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ISRAEL UNVEILS NEW AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE TODAY

TEL AVIV, March 26 (JTA)--A new highly sophisticated air-to-air missile developed by "Raphael," Israel's weapons development authority, will be unveiled to Israeli and foreign newsmen tomorrow. The missile, named "Shafir" (Canopy) reportedly has been tested in combat.

No details of the missile or its testing have been published so far. It is believed to be similar to the American "side-winder" though more sophisticated. It reportedly has two homing devices—one radar controlled and the other infrared. The "Shafir" was built at a reported cost of IL 90,000 at the "Raphael" workshops. Dr. Zeev Bonnen, director of "Raphael" headed the team that developed the weapon. The Defense Ministry is reportedly prepared to sell the missile to friendly foreign powers.

According to unofficial and unconfirmed reports the "Shafir" has been employed in aerial combat and scored direct hits on Egyptian and Syrian jets that were downed during the past two years. Its existence was kept secret until now but was hinted at recently by Gen. Amos Horev, the Army chief scientist, who mentioned an air-to-air missile as one of the research projects in the security field that was selected for development. The name "Shafir" was apparently derived from the fact that the missile provides a security canopy over Israel against air attacks.

LABOR PARTY RIFT WIDENS AS KATCHALSKI RETURNS TO ISRAEL

Nominee Expounds Views On Presidency

TEL AVIV, March 26 (JTA)--Prof. Ephraim Katchalski, the Labor Party's nominee for the presidency of Israel, returned home from the United States today and was greeted at Lod Airport by Premier Golda Meir and a large group of well-wishers including Cabinet ministers, Labor Party officials and leaders of the Weizmann Institute of Science. The 57-year-old Weizmann Institute biophysicist spoke to reporters for the first time since he was nominated last Thursday by the Labor Party's Central Committee. Expounding on his views of the presidency of Israel, Dr. Katchalski said he envisioned a united society without discrimination, without underprivileged groups, and within which the gap between the communities will be closed.

He said he saw the task of the president to be that of maintaining the tradition and spirit of the nation, elevating its moral, cultural and spiritual values and "guiding it along the paths that have made the Jewish nation famous."

Dr. Katchalski returned as a serious rift developed over his candidacy between the Labor Party's Mapai faction which had vigorously promoted his nomination and the party's Rafi wing which backed Deputy Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Navon for the office of president. Katchalski told reporters that he had learned of the repercussions while on his way home to Israel but offered no further comment. At the time of his nomination he was attending a symposium at the University of California, Berkeley, on the work of his late brother, Prof. Aharon Katzir-Katch-

alsky, who was killed in the Lod Airport massacre last May 30.

Ben-Gurion Letter Widens Rift

The intra-party rift was further aggravated today by the disclosure of a letter written to Navon by former Premier David Ben-Gurion who said that Navon should have been elected and expressed regrets that he wasn't.

The Jerusalem branch of the Labor Party which favored Navon has moved to create a new bloc within the party to counter the Tel Aviv bloc headed by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz, both Mapai leaders who promoted Katchalski's nomination. Jerusalem party leaders are also reported to have contacted the Haifa branch and local town branches with the view of establishing a new group within the party.

Two Rafi leaders Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Transport Minister Shimon Peres visited Navon separately in Jerusalem yesterday. There was no indication of what they discussed. Students at Israeli universities announced today that they would hold a pro-Navon rally in Jerusalem Wednesday.

Support Lags In Knesset

The Labor Party has apparently made little headway in its efforts to mobilize support for Dr. Katchalski in the Knesset, which convenes April 10 to elect a successor to President Zalman Shazar. A simple majority is required but Katchalski supporters are interested in amassing the largest possible vote for him. So far only Mapam and Knesset member Uri Avnery of the one-man Haolam Hazeh faction have announced that they will support Katchalski. The National Religious Party refused to sign the Katchalski nomination yesterday. NRP leaders were reportedly conferring with Gahal and the Agudat Israel factions about nominating an alternative candidate.

Ben-Gurion's letter has apparently deepened the bitterness felt by the Rafi wing over the rejection of their man. Navon, a leader of the Sephardic community, served as Ben-Gurion's secretary when he was Premier. The 83-year-old Ben-Gurion wrote, "Dear Yitzhak, I am one of the many who are deeply sorry that the very man who should have been made President at this time was not elected. I have nothing against the man who was elected, but...I am sorry that you were not elected. I believe that the Jewish nation will still realize your worth and that we shall one day see you as President of the nation."

