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U.S. WEAPONS IN USE

BY ISRAELI AIR FORCE

TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA) — A sophisticated American-made reconnaissance and intelligence gathering aircraft, the Hawkeye, recently acquired by Israel, is fully operational and has already seen action, it was disclosed today on the eve of Israel Air Force Day which will be marked this week. The magazine Aviation Week reported earlier that the Hawkeye was employed on the recent Israeli air strike against terrorist strongholds in Lebanon during which five Syrian MIGs that attempted to intervene were shot down.

Two other American weapons have also been absorbed by Israel's armed forces. They are the Cobra helicopter which is employed as an anti-tank weapon firing multiple rockets and machine-guns, and the Redeye, an infra-red shoulder-mounted anti-aircraft missile utilized by infantry units against low flying enemy aircraft.

BREZHNEV URGED TO COMMUTE DEATH SENTENCES AGAINST FOUR JEWS

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, July 15 (JTA) — Amnesty International has cabled Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev appealing to him to commute the death sentences passed against four Jews in the Ukraine.

Two weeks ago the Ukrainian Republic's Supreme Court upheld the death sentence passed on Aug. 28, 1978, by the Donetsk regional court against Rafael Adjastivili, Elia Mikhailishvili, Gabriel Spashvili and a Mr. Abassov. They were among 50 people convicted of stealing surplus textiles from a factory and selling them for private gain.

Amnesty International said the case highlighted the fact that Soviet citizens can be sentenced to death for crimes not involving violence. Under Soviet law the death penalty may be imposed for 18 different offenses, including counterfeiting money, violating the rules for currency transactions, taking a bribe and stealing state property on a large scale.

The Soviet news media report approximately 25 to 30 death sentences every year. However, Amnesty International said the total number was almost certainly many times higher than that reported publicly. Soviet human rights activists have recently come out strongly against the continued use of the death penalty. Academician Andrei Sakharov has described it as "a savage and immoral institution which undermines the moral and legal foundations of the world."

Amnesty International refrained from commenting on the fact that the four facing death penalties are Jews, and did not report the ethnic background of those given a lesser sentence. When news of the death sentences first broke, it reminded observers of the high proportion of Soviet Jews executed for so-called economic crimes during the Khrushchev period.

MOVE TO RESTORE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL, ZAIRE

TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA) — The basis for renewing diplomatic relations between Israel and Zaire was laid here this weekend when Yeruham

Meshel, secretary general of Histadrut, signed an agreement with Mogoakam Mogo, head of the trade union movement in Zaire, to resume immediate cooperation between the two labor federations. Diplomatic relations between the countries were broken by Zaire during the Yom Kippur War.

Mogo, a graduate of the Histadrut-sponsored Afro-Asian Institute that operated in Israel for students and labor leaders from Afro-Asian countries, told Meshel that his mission to Israel was approved by Zaire's Prime Minister who graduated from the Institute in the 1960s. The agreement calls for Histadrut to help promote vocational training in Zaire. Meshel said he is convinced the agreement will help restore relations between Israel and Zaire.

BACKGROUND REPORT

BEN-ELISSAR SAYS STATEMENT ON LEBANON WAS A WARNING TO SYRIA

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA) — The statement by Premier Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt in Alexandria last week upholding the territorial integrity of Lebanon should be seen first and foremost as directed at Syria. "It means that Egypt and Israel want the Syrians to withdraw from Lebanon," Eliahu Ben-Elissar, director general of the Prime Minister's Office, said over the weekend.

Ben-Elissar was the ranking Israeli official to accompany Begin to the Alexandria summit, the results of which he assessed in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in his office here.

Ben-Elissar confirmed for the first time officially that Begin and Sadat had spent much of their time discussing broad strategic issues pertaining to the Mideast area. "They found a large measure of agreement," he reported. But, he stressed, this did "not necessarily mean" that joint or common military intentions were implied.

Ben-Elissar would not specify which regions of strategic interest the two leaders had covered in their review. But he did not demur when the interviewer surmised that Kuwait and Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Jordan, and the Straits of Hormuz were among the issues dealt with.

