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## SYRIAN MIG DOWNED IN DOGFIGHT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 2 (JTA)--A Syrian MIG-21 was shot down today in a dogfight with Israeli jets over the cease-fire line. A military spokesman said the air battle took place at 1 p.m. local time when the MIG attempted to interfere with an Israeli aerial patrol in Israeli air space. The Syrian plane was seen crashing into a hill on the Lebanese side of the Syrian-Lebanese border. All Israeli aircraft returned safely to their bases.

The incident was the latest in a week of tension along the Israeli-Syrian line during which Syrian artillery shelled Israeli settlements and Israeli Air Force jets twice attacked terrorist strongholds and Army positions inside Syria. Israeli jets bombed the Syrian Army camp at Nabk, 40 miles north of Damascus Saturday night without interference from Syrian jets. Syrian MIG's have been flying reconnaissance along the cease-fire line since Sunday but none crossed into Israeli air space until today.

## MISSION SABOTAGE

## MASSIVE MANHUNT FOR 3 TERRORIST INFILTRATORS FROM LEBANON

TEL AVIV, Jan. 2 (JTA)--Israeli security forces are engaged in a massive man-hunt in the northern district to track down three terrorist infiltrators from Lebanon who are believed to be on a sabotage mission against a large population center in northern Israel. The search has been underway since last week but was disclosed only today. Local police, border police and Army units are involved, aided by helicopters and police dogs.

The search was ordered when evidence was found that five terrorists crossed into Israel near Hanita in Western Galilee last week. Tracks were discovered indicating that two of the infiltrators have since returned to Lebanon and the search is now concentrating on their three companions. One was reported Saturday in Manda village near Nazareth asking for food and water but managed to elude a police dragnet and road blocks.

According to reliable sources, one of the infiltrators is Nayif Zaaroura, a former resident of Nazareth with a long criminal record who fled from Israel in 1963 after police arrested his brother, Nimmer, on criminal charges. Zaaroura was said to have married and settled down in Lebanon but later moved to Syria where he joined a terrorist gang. He has reportedly been seen in Nazareth wearing a false beard.

## ISRAEL BRINGING PRESSURE ON EAST GERMANY TO PAY REPARATIONS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2 (JTA)--Israel officials revealed that the Israel Foreign Ministry has been applying pressure on other nations to urge East Germany to assume responsibility for the Nazi holocaust and to pay reparations. The question of East German responsibility has arisen in the past few weeks with the likelihood that a flock of states will now extend diplomatic recognition of the East German government in an about-face of the past 25 years following the realization of West German Chancellor Willy Brandt's ostpolitik.

The Israel government, at the Cabinet session Sunday, asked Foreign Minister Abba Eban to apply pressure on the United States and West European states. But a Foreign Ministry spokesman

afterwards conceded that these contacts have already begun and a "favorable response" has been produced in some quarters. The Israelis would like other nations to hold off giving diplomatic recognition to East Germany until it accepts its responsibility for the holocaust and makes suitable payment to the Israelis as West Germany has already done.

The Israelis have made it clear that they will not vote for East German membership in the United Nations, or extend diplomatic recognition to the East German state until it meets both of these conditions. Israel has stopped short of demanding that friendly countries simply refuse to recognize East Germany until it comes forward with an assumption of responsibility. Rather, the Israelis are imploring their friends to apply strong pressure on the East Germans to assume that responsibility.

In 1951, Israel approached both West Germany and East Germany with requests for restitution. West Germany eventually paid hundreds of millions of dollars. East Germany never replied formally, but its propagandists have always maintained that there are no Nazis in East Germany, only in West Germany. Jerusalem is expected to release evidence shortly proving that this is not the case.

## STRIKES BLANKET ISRAEL; 36,000 OUT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 2 (JTA)--Thirty-thousand engineers and technicians and 6000 government hospital employees went on strike today in support of demands for higher wages. The failure of last minute efforts to settle the disputes left Israelis with partially blacked-out television screens, radios silent except for brief hourly news bulletins and the threat of curtailed power supplies and disrupted telephone and telex communications. The walk-out by hospital administrative and catering employees halted health services at 22 government hospitals except for emergencies and cases involving members of the security forces.