SOVIET EMBASSY PUBLICATION ON TRIAL IN PARIS FOR SPREADING ANTI-SEMITISM

PARIS, March 26 (JTA)--The Soviet propaganda services were accused before a French court today of practicing "gross and old fashioned" anti-Semitism and "spreading racial hatred." The charges were levelled by a score of experts and witnesses, including a Nobel Prize winner, Rene Cassin, at the opening session of a suit brought by the International League Against Anti-Semitism (LICA) against a Soviet Embassy publication.

The official "Review of Soviet Information Services" wrote last Sept. that "According to the fundamental conception (of the Bible) the world should belong to the followers of the powerful God

Johovah." The article added that "According to the rules (of the Talmud and Torah) entire generations of Israelis have been inculcated from the cradle with the hatred of other nations." LICA, basing itself on French law, sued the publication for "incitement to racial hatred and anti-Semitism."

Former Senate President Gaston Monerville who introduced the anti-racist legislation in parliament testified that the law "applies in both spirit and letter" to this case. "It was for cases such as this that I introduced the law," he said. Another witness, French Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, told the court "never since Nazi days has such hate propaganda been published in France." He called the case "very serious" and asked the court "to see that justice is done."

Prof. Cassin told the court that as a man familiar with Jewish teachings and traditions, he found the Soviet Embassy charges "without the slightest foundation." An expert on Soviet history, Gregory Svitsky, said that the same accusation exists in a book "on the Jews and on the necessity to eliminate them from public life" published in St. Petersburg in 1906. Svitsky indicated that the phrase was probably "lifted" by the Soviet propaganda straight out of the Tzarist publication. Among the witnesses were two Catholic priests, Father Roger and the Rev. J.P. Braun. Both said they were "shocked and surprised" at the accusations levelled by the Soviet at the Jewish people as a whole.

A verdict is expected early next month. The court refused to declare itself incompetent as the defense requested. Presiding Judge Simone Rozes refused to consider the bulletin covered by the Embassy's diplomatic immunity and claimed the argument advanced by the defense of possible harm to Franco-Soviet relations was not pertinent to the case.

SPY TRIAL DEFENDANTS SENTENCED TO PRISON Turki And Adiv Get 17 Years

TEL AVIV, March 26 (JTA)--Prison terms ranging from two to 17 years were imposed on six convicted members of a Syrian-directed Arab-Jewish spy ring by a Haifa district court this morning. The stiffest sentences were drawn by Daoud Osman Turki, 45, the Haifa Arab who headed the ring and Ehud Adiv, 26, the kibbutz-born former paratrooper who headed the spy ring's Jewish section.

The second Jewish defendant, Dan Vered, a 28-year-old school teacher, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. Two Arab defendants, Subhi Naarani, 28, and Annis Karawi, 23, drew 15-year terms. Simon Haddad, 34, the only one of the defendants who expressed regret for his activities was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and was given an additional three-year suspended sentence.

The court stressed that the political views expressed by the defendants had no bearing in the determination of the sentences. It noted, however, that with the exception of Haddad, all had reaffirmed their intention to overthrow the Israeli regime and replace it with a Communist one. A second group of spy-ring defendants, including four Jews, is expected to go on trial early next month.

SENATORS SUPPORT FREE EMIGRATION FOR SOVIET CITIZENS, INCLUDING JEWS

WASHINGTON, March 26 (JTA)--Two Midwestern Senators, Charles Percy (R., Ill.) and Walter Mondale (D., Minn.), expressed strong sup-

port today for free emigration of Soviet citizens, including Jews, and deplored social conditions in the United States for elderly, the handicapped and minorities, particularly Blacks.

Sen. Mondale told the approximately 500 delegates and guests at the 40th anniversary conference of the American Jewish Congress' Women's Division here that, "We must have official assurances from the Soviet government and from our own government" that the Soviet education tax on emigrants will not be imposed in the future. He referred to the Jackson Amendment's provision that the President must certify suitable Soviet behavior on emigration if it is to obtain U.S. government trade benefits and credits.