Demonstration Of Friendship

The primary meaning of such a strategic conversation between the two leaders ("they spoke as the leaders of their countries; not as university professors," Ben-Elissar noted) was that the peace between Egypt and Israel was evolving into "a new political reality in the area." It was also a demonstration, said Ben-Elissar, of the growing friendship and candor between Begin and Sadat.

The statement on Lebanon, though referring to "territorial" integrity, implied political integrity and sovereignty, too, Ben-Elissar said. "The Syrians will have to take it into account in their calculations," he added.

But he said it would be "too far-reaching" to read into the statement the implication that Egypt would stand aside if Israel and Syria became embroiled militarily over Syria's actions in Lebanon as they did in a brief aerial dogfight recently.

Privately, several Israeli analysts believe that Egypt would indeed stand aside in such a scenario. Ben-Elissar said the Lebanon statement had

two additional significances: first, it was directed at Washington. The U.S., he said, seemed sometimes to be "getting used" to the presence of Syrian troops in Lebanon though its policy still professed, of course, to strive for the integrity of Lebanon.

He said the statement also was intended to rebut suspicions in the Arab world, and even in Egypt that Israel's long-term policy aim is to bring about the partition of Lebanon into separate Christian and Moslem states.

Other Aspects Of The Summit

Reporting on other aspects of the summit, Ben-Elissar made these points: Oil: As of Nov. 27, the day after the projected Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai oilfields, Israeli tankers will continue to load oil at the fields on the west Sinai coast, paying the world-market price to Egypt. Normalization: Ben-Elissar has consistently assessed that Egypt intends basically to stick to the timetable as annexed to the peace treaty with only minor departures from it. That impression was reinforced during the summit talks.

It seems, however, that tourism will remain a trickle in the months ahead, until full normalization comes into effect in January. Among official Israeli visitors due to go to Cairo soon are a manufacturers delegation led by the president of the Manufacturers Association, Avraham Shavit; a Histadrut delegation led by Secretary General Yeruhim Meshel; and a visit by Labor Party leader Shimon Peres.

Ben-Elissar himself, who is viewed in some quarters here as a possible choice as Israel's first Ambassador to Cairo, has been invited to visit Cairo with his wife.

In summation, Ben-Elissar said the Sadat-Begin meeting was the first "really genuine summit" between the two leaders inasmuch as it was not related to any specific context within the peace process and they could thus hold relaxed conversations across a broad spectrum of political/strategic issues.

ARMS FOR SAUDI ARABIA

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, July 15 (JTA) — The State Department has disclosed that it has "recommended" that President Carter ask Congressional approval for the U.S. sale of \$1.2 billion in weapons to Saudi Arabia to equip four more battalions of its national guard.

The disclosure last Thursday came a week after Saudi Arabia announced it was increasing its daily oil production for an unspecified period to help offset shortages in the U.S. and other industrialized countries. Ever since first reports of Saudi activities in oil production and pricing within OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) discussions indicated less gouging than by such countries as Libya and Iraq, reports of deals indicated linking Saudi actions and statements with an understanding from Washington that the U.S. would pressure Israel on withdrawal from the West Bank and deal with the Palestinians.

Sen. Henry Jackson (D. Wash.), in a comment on the Saudi petroleum increase, said he "wondered out loud" whether there were "conditions" connected with the increase in output.

State Department spokesman Holding Carter, in confirming reports of the latest arms deal, denied any linkage between the increased output and the new arms sale. "The arms sales to Saudi

Arabia are conducted without any deals or links to Saudi Arabian oil," he said. Carter emphasized that the sale is in the "context" of Saudi Arabia's "security" and "the stability" of the Middle East.

The spokesman was asked whether the timing of the sales presentation to Congress, which must approve it, was affected by the improved international climate flowing from Saudi Arabia's oil and pricing position. "Our relations with Saudi Arabia are excellent," he replied.

Carter also said that the sale is "not in any way offered" in terms of Mideast politics, when he was pressed to respond to reports that Saudi Arabia had extracted a U.S. pledge favoring increased support of the widespread campaign against Israeli settlements on the West Bank.

WALLENBERG'S SISTER URGING U.S. TO HELP DETERMINE DIPLOMAT'S FATE

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, July 15 (JTA) — The United States will again be asked this week to tackle the Russians over the baffling and tragic case of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat, whom the Swedish government has been trying to trace for more than 30 years.