The engineers and technicians called a 24-hour "warning strike" after meetings last night with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Labor Minister Yosef Almogi and other government officials ended in deadlock. The engineers, who are demanding a 74 percent wage hike in the highest job categories, rejected a government proposal to let a special committee work out new wage scales.

Power stations, telephone and telex exchanges continued to function today but without supervisors and without maintenance men to make repairs if break-downs occur. Television programming was limited to the Arabic program and the Hebrew news.

Histadrut officials and Health Minister Victor Shemtov tried in vain last night to avert the hospital strike. The workers are demanding that government hospitals accept the recent recommendations of a special inquiry committee, including higher wages, which have already been accepted by Kupat Holim, the Histadrut sick-fund, and non-government hospitals. Shemtov argued that the recommendations were not binding and advised the workers to negotiate a new wage scale with the hospitals, but the hospital employees remained adamant. There were no signs this afternoon of further contacts between the workers and government and civil service representatives.

## KNESSET APPROVES ELECTORAL REFORM MEASURE TO STRENGTHEN MAJOR PARTIES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2 (JTA)--An electoral reform measure that will strengthen Israel's major parties at the expense of the smaller ones was approved by the Knesset early this morning after a stormy all-night session marked by mutual recriminations and shouted insults from the floor. The chamber gave a substantial margin to a bill sponsored by the Alignment and Gahal, the two largest parties, that would convert surplus votes into additional Knesset seats for the largest parties.

Surplus votes are those won by a party in national elections which are in excess of the minimum required for a given number of Knesset seats. The new bill would award the extra seats to the party polling the largest total number of votes. Under the present system, the extra seats go to the party with the largest surplus vote.

The bill was bitterly opposed by the small parties, mainly those with four or less seats in parliament. Pandemonium broke out in the chamber when the small factions objected to alleged "steam-roller" tactics by Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu to ram through the Alignment-Gahal bill. Yeshayahu refused for 30 minutes to give the floor to the smaller factions on points of order. When he finally relented, the MKs of the minor parties spent another half hour heaping personal abuse on the Speaker, the house committee chairmen and the Alignment in general.

## SCHHEEL TO VISIT CAIRO

BONN, Jan. 2 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Walter Scheel will visit Cairo next March for political consultations with Egyptian leaders, the Foreign Ministry confirmed today. He is also expected to visit Jordan and Lebanon. An announcement in Cairo that Scheel would visit there from March 2-5 was not confirmed here but the Ministry said those dates were in line with what Bonn had in mind.

Scheel, who visited Israel last summer, was to have gone to Cairo as well last year but his visit was postponed due to the West German elections and the Munich slayings last Sept. 6. His main topics of discussions in Cairo will be the Middle East situation and German-Arab bilateral cooperation, sources here said. West Germany and Egypt will begin talks next month on a new line of credit and debt rescheduling.

## \$5 M MORTGAGE FUNDS LAUNCHED BY ISRAEL HISTADRUT FOUNDATION

Will Aid Veterans, Young Marrieds

MIAMI BEACH, Jan. 2 (JTA)--A mortgage fund to provide housing for Israeli veterans was formally launched here Saturday night by the Israel Histadrut Foundation at a farewell tribute to Yitzhak Rabin, retiring Israeli Ambassador to the United States. The 1300 guests subscribed to more than 150 units of \$5000 each, a total of more than \$750,000 toward an issue of \$5 million for the mortgage funds through Histadrut Annuity Trusts, according to Dr. Sol Stein, president of the Foundation.

Dr. Stein and Rabbi Leon Kronish of Miami Beach, national chairman of the board of the Israel Histadrut Foundation, presented Rabin with the first Israel Histadrut Foundation Medal of Honor. Dr. Stein said that the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, has started construction on \$50 million worth of housing for Israeli veterans and young married couples and would provide \$25 million in mortgage funds for such construction, including the \$5 million to be raised in the United States.

Rabin endorsed the housing and mortgage program as "the first major effort to equalize differ-

ences between Israeli veterans and the Jewish State's new immigrants." He said each new immigrant is automatically guaranteed adequate housing, job training and many other benefits from both the Israel government and charitable organizations while the sabras (native-born) do not receive even one half of these benefits.