Addressing the conference's opening dinner last night, AJCongress President Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, denounced any attempt to relieve pressure on the Soviet government on the emigration issue. "Soviet Jews are not for sale--not here nor anywhere," he said. Rabbi Hertzberg later told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "no set of considerations, either of quiet diplomacy or a mixture of the issue of Russian Jews with the issue of the defense of Israel should deter anyone in America or anywhere in the world--Jews and non-Jews--from persistence in the battle for rescinding the emigration tax and other bars to emigration."

OFFICERS' STRIKE ENDS, SHIPS SAIL

TEL AVIV, March 26 (JTA)--Five Israeli ships delayed by a one-day strike by their officers, sailed for their destinations today. The officers returned to work this morning after expressing satisfaction that negotiations for higher wages were making progress.

The Zim Lines, Israel's national shipping company and the country's largest, has reportedly agreed to salary increases for the officers, although not to the extent they had demanded. The unlicensed seamen's union is waiting for a settlement with the officers before pressing their own wage demands.

RAYA TO RESUME CAMPAIGN FOR IKRIT, BARAM VILLAGERS

TEL AVIV, March 26 (JTA)--The Maronite Archbishop, Yousouf Raya, announced yesterday that he was resuming his campaign to persuade the government to permit the former residents of Ikrity and Baram villages on the Lebanese border to return to those sites. The villagers were evacuated nearly 25 years ago for security reasons. The government decided recently that the security considerations are still valid.

Archbishop Raya said his campaign was not directed against the Israeli government but rather was intended to "achieve an image of justice for the State in its 25th year." He said a mass rally would be held near Hadera Saturday in which 3000 Arabs and Jews were expected to participate. Thousands of leaflets have been distributed in cities and villages announcing the rally.

JEWS LEADERS IN TRIBUTE TO GEO. BUSH

NEW YORK, March 26 (JTA)--American Jewish leaders paid tribute today to George Bush, former United States Ambassador to the United Nations at a luncheon given in his honor here by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. The luncheon was attended by Israel's UN Ambassador, Yosef Tekoah and 100 guests representing the 30 constituent organizations of the Presidents' Conference. Ambassador Tekoah referred to Bush as "a good friend of Israel."

FOUR KIBBUTZ MEMBERS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENT

TEL AVIV, March 26 (JTA)--Four members of Kibbutz Beeri in the western Negev were killed last night when their car collided head-on with an Army truck. Two other passengers in the car were severely injured. The dead were identified as Avner Dan, 48, and his wife, Daliah, 37; Shmuel Tzofni, 45, and Tzafira Shomroni, 37.

JUDGE DENIES BAIL TO EX-NAZI FACING EXTRADITION

NEW YORK, March 26 (JTA)--Bail was denied for a second time today to Mrs. Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan who faces extradition to West Germany for possible trial for alleged war crimes when she was a guard at Maidanek and other Nazi concentration camps during World War II. Mrs. Ryan, who is married to an American citizen, was taken into custody last week and has been confined at the women's prison on Rikers Island.

Her initial request for bail was denied Thursday by Federal Judge Jacob Mishler. United States Attorney Robert A. Morse opposed the setting of any bail for Mrs. Ryan. A staff assistant, U.S. Attorney Mary P. Maguire, explained that the 1931 extradition treaty with Germany precluded for 30 days any consideration of bail for persons being held for extradition hearings. Mrs. Ryan's hearing will be held within 30 days of her detention. No date has been announced.

Deportation hearings against the former concentration camp guard, conducted by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, were suspended March 20 after it was learned that extradition requests had been filed for Mrs. Ryan by both the West German and Polish governments. Mrs. Ryan lost her U.S. citizenship in 1971 after it was determined that in applying for it she had concealed her conviction by an Austrian court in 1949 on charges of torturing concentration camp inmates.

MRS. TREPPER SAYS SHE RELIES ON WORLD OPINION FOR HUSBAND'S FREEDOM

LONDON, March 26 (JTA)--Mrs. Elisabeth Trepper, wife of the former head of the "Red Orchestra" said last night she hoped world public opinion, the campaign in Israel on her husband's behalf and the campaign of Jewish groups all over the world will convince Polish authorities there is nothing to be gained by keeping her husband in Warsaw. Leopold Trepper, head of the Soviet spy network in occupied Europe during World War II, has been trying for more than a year to obtain an exit visa for Israel.

Addressing a meeting of the Association of Jewish Writers and Journalists and the World Jewish Congress British Section, Mrs. Trepper, who lives in Israel and is here to campaign for her husband's release, explained in Yiddish that her husband wanted to go to Israel because of his "intense Jewishness" and his "tragic experience." After the war, Trepper spent 10 years in Moscow's Lubianka Prison and later, in Poland, was chairman of the Jewish Cultural and Social Association and established the Yiddish publishing house "Yiddish Buch."