Mrs. Nina Lagergren, Wallenberg's half-sister, will meet politicians in Washington and ask them to check reports that her brother, who would be 67 in August, became a forgotten political prisoner in the labor camps or mental hospitals of the "Gulag Archipelago" after saving thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Nazis in 1944.

Wallenberg was kidnapped by the Russians in Budapest in January 1945, and despite a sketchy Soviet claim that he died in the Lubyanka Prison in 1947, streams of prisoners have testified to seeing or hearing of him years later. Last December a Moscow Jew, Jan Kaplan, was rearrested after claiming he met a long-term Swedish prisoner in the Butyrka Prison four years ago, and who could conceivably be Wallenberg.

"We Must Not Give Up"

Although some Swedish students of the case accept the Russian version, neither Wallenberg's close relatives nor the present Swedish government are prepared to do so. Following the latest Soviet rebuff, Swedish Foreign Minister Hans Blix promised to investigate every new clue to Wallenberg's fate. He said it was a basic principle of the Swedish government to assume that missing citizens were alive until it thought it had strong evidence that they were dead, adding: "We must not give up."

Mrs. Lagergren is appealing to the United States not only because it is a world power but because Wallenberg's war-time mission to rescue Jews in Hungary was undertaken at the request of President Roosevelt.

The main support in the campaign for Wallenberg has come from individuals. In Washington, a former Hungarian Jewish couple, Dr. Thomas Lantos and his wife Annette, have lobbied Congressmen and the press for nearly two years. In London, support has been offered by MP Greville Janner and MP Winston Churchill who have launched a parliamentary committee. In Vienna, Simon Wiesenthal hosted a press conference last month for Wallenberg's half-brother, Prof. Guy von Dardel, a nuclear physicist. While fully aware that Wallenberg may no longer be alive, his family insists that the onus is on the Soviet Union to reveal the truth about his fate.

BOAT PEOPLE RALLY AT UN

By Judith Rosen

NEW YORK, July 15 (JTA) -- Ten thousand people gathered at the United Nations today for a rally on behalf of the "boat people". The rally, organized by the Committee Against Genocide by Vietnam, was co-sponsored by the coalition of more than 100 Chinese-American, Jewish, Christian and civic groups.

The Jewish community was represented by Martin Begun, a national officer of the American Jewish Congress and vice president of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. Begun referred to the thousands of Jewish refugees during World War II who were refused haven from the death camps of Nazi Germany. "They were forced to return to the Holocaust in Europe, and death," Begun said. "It seems incredible that the world has such a short memory."

Analogies to the Holocaust were the theme of the rally. Speakers such as Donald McAvoy, vice president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and Reps. William Green (R-NY) and Ted Weiss (D-NY) recalled the similarities between the genocide committed by Germany to that of the Vietnamese actions today. McAvoy noted, "We failed the test of humanity during World War II. This is a second chance for humanity and we dare not fail again."

One of the most stirring speakers was Bayard Rustin, president of the A. Philip Randolph Institute and a prominent civil rights leader. Rustin, exhorting the audience to condemn Vietnam for its "shame" in the wholesale expulsion of the largely Chinese ethnic population of Vietnam, added that the probable result of the rally's appeal to the United Nations will result in further inaction on the organization's part. "Not a damn thing will happen," he warned. "Shame on Japan for taking in only 10 refugees. Shame on the so-called world democracies" for doing nothing.

Rustin made an appeal to the United States government, "If the United States has to take them all — take them." He later led the crowd in the famous civil rights song, "We Shall Overcome," as the rally proceeded on a march through mid-town Manhattan.

Other speakers included Stephen Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Rights at the State Department, bearing a message of support from President Carter; Richard Kuo, Deputy to Mayor Edward Koch, with a proclamation of today as "Indochinese Refugee Day"; Bishop James Weimore, of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine; Elizabeth Holtzman (D-NY); Chien Shung Wu, Professor of Physics at Columbia University; and Kenneth Mei, president, National Association of Chinese Americans, New York Chapter.