He said that "while it would be totally unfair for Israel to use the vast funds channeled to Israel for absorption of new immigrants for the veterans, I wish to be among those who will champion immediate methods to provide similar benefits for Israeli veterans."

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BORIS PENSON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (JTA)--A vigil across the street from the Soviet Embassy featured a solemn birthday celebration today for Boris Penson, the Jewish artist who is 27 years old today and languishing in a prison camp in Potma. Members of the Henrietta Szold Hadassah Chapter carried 27 large candles in Penson's honor and shouted happy birthday greetings in Russian. The chapter also sent telegram congratulations to Penson and his mother.

Across the street at the Embassy at least one face was observed peeking from behind closed curtains throughout the proceedings, but there was no official reaction from the Russians. Penson was arrested in Dec. 1970 and sentenced to 10 years in prison. A collection of his paintings, smuggled out of Russia by a friend, is now on display at the Jewish Museum in New York and is expected soon to tour the country.

## RABBI WARNS AGAINST MISSIONARY GROUPS

BOSTON, Jan. 2 (JTA)--The aggressive campaign to "call the continent to Christ" by the Christian evangelical group known as Key 73 was called a threat to the concept of American pluralism by Rabbi James A. Rudin of New York, assistant director of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee. Addressing 1300 high school teen-agers at the 22nd annual convention of the United Synagogue Youth last week, Rabbi Rudin said:

"The Key 73 movement poses a threat and a challenge to the American Jewish community, especially its young men and women. If evangelical Christianity were to become de facto American religion, Jews and Judaism would be seen as less than equal within the American community. A Christian missionary movement based upon the negation and denigration of Judaism as a living faith, as a complete religion, can destroy the very existence of the Jewish people."

Although he didn't mention a recent B'nai B'rith Hillel survey by name, which said that conversion efforts were making little progress among Jews on the nation's campuses, Rabbi Rudin differed when he said that "our reports indicate widespread activity around the country."

## NO DEATHS AMONG MANAGUA JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (JTA)--There were no deaths among the several hundred Jews living in Managua, Nicaragua, during the recent earthquake, although their synagogue was destroyed along with most of their possessions, the American Jewish Committee reported today. Sergio Nudelstejer, director of the Committee's Mexican Office, informed the national headquarters here that a Jewish Central American delegation had gone to Nicaragua to assist quake victims.

Menachem Beigin, leader of the Herut party, was unanimously elected chairman of its Executive Committee Sunday night.

### Outlook Bleak For Prisoners DREIZNER ATTACKED BY INMATE, LUBARSKY TRIAL DUE JAN. 15

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (JTA)--The New Year has brought no respite for Soviet Jews. The first reports of 1973 from Jewish sources in the Soviet Union spoke of Jews facing trial, Jews languishing in prison camps under wretched conditions, seriously ill Jews pleading in vain for exit visas to go to Israel and Jews deprived of jobs either because they applied for visas or some cases in retaliation for the departure of a colleague.

According to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, Solomon Dreizner, 41, a second Leningrad trial defendant serving a three-year sentence at the Potma forced labor camp, is facing severe and unjust punishment because he retaliated when assaulted by a fellow prisoner known to be a pathological anti-Semite. Dreizner's wife, Lilia, has appealed to the Soviet Prosecutor General Roman Rudenko to send a special emissary to Potma to investigate the case.

She said her husband was waylaid as he left his living quarters at the camp by another prisoner surnamed Erst who hurled anti-Semitic epithets at him and then attacked him physically. Because he struck back he was brought before a camp committee and threatened with punishment, Mrs. Dreizner wrote to Rudenko.

### Jews Purged From Moscow Radio Orchestra

She begged the Prosecutor to look into the case personally and not to refer her complaint to the prosecutor in Mordovia who will only refer it back to the Potma administration. "One gets the impression that a chain of provocation planned beforehand is taking place," she said in her letter.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today that Jan. 15 has been set as the date of the trial of Lazar Lubarsky, a Rostov engineer accused of giving secret documents to unauthorized persons. The NCSJ also reported that Soviet authorities have disconnected the telephone of Valery Panov, the Jewish ballet star, apparently because he ignored orders to stop making statements to Western newsmen.