EAST JERUSALEMITE DENIES BID TO JOIN JORDANIAN CABINET

JERUSALEM, March 26 (JTA)--Anwar Nusseibeh, the former Defense Minister of Jordan, denied a report Saturday that he would join the Jordanian Cabinet as Minister in charge of the

administered territories. Nusseibeh, who is 60, has been in retirement from politics since 1967 and is a resident of East Jerusalem.

The report, in the Beirut newspaper A Nahar, said that Nusseibeh had traveled to Amman Friday to discuss the appointment with King Hussein.

He stressed that he knew nothing about the report. He told newsmen that he had "not been requested by anyone to go to Amman."

At a luncheon meeting at the ZOIA House in Tel Aviv last week, Nusseibeh said that the direct contacts between Israelis and Arabs since 1967 were important. He said that "For the sake of our future, we should never revert to a situation in which there is a total lack of mutual contact. The important thing is not to agree, but to meet each other, even if we have to swallow some of our pride." Nusseibeh has been mentioned from time to time as the possible go-between in secret talks between the Israelis and the Jordanians.

EL AL SEEKING LANDING RIGHTS IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 26 (JTA)--Preliminary meetings between an El Al delegation and Brazilian officials have been taking place here this past week to discuss plans for El Al landing rights to begin in April.

It is now almost two years since Israel asked Brazil for permission to pick up and discharge passengers at Rio's airport on flights between Tel Aviv and Buenos Aires. Israel has also proposed that Varig Airlines open a route from Brazil to Israel.

ISRAEL MAY BUILD CONTAINERSHIPS

JERUSALEM, March 26 (JTA)--The construction of two 9000 ton containerships for the Zim Lines at Israel's shipyards on Haifa Bay was recommended to the ministerial economic affairs committee today by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Transport Minister Shimon Peres. The vessels would be the largest ever built in Israel and would take about two years to complete.

A.L. GELLMAN, MIZRACHI LEADER, DEAD AT 86

JERUSALEM, March 26 (JTA)--Funeral services were held at the Senhedria Cemetery today for Aryeh Leib Gellman, honorary chairman of the Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Movement, who died in Tel Aviv last night at the age of 86. Mr. Gellman, who published eight books on Torah studies, was a member of the editorial board of Hatzofe, the Mizrahi newspaper. He represented his movement at Zionist congresses and served as chairman of the Talmudic Encyclopedia and on the board of the Yeshivat Kerem Beyavneh.

TERRORIST SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN GAZA STRIP

TEL AVIV, March 26 (JTA)--Israeli security forces arrested eight persons from Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip today on suspicion of organizing a group to carry out acts of terrorism and sabotage. Members of the gang are believed to be responsible for a number of hand grenade incidents in the Khan Yunis area including one thrown into the UNRWA offices there in Nov. 1971.

President Zalman Shazar today unveiled the plaque at the entrance to an 80,000 tree forest in Jerusalem's northern suburbs dedicated to him by Jewish National Fund members in 15 countries. In the presence of Premier Golda Meir and several hundred new immigrants, Shazar said the forest was the "best possible gift he could receive as his term of Presidency drew to its close."

ZOA LEADER SAYS ZIONISM IS BEST WEAPON AGAINST ASSIMILATION

PITTSBURGH, March 26 (JTA)--A Zionist Organization of America leader believes the ZOA can be a more effective instrument than the synagogue in combatting intermarriage, proselytization and other assimilationist attempts on American Jewish youth. Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein, chairman of the ZOA's National Executive Committee said here yesterday that there are many young Jews who may be unresponsive to the synagogue's quest for their "individual or personal salvation" but who will respond to Zionism's "articulation of loyalty to the Jewish people."

Addressing a tri-state ZOA leadership training institute at the ZOA House here, Rabbi Sternstein said "the very nature of Jewish living in America's free and open society subjects the character of Judaism and its survival to constant challenge." He said the challenge may present itself in the guise of Key 73 with its missionary thrust, the blandishments of the New Left or intermarriage. "Zionism," he said, "is an ideology which can effectively neutralize the speciousness of whatever message Christian missionaries may try to exercise on Jewish youth and it is among the most inciteful ideas that can repudiate the basic emptiness of the so-called Left."

