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ISRAEL TIGHTENS CONTROLS BECAUSE LEFTIST JEWS ARE SYRIAN SPYS

EGYPT UNFIT TO WAGE WAR

LONDON (WNS) -- A secret Egyptian Air Force report, leaked in Brussels, revealed only 40 per cent of Egypt's weapons and 40-65 per cent of its aircraft are in a state of combat readiness despite President Anwar Sadat's repeated anti-Israel belligerency.

According to unconfirmed reports from Brussels, the survey, carried out earlier this year, blames poor maintenance, inadequate handling and a shortage of spare parts from the Soviet Union.

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JEWISH POPULATION 14,236,420

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The world Jewish population is estimated at 14,236,420 -- with about 6,060,000 Jews in

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the United States, more than in any other country -- according to the American Jewish Year Book's just published 1972 edition.

After the United States, countries with the largest Jewish populations are: Soviet Union, 2,644,000; Israel, 2,632,000 (it is estimated that 42,000 immigrants entered Israel this year); France, 550,000; Argentine, 500,000; Great Britain 410,000; and Canada, 300,000.

Half of World Jewry is located in the Americas. 29 per cent in Europe, 19 per cent in Asia, 1.5 per cent in Africa, and 0.5 per cent in Australia and New Zealand.

In the United States, 2.94 per cent of the total resident population is estimated to be Jewish.

In Asia, the only major centers of Jewish population, besides Israel, are India, 14,500; and Iran, 80,000; in Africa, there are substantial Jewish populations only in South Africa, 117,990; Morocco, 35,000; Ethiopia, 12,000; Tunisia, 8000; and Rhodesia, 5200.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Following the exposure of a Syrian-directed spy ring in which several extreme leftist Jews were prominent members, security authorities intend to tighten control to prevent left-wing circles from making contact with hostile elements, thereby endangering the security of the State.

But sources here said the authorities did not intend to impose political control on these circles.

So far 46 suspected members of the spy ring -- representing all major religious denominations in Israel -- have been seized. Two of the four Jewish suspects have been identified as members of an extreme left-wing group known as the "Red Front", which preaches violent revolution and has about

20 members. Its ideology was reportedly imported by Dan Vered, 30, one of the arrested Jewish suspects, from his days as a member of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in the U. S.

It was learned that the spy ring was infiltrated by Israeli agents who kept its members under close surveillance. Israeli security forces moved in to break up the ring when it became apparent it was about to embark on a series of terrorist and sabotage activities.

Its members were reportedly planning to kidnap Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and to attack other Israeli leaders considered "chauvinists." Two of its members reportedly visited Damascus, and a third was said to have gone to Budapest to contact Syrian agents.

TOP SECRET ITEMS FOR JORDAN

DALLAS, TEXAS (WNS) -- Following a report in the Dallas Morning News and a followup investigation by Jimmy Wisch, editor-publisher of the Texas Jewish Post, speculation has soared regarding a Royal Jordanian jet that landed at Love Field Monday -- officially to pick up commercial antennas -- but reportedly being loaded with "top secret radio-radar missile-tracking equipment."

The Morning News, quoting a "reliable source", said about \$2.5 million worth of the equipment manufactured by Collins Radio Company, the largest maker of sophisticated electronic aviation equipment, was being readied at the

airfield for shipment to Jordan.

The jet had arrived on an unusual nonstop Jordan-to-Dallas flight, supposedly transporting jet engines to be overhauled.

In Washington, Jordanian Minister Dr. Nasir N. Batayneh said that the jet was on a chartered round trip flight from Amman to Dallas. He said he knew nothing of any equipment having been taken aboard the jet.

A State Department source said the jet arrived in Dallas several days ago and took on "ordinary equipment" "long anticipated" for delivery to Jordan as part of the on-going supply of military equipment from the U. S.

LOS ANGELES -- Closed circuit television of the Christmas Midnight Mass in Bethlehem will be broadcast to Manger Square.

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(IN THIS ERA OF ECUMENISM WE BRING YOU THE FOLLOWING COLUMN PREPARED IN 1961 AND REPRINTED ANNUALLY IN THE EDITION BEFORE DEC. 25TH.)

To Our Christian Friends

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa.

And there are Christmas trees, too!

No one asked but an innocuous wire service story, datelined Vatican City, and printed in the local press may have caused some concern among our neighbors.

The story quotes a Vatican weekly newspaper saying Santa Claus represents a "monstrous substitution" for the Christ child and "offends the faith."

The editorial in L'Osservatore delle Domenica also assailed the Christmas tree as "an attempt to substitute for the crib... and a certain sense of naturalism and paganism."

The objection apparently stems from the general public's acceptance of St. Nick and the tree as indicative of the holiday to the gradual exclusion of the true religious conception, the Nativity.

A strict religious interpretation of the Holy day should unquestionably be total reverence and complete compliance with the Holy Writ. Those devout souls among us always have and will continue to adhere to the rigid theological celebration of the occasion and no amount of persuasion (if attempted) could dissuade them.

But Christmas Day with no distraction from all the solemnity it stands for, has, through the centuries grown, expanded, magnified into a spirit of Christmas. What started as a one-day observance is now a weeks-long holiday. What began with personal greetings of cheer from one to another is now the exchange of hundreds of millions of cards expressing joy. What commenced as an occasion for the discreet dispensation of charity for the less fortunate has developed into the indiscriminate giving and receiving of gifts. The once simple recreation of one's version of the Crib has developed into addenda like trees, holly wreaths, tinsel and lights.

An occasion that was originally celebrated by just those of the Christian faith, now finds other sects, religious and beliefs looking forward to and rejoicing in the spirit of Christmas.

The metamorphosis of Christmas was not a straight, smooth road from the way it was, to what it is. There were bypaths, drawbacks, tangents and obstacles created by the natural course of history through the ages.

While Santa Claus is obviously a result of

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