to address meetings in New York City, Cleveland, Boston and Essex County (New Jersey) and will also participate, as a special guest, in the Israel Independence Day Parade on April 25.

First Iranian, South African Elected To Weizmann Institute Board of Governors

JERUSALEM, April 19 (JTA)--Seven new members, including the first Iranian and the first South African were elected to the Weizmann Institute's board of governors, the Hebrew University announced today. The Iranian, Abraham F. Rad, is a prominent industrialist who divides his time between Tel Aviv and Teheran. Justice I.A. Maisels, from South Africa, is very active in Jewish life, in addition to his legal career. He is currently chairman of the South African Zionist Federation.

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ADL Of B'nai B'rith Offering \$5,000 Reward For Information On Jewish Center Bombing

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA)--Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith announced today that the agency will pay a \$5,000 reward "for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible" for the bombing of the Jewish Center of West Orange, N.J. The early Sunday morning blast ripped a gaping hole in the temple section of the brick and glass structure and caused extensive damage to other parts of the center's complex. Robert C. Kohler, director of the League's New Jersey regional office, is a member of the congregation and was on the scene shortly after the blast occurred. In making the reward announcement, Graubard called the bomb blast "an appalling act of violence which all Americans must abhor." He said the reward was being offered in the hope that it would hasten bringing the bomber or bombers to justice. Graubard said the ADL is working closely with temple officials and all law authorities.

Police Investigating Explosion That Rocked West Orange Jewish Center

WEST ORANGE, N.J., April 19 (JTA)--West Orange police continued to investigate today an explosion which rocked the West Orange Jewish Center Saturday night and inflicted extensive damage on the 500-member Conservative synagogue. The blast, which shattered windows, damaged structural beams, tore the doors apart and cracked the air conditioning unit, was touched off the night that JDL national chairman Rabbi Meir Kahane had been scheduled to address a meeting at the building. According to the synagogue's spiritual leader, Rabbi Harold Mozeson, several placards had been pasted in the town announcing the JDL leader's appearance on the night of the explosion. The date however, Rabbi Mozeson stated, had been changed to May 2 and the posters were not corrected. Although Rabbi Mozeson declined to link the blast with Rabbi Kahane's appearance, he did note that it was a "strange coincidence." He disclosed that he and his congregants had agreed at a meeting yesterday afternoon that "Rabbi Kahane's invitation for May 2 still stands," and that the congregants weren't "going to make our decision subject to this kind of hooliganism." He dismissed the possibility that members of the Ku Klux Klan, who have stirred up trouble in Highstown, N.J., were involved in the bombing. Rabbi Mozeson told the JTA that Rabbi Kahane's appearance would be the first in this North Jersey town, although he had addressed a meeting in a neighboring community, Livingston, without incident.

Lelyveld: Secure Borders Not International Guarantees; New Mood Among Jewish Youth

PHILADELPHIA, April 19 (JTA)--Jews throughout the world support Israel's rejection of international guarantees as a substitute for secure borders because of a "new mood of independence" among the Jewish people, Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of Cleveland, president of the American Jewish Congress declared today. Addressing a luncheon here of the Congress' Philadelphia Council Business and Professional Group in the Locust Club, Rabbi Lelyveld, spiritual leader of Fairmount Temple in Cleveland, Ohio, said Secretary of State William P. Rogers' plan for "insubstantial" border changes "might have been acceptable in another era" but was inadequate today "because it asks Israel to allow its future security to become dependent on the good will of the United States." Rabbi Lelyveld stated that "Never again do Jews wish to be at the mercy of the changeable emotions of their neighbors. Never again will we be dependent on the good will of others, for good will evanesces. Never again will suffering be the badge of all our tribe. Instead we ask: where is it written that more than any other people we must be submissive and compliant, gratefully accepting whatever is handed to us?" Noting that Jews had "accommodated themselves to less than satisfactory arrangements in the past," Rabbi Lelyveld said international pledges to protect the peace "have proved not only worthless but dangerously deceptive."

He added: "Any effort to force Israel to withdraw from defensible positions on the basis of a promise of some future peace agreement by Egypt would render direct negotiations meaningless. If peace is to be sought in earnest, borders ought to be discussed by Israel and Egypt, not by Israel and the U.S. or among the Big Four." The AJCongress leader traced the emergence of a new mood in Jewish communities "in part to our young people--the courageous young Jews in the Soviet Union, the activist Zionist youth in this country, the young men on the front lines in Israel." He declared: "The Jewish people has always lost some youth to cosmopolitanism and assimilation. The difference is that in the 1920's it was the most precious segment of the youth community that was leaving--the highly-motivated, the intellectuals, those who felt most committed to the cause of social betterment." Today, he added, these young people are "staying with us, and the prospect for the 1970's is that they will remain with us--goading us and pointing out the evils that tie our hands, but definitely not separating themselves from the community."

Union, Federation Reach Accord On Wages, Membership To Vote On Contract

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA)--A spokesman for Local 1707 of the Community and Social Agency Employees, AFL-CIO said today that, "barring any last-minute changes," the reported threat by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Greater New York to cancel its summer programs for youngsters has been averted. At negotiations yesterday between the Federation and the union, said Erik Strong, a "formula on wages" was reached that will be presented to the union membership Wednesday for approval. "The emergency is over," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The union has been negotiating with the Federation's 21 group-work agencies, which include associated and independent agencies, YW-YWHAs and the Educational Alliance. On a separate front, Local 1707 is involved in contract negotiations with the Federation's case-work agencies.

Jews, Non-Jews Urged To Join In Appeal To Soviet Government To Let Jews Go

UTICA, N.Y., April 19 (JTA)--Mayor Dominick N. Assaro issued a call yesterday at a Soviet Jewry rally here to "all men of good will, Jews and non-Jews, throughout the world, to join in the appeal to the authorities in the USSR: Let My People Go." Speaking to a youthful crowd of several hundred persons, Assaro noted that several members of his city government were, in their private roles as citizens, active in the Soviet Jewry movement. He pointed out that Utica's Human Resources Commissioner, James Senor, is chairman of the Utica Jewish Community's Committee on Soviet Jewry while Judge Harold Hymes is president of the Jewish Community Council which also works actively on behalf of Soviet Jewry. At the rally, sponsored by the youth chapters of Temples Beth El and Emanuel, Assaro declared: "We stand with hands and shoulders together because other human beings are undergoing a relentless persecution and a heartless denial of their human rights." The Mayor added that "We must continue to protest that a nation's borders are not prison walls and that those who wish to leave should be allowed to do so. We must continue to seek to stir the conscience of mankind to the naked anti-Semitism of the Russian rulers and the terrorizing treatment of Russian Jews."

Ban Anti-Israel Rally To Counter Protests Against Soviet Treatment Of Jews

AMSTERDAM, April 19 (JTA)--An anti-Israel rally planned for tomorrow outside the Soviet Embassy in The Hague was banned today by the Burgermeister, former Prime Minister Victor Marijnen. The rally was organized by the "Palestine Committee" to counter nationwide Jewish protest rallies against Soviet treatment of Jews.