UJA YOUNG LEADERSHIP GROUP DESCRIBES AUSCHWITZ VISIT

LONDON, March 26 (JTA)--Thirty-seven members of the United Jewish Appeal's Young Leadership Cabinet wound up a ten-day tour of several European cities here Friday. Their trip was highlighted by a visit to Warsaw last week to observe the 30th anniversary of the 1943 Ghetto uprising.

The group described their pilgrimage to Auschwitz where, they said, there was an obvious attempt by the Polish authorities to play down the magnitude of the Jewish tragedy that occurred there. They said there were commemorative plaques in 18 languages in the Hall of Nations at the death camp site but none in Yiddish or Hebrew.

While in Cracow, the American Jewish leaders visited the Remo Synagogue, where they held a morning service and were addressed by the head of Cracow's Jewish community Meir Jacobovits. The synagogue, built in 1540, is adjacent to the cemetery. The tombstones, desecrated by the Nazis with the exception of the Remo tombstone, have since been repaired by Cracow's Jewish community which totals 600 Jews. The group also visited the Jewish museum, housed in what was formerly the choral synagogue.

KIRYAT ARBA SETTLERS COMPLAIN GOVERNMENT NEGLECTS THEM

JERUSALEM, March 26 (JTA)--Kiryat Arba settlers have accused the government of dragging its feet over the development of the Jewish settlement near Hebron on the West Bank. Dr. Haim Yehil of the Land of Israel Movement joined the settlers in their denunciation of the government at a news conference here.

The settlers said that plans to set up a formula factory at Kiryat Arba employing two to three hundred workers fell through when the government refused to approve it after a year of negotiations. The settlers, who now occupy 235 apartments, said that young couples and new im-

migrants are not being sent to Kiryat Arba and that the government has failed to construct 1000 apartment units promised. The government noted several weeks ago that while housing had been made available to anyone who wanted to live in Kiryat Arba, there had been as yet no volunteers.

The Kiryat Arba settlers claim that they have a waiting list of about 500 families ready to move in when housing becomes available. The news conference appeared to have been timed to apply pressure on the government just before next year's budget is approved at the end of this month. The settlers reportedly believe the government is hesitating to give them full support because Kiryat Arba is the only urban settlement outside the pre-1967 borders.

JESUS CULTS MAKING HEADWAY AMONG JEWS, LUBAVITCHER RABBI SAYS

JOHANNESBURG, March 26 (JTA)--An emissary of the Lubavitcher Hasidim visiting here has claimed that various Jesus cults are making many converts among young Jews and blamed their parents for failing to impart "Jewish spiritual values to their children."

Rabbi Mendel Lipskar said in an interview published in the Jewish Herald that "the spectrum of Jews switching to the Church is amazing." He said most of the purported converts "have some kind of traditional Jewish background, some even come from Jewish day schools." According to Rabbi Lipskar, cults such as the "True Jews," "Hebrew Christians" and "Jews for Jesus" are doing the proselytizing. "The parents have either refrained from or proved incapable of imparting Jewish spiritual values to their children," he said. "There is a total lack of communication in the way of thinking between the adults and the youth... If one can't find true conviction in one's own religion, one turns elsewhere," he said. He claimed that if a Torah approach was presented as something honest and valid and not simply as tradition, the youth will accept it.

JEWISH GROUP SUPPORTS INDIANS AT WOUNDED KNEE

NEW YORK, March 26 (JTA)--The General Coordinating Committee of the Jewish Cultural Clubs and Societies has declared in a resolution that the Indians at Wounded Knee "deserve the support of everyone who believes in justice and democracy." The coordinating committee of the association, which represents 60 organizations in New York, called upon its members and the members and leaders of all Jewish organizations "to act in the spirit of the prophets" and "to extend a hand of support to the Indian people in their just struggle" for their civil and human rights.

The resolution further stated that, "The brutal genocidal atrocities of white America against the Indian people, and the cruel deprivation of their lands and rights are shameful chapters in the history of our country. It is time that at least partial retribution is granted to the Indian people by assuring them the means and measures for decent housing, employment, health care, economic development and education."

The committee called on the U.S. government to abide by the treaties and all recent agreements made with the Indians, to restore their "stolen" lands, to abolish the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to remove troops from Wounded Knee and to enter into "genuine negotiations for a settlement."