GENERAL SYMPATHY TOWARD ISRAEL'S POLICIES FOUND IN U.S. MEDIA

NEW YORK, July 15 (JTA) -- Harry Hurwitz, Premier Menachem Begin's Advisor on External Information, said last Friday at the conclusion of a three-week tour of the United States that he found "general sympathy" toward Israel's policies among members of the American media. At the same time, he said that he found also "confusion about some aspects of Israel's policies," due to "misunderstanding and, in some cases, lack of information."

In a telephone interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Hurwitz said that during his tour, which was devoted to meetings with

editors, reporters and other media personalities, he also met and addressed the top leadership of the Jewish communities in each city. He said that before his return to Israel this week he will meet in Washington with Administration officials. He said that while in New York he had "intensive background discussions" with the chief editors of the city's major publications. (By Yitzhak Rabi)

ANDRE JOSEPH NARBONI DEAD AT 62

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA) -- Andre Joseph Narboni, head of the Sephardi and Oriental Diaspora Department of the Jewish Agency and a member of the World Zionist Organization Executive, died last Friday at the age of 62. Funeral services will be held tomorrow in Tel Aviv where he had resided. Narboni immigrated to Israel from Algeria in 1962, after playing a leading role in Algerian and North-African Jewish affairs. He was one of the founders of the Zionist youth movement in Algeria and represented Algerian Jewry at several Zionist congresses.

In 1965, Narboni became a full member of the Jewish Agency Executive, in which capacity he took interest in the Oriental Jewish communities both in Israel and in the diaspora. He became head of the Sephardi and Oriental Diaspora Department when it was founded in 1972.

ZIP FALK SZOLD DEAD AT 91

NEW YORK, July 15 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held last Friday at the Riverside Chapel here for Zip Falk-Szold, a former national president of Hadassah, who died Thursday at the age of 91.

Mrs. Szold, a relative of Henrietta Szold, who founded Hadassah in 1912, served as national president from 1928 to 1930. Born in Savannah, Ga., she became interested in Zionist affairs through Henrietta Szold. Her involvement intensified and she devoted almost all her time to Zionist activities. In 1920, she sponsored the Young Women's Zionist branch, which later became the Junior Hadassah.

Mrs. Szold was instrumental in raising funds for the Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem. She was also a former editor of the Hadassah Newsletter and served as the organization's United Nations chairman. Her husband, Robert, who was president of the Zionist Organization of America in 1930, died in 1977.

DE SHALIT TO HEAD INFORMATION TEAM

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA) -- Meir de Shalit, a leading tourism entrepreneur, has been asked by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan to head the overseas information advisory committee attached to the Ministry. De Shalit will replace veteran diplomat Ehud Avriel who recently suffered a heart attack and asked to be relieved of the post.

De Shalit is a former director general of the Ministry of Tourism (which is now part of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry). He is a leading figure in Yigael Yadin's Democratic Movement. The advisory committee comprises mainly information and communications experts. It meets regularly and studies ways to improve Israeli propaganda abroad, making its proposals to the Foreign Minister and his information aide, Moshe Arad.

PARIS (JTA) -- A new Liberal synagogue will be built in the center of the city, where many of the area's Liberals live.

HOUSE OKAYS INCREASED FUNDS TO INVESTIGATE NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

WASHINGTON, July 15 (JTA) -- An amendment proposed by Reps. Elizabeth Holtzman (D.N.Y.) and William Lehman (D.Fla.) increasing funding for the investigation and prosecution of suspected Nazi war criminals living in the United States overwhelmingly passed the House last Thursday. The amendment raises the amount appropriated for Nazi investigations in fiscal year 1980 from \$1.5 to \$2.3 million.

In offering the amendment, Holtzman told the House: "My amendment is necessary to assure that the Nazi investigations unit has adequate funding to complete its cases expeditiously. Given the number of cases which need investigation, the delays already encountered, and the ages of the suspects and witnesses involved, it is imperative that the office be fully staffed and operational immediately."

In his statement, Lehman said: "Since the end of World War II, more than 200 individuals accused of direct complicity in genocide and other Nazi crimes have lived with impunity in America. The failure to prosecute them or to take steps to withdraw American citizenship where they have obtained it by fraud and denial of their past record is unworthy of the high human rights ideals of our country. For crimes of the magnitude of the Holocaust, the exercise of justice must prevail. And we are morally bound to support that effort until the job is done."

