

**ISRAEL REVEALS NEW WEAPONS**

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- On the eve of Israel's 24th anniversary celebration, the Defense Ministry revealed a number of new weapons were now in use. Among them were the American built Hercules CC-103 and the improved Patton 3A60MM tank. The Hercules which can take off and land on short and even improvised strips, can carry 92 soldiers or 64 paratroopers or 72 stretchers. It can launch pilotless planes, be used as a midair fueling station or as an aerial command post. The Patton is more heavily armored than earlier mo-

dels, carries infra-red devices for waging nighttime battle and can cross water obstacles to a depth of 13.5 feet. Also in use is a Czech built Katyush-rocket launcher, mounted on Czech-made vans called Pragas. They can fire 32-130-mm. rockets in a single salvo. Both launchers and vans were captured during the Six Day War.

It was also learned, though the Defense Ministry would not confirm it, that a contract had been signed with the British Vickers firm for three "coastal" 500-ton conventional submari-

nes. Vickers has refused to cancel the contract despite an Arab League threat of a "total boycott" unless the contract is canceled.

**SOVIET MAINTAIN JEWISH BIAS**

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Religious Affairs Minister of the Soviet Belorussian Republic warned the Minsk Jewish community to keep young Jews out of the synagogue or "maybe we will decide that the synagogue is not needed at all."

In Riga, physicist Hetman Barnover, who quit his job because he was unable to practice a

religious life, was threatened with charges of violating the Latvian criminal code if he did not stop teaching a Hebrew class in the synagogue.

Vladimir Slepak, the Soviet Jewish scientist who refused to accept a gravel-loading job, has agreed to accept work in Moscow as a knife-sharpener.

Prof. Sergie Gurevitz, Jewish physicist of Moscow, has accepted a job as a repairman at the Escalon factory.

Despite a detail of the KGB (secret police) who blocked their way, some 100 Jews placed wreaths on the graves of Nazi victims at Ponary.



RIVKA ALEXANDROVICH, WHOSE VALIENT FIGHT TO COME TO ISRAEL TO FREE HER DAUGHTER RUTH FROM A RUSSIAN PRISON HAS MADE HER WORLD REKNOWNED, IS SURROUNDED BY ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE AFTER SPEAKING AT AMERICAN COLLEGE IN JERUSALEM LECTURE.

CAIRO -- Fuad Mattar, the Cairo correspondent of the Beirut newspaper "Al Nahar," reported on March 23 that "Egypt owes the Soviet Union over three thousand million Egyptian pounds, a sum equal to the value of all her land."

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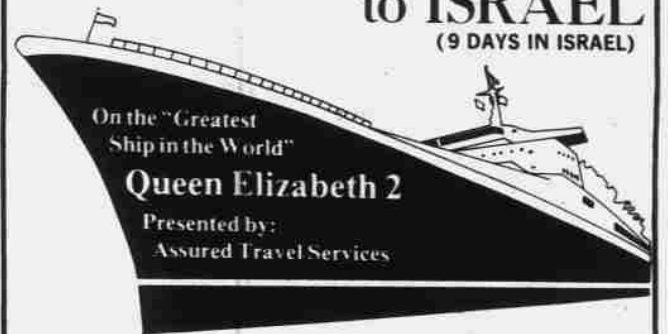
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