In another development, the SSSJ reported that the purge of Jewish musicians from the Moscow Radio Orchestra is continuing. Twenty-four Jews have been dismissed and only four remain with the 80-member orchestra. The four have been told that they will be fired when replacements are found. According to the SSSJ the Jews were being made scapegoats for the former conductor, Yuri Aronovich, who received an exit visa and went to Israel last summer.

### MAPAM ADOPTS MODERATE LINE ON FUTURE OF ADMINISTERED AREAS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 2 (JTA)--The Mapam party's sixth national convention ended this weekend after adopting a moderate line on the future of the administered territories and suggesting that Israel favor a peace settlement based on two states--Arab and Jewish--in the territory that was formerly Palestine.

Resolutions adopted at the closing session opposed any Israeli military withdrawal from the present cease-fire lines before peace is achieved and favored attempts to negotiate a partial Suez settlement with Egypt. Mapam stated that united Jerusalem must remain the capital of Israel but proposed autonomous control for the Moslem and Christian holy places in the city and said Israel should not oppose that principle even if control rested with a neighboring Arab state.

On the touchy question of the future of the Gaza

Strip, the convention voted down a proposal by the party's veteran leadership to re-affirm its 1956 position calling for annexation of the Strip to Israel. While precluding the return of the Strip to Egypt under any circumstances, Mapam approved by a vote of 304-266 a resolution stating that the future of the Gaza Strip was to be decided eventually on the basis of Israel's security requirements, the will of the local population and the needs for a solution of the refugee problem.

### Security Need Stressed

The convention also favored a resolution by the veteran leadership supporting Jewish settlement in the Raffah district for security reasons. But it stressed that steps be taken to protect the rights of the Bedouin inhabitants of the area.

Mapam favored a peace settlement that would return all of Sinai to Egypt with the stipulation that the peninsula be demilitarized and that certain territorial adjustments be made to meet Israeli security needs. Similarly, the convention favored the return of the West Bank to Arab jurisdiction after border modifications essential to Israel's security and with the stipulation that no Arab armies cross the Jordan River westward. The convention also resolved that Israel's border with Syria must remain on the Golan Heights with a demilitarized zone between the present and final boundaries.

On the question of Israeli settlement in the administered territories, Mapam maintained that such settlements be of a temporary nature except on the Golan Heights and the Raffah district where permanent security settlements may be established.

### 4-15 YEARS ASKED FOR WAR CRIMINALS

BONN, Jan. 2 (JTA)--The public prosecutor at the Frankfurt Nazi war crimes trial involving six former members of the Frankfurt Police Battalion 306 asked yesterday for sentences ranging from 4 to 15 years for the accused.

The accused are Adolf Petsch, 15 years, charged with complicity in murdering some 10,000 Jews and Soviet prisoners; Johann Kuhr, High Commissioner, 8 years, charged with aiding and abetting the murder of some 17,000; Heinrich Plantius, High Commissioner, 7 years; Heinz-Dieter Teltze, High Commissioner, 6 years; Rudolf Eckert, High Commissioner, 5 1/2 years; and Heinrich Gross, Frankfurt Police Chief, 4 years.

The sentences are expected to be rendered in Feb. All six were involved in the murder of thousands of persons in the ghettos of Stolin, Janow, Drohotchin and Pinsk in the autumn of 1942 behind the eastern front.

Jonathon Karmon, director and choreographer of the Grand Music Hall of Israel, was presented today with a citation by Ambassador David Rivlin, Consul General of Israel in New York for his role in introducing Israeli dance and culture to the city. The Grand Music Hall of Israel opens at the Felt Forum, Madison Square Garden, Jan. 4 for a ten-day run. The show, part of Israel's 25th anniversary celebrations, features Israeli singing star Shoshana Damari.

The Bulgarian government has honored a member of the Jewish community in Sofia, Sami Rafaelov Bidgeranov. He was awarded the "Order of Popular Labor" on the occasion of his 50th birthday and "for his active participation in the building of Socialism."

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