The Holtzman-Lehman amendment also added \$2.3 million to the appropriation for the Criminal Division in the Department of Justice to which the Nazi unit has recently been transferred from the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

POPE EXPRESSES INTEREST IN PROJECT TO HONOR KORCZAK

NEW YORK, July 15 (JTA) -- Pope John Paul II has assured the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Polish-American Catholic Committee of his "special interest and support" for their joint project to honor the martyred Polish Jewish humanitarian, Janusz Korczak, it was announced by Maxwell E. Greenberg, the ADL's national chairman.

Officials of the ADL, the Polish-American Congress, the American Council of Polish Cultural Clubs and the North American Study Center for Polish Affairs met with the Pope to announce the establishment of an international Janusz Korczak Literary Prize for children's books. A physician, educator and pioneer in child welfare, Korczak, though offered refuge for himself in August, 1942, chose to perish in the Treblinka concentration camp with children from his orphanage, rather than abandon them.

Describing Korczak as a "rare human being," the Pope told the 14-member group assembled in his private study that "he was a worthy symbol of the work of brotherhood you are undertaking."

According to Nathan Perlmutter, ADL's national director, the prize, an annual event, will be presented in two categories -- the first for literary works written for children, and another prize for a book about children but written for adults. "We think this a fitting tribute to an extraordinary man who set up the first Jewish orphanage in his native Warsaw and was co-founder of a non-Jewish home for orphans," Perlmutter said. "And all of us are gratified at the Pope's enthusiasm for our project."

The Pontiff praised the delegation for its selection of Korczak, who would have been 100 years old this year. "Korczak is an ideal symbol of morality and religion," the Pope said. "And you have my admiration, devotion and my blessing in this important work." Heading the joint delegation were Greenberg and Stanislaus Bask Mostwin of The Polish-American Catholic Committee.

According to Perlmutter, the first Janusz Korczak Prize will be awarded in November. "Selection of the winners will be made by a committee of scholars, editors and literary critics," he said, "with Pope John Paul II invited to serve as Honorary Chairman." Awards in the amount of \$1,000 each will be made in one or more of the following categories of published works: The trade book written for children, best exemplifying the principles of selflessness and human dignity by which Dr. Korczak lived and died; the most exemplary book written about the welfare and nurturing of children directed to parents, teachers, physicians, counselors or other members of the helping professions. Books published anywhere in the world, Perlmutter said, will be eligible for the competition.

JOSEPH LOOKSTEIN DEAD AT 76

NEW YORK, July 15 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held at Kehilath Jeshurun synagogue today for Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, senior rabbi of the century-old Orthodox congregation, who died Friday in Miami Beach, Fla., at the age of 76. Lookstein had been president of the Synagogue Council of America and served as president and later Chancellor of Bar Ilan University in Israel. He was also a professor of homiletics and rabbinics at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University in New York.

Lookstein was the dean of the Orthodox rabbinate in America, a leader of Mizrahi, the religious Zionist organization, a past president of the Rabbinical Council of America and of the New York Board of Rabbis. He was also for many years a leader in the Rabbinical Council of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the American Zionist Council, the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board and the Gustav Wurzeiler Foundation of the World Council on Jewish Education.

Born in Russia, Lookstein was educated at City College and Columbia University in New York and at Yeshiva University. He was ordained in 1926 and served as assistant rabbi at Kehilath Jeshurun under his grandfather, the late Rabbi Moses S. Margolies. He assumed the pulpit on the death of Margolies in 1936.

As a leading Jewish educator, Lookstein was a founder and principal of the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls, now the Stern College for Women at Yeshiva University. He also founded the Ramaz School, a leading Jewish day school in Manhattan.

AMSTERDAM (JTA) -- A Dutch soldier who made anti-Semitic remarks in a recent newspaper interview while on home leave from the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) has been detached from his unit and will not return to Lebanon, the army authorities announced. The soldier, identified only as "a conscript," was quoted by the weekly *Haarce Post* as saying it was a pity the gas chambers were closed in 1945 so that another four million Jews were not exterminated.