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FRANKFURT, WEST GERMANY, JUNE 9 (REUTERS)--
THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO WEST GERMANY WAS SHOTED DOWN
BY HUNDREDS OF JEERING STUDENTS TODAY AS HE TRIED TO DELIVER
A SPEECH ON PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

AMBASSADOR ASHER BEN NATHAN HEARD STUDENTS
YELL "NAZI KIESINGER (THE WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR) AND "NATHAN
IN CAHOOTS WITH DAYAN" AND "HA, HA, EL FATAH IS HERE."

THE DEMONSTRATION BROUGHT CHAOS TO THE FIRST EVENING
OF THE ISRAELI PEACE WEEK HERE.

THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR SAT SMOKING HIS CIGAR UNCONCERNED
ON THE PODIUM AS THE PROTESTERS KEPT UP AN INCESSANT CHANT
AND FOUGHT WITH PRO-ISRAELI STUDENTS IN FRANKFURT UNIVERSITY S
MAIN AUDITORIUM.

AFTER 15 MINUTES HE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT IF THEY MADE
THE MEETING IMPOSSIBLE IT WOULD BE AN HISTORIC EVENT.

"THE LAST TIME THAT HAPPENED IN GERMANY WAS 34 YEARS
AGO," HE SAID.

BUT STUDENT LEADER KARL DIETRICH WOLF--SUPPORTED
WITH SHOUTS OF "SOWN WITH THE OCCUPATION" AND "ZIONISTS GET
OUT OF PALESTINE"--DROWNED THE AMBASSADOR S WORDS WITH A BULLHORN.

HE DEMANDED THAT NATHAN RETRACT A STATEMENT MADE IN FRANKFURT
LAST YEAR WHEN HE TOLD STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS THEY WERE BEHAVING
LIKE NEO-NAZIS.

THE MEETING--ORGANIZED BY THE UNION OF JEWISH STUDENTS IN
WEST GERMANY--BROKE UP AFTER TWO HOURS.

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DATE: March 16, 1945
SURNAME: PIERNIKAZ OTHER NAMES: ASCHER
FATHER'S NAME: NACHUM MOTHER'S NAME: Berta
DATE OF BIRTH: 15.2.1921 COUNTRY: Austria PLACE: Vienna
HEIGHT: 185 cm. EYEGASSES, IF ANY (GIVE PARTICULARS): - - -
WEIGHT: CONDITION OF HEALTH: Good
COLOUR OF EYES: blue PHYSICAL DEFICIENCIES: None
COLOUR OF HAIR: brown DISTINGUISHING MARKS OR PECULIARITIES: None
PRESENT OCCUPATION: Farm Manager PROFESSION: Farmer
EDUCATION: Secondary School
SINGLE OR MARRIED: Married WIFE'S NAME: Ruth AGE:
CHILDREN: None

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LANGUAGES (WHETHER KNOWLEDGE PERFECT, FAIR, OR LITTLE):
German /Viennese-Austrian dialect/, English, French
HOBBIES: Motorcycling. Swimming.
COUNTRIES VISITED: Switzerland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, and Greece.
IMMIGRATED INTO PALESTINE ON: June 1938 FROM: Austria
INFORMATION RELATING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:
DISTRICT AND PLACES KNOWN: Carinthia, Steiermark, Central Austria, Vienna,
Tirol, Vorarlberg. Switzerland.
CANDIDATE'S OCCUPATION IN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN (SINCE AGE OF 18):
Farming. Secretary of an Agricultural Settlement. Administration.
Management of Timber Factory.
WHETHER SERVED WITH THE ALLIED FORCES (GIVE PARTICULARS): No.
POLITICAL ACTIVITY ABROAD (PARTICULARS OF PARTY): Zionist Youth Movement.
WHETHER COMPLETED A PARACHUTE COURSE: No. WHERE:
WHETHER SERVED IN THE GERMAN ARMY: No. PARTICULARS:
WHETHER IS A TRAINED WIRELESS OPERATOR: No. SPEED: WHERE TRAINED:
WHETHER HAS ANY ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE: Yes. PARTICULARS: Secretary of an
agricultural settlement. Manager of Timber Works.
WHETHER HAS BEEN AT ANY TIME ON A SIMILAR MISSION: No. FOR WHICH ORGANIZATION:

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Cairo, Egypt
9 May 1949

Subject: Activities of the Stern Group in Egypt as revealed by the interrogation of Raphael Sadowsky.

Summary of Information:

1. Sadowsky was arrested on 22 Mar 45 in a Jewish cemetery near Cairo while looking for the location of the graves of Hakim and Bet Suri, the Moyne murderers. Under interrogation by the Egyptian Police authorities, he admitted membership of the Stern Group to which he was recruited in 1943 by Joseph Sytner, leader of the Group in Egypt.

2. Until the period immediately before the murder of Lord Moyne, Sadowsky's main function appears to have been that of liaison and his task was principally to keep the members of the gang in touch with one another through meetings with Sytner, leader of the Group in Egypt, and other members of the Group.

3. Over four months before the Moyne murder Sadowsky had been told by Sytner that two members of the Group would be arriving in Egypt to carry out an important job and he was asked to try and find a room for them. Sadowsky was the first contact of both Hakim and Bet Suri on their arrival in Cairo and kept them in touch with Sytner.

4. Sytner came to Cairo twice during Hakim's stay in Egypt. On the first occasion Sytner, Sadowsky, Hakim and an A.T.S. auxiliary, Cassia Lourie, met in a Cairo cafe and Sytner announced that the Stern headquarters had decided to kill Lord Moyne. Immediately after this meeting Sytner, Hakim and Sadowsky reconnoitered the area where Lord Moyne's offices were situated.

5. After the crime, had the two managed to escape, they were to leave Cairo in uniforms, leaving their civilian clothes to be collected by Sadowsky from a Cairo flower shop.

6. The main feature of Sadowsky's interrogation has been the number of names he has provided of persons who are members of or connected with the Stern Group in Egypt. The most important are listed below and fitted as far as possible into their proper place in the Sadowsky case. All the military personnel concerned are Palestinian, the civilians either Egyptian or domiciled in Egypt.

a. No. 774333 Lt. A.C. Josef Sytner, alias Joseph Sytner, alias Ben Zwi.

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(1) According to Sadowsky, Sytner until recently was the leader of the Stern Group in Egypt. He had been three years with the R.A.F. in Cairo and one year in Alexandria and frequented the Jewish clubs in these two towns where he was known as Ben Zvi. He was an expert gun runner, arranged the distribution in Egypt of the Stern Group pamphlet "Front de Combat Hebreu" and arranged the forging of leave passes and documents for members of the Group to enter various camps. He is said to have had direct access to the leader of the Group in Palestine.

(2) In Sept 44 information received from Jewish Agency sources indicated that an attempt was to be made against the Delegates to the Pan-Arab Congress which opened at Alexandria on 25 Sept. Sytner, with two Jewish Naval personnel, was arrested and interrogated in Alexandria, but it was not possible to prove that he had any intention of committing any crime against the Congress. He was therefore released. Sadowsky has confirmed that an attack on the Congress was in fact planned and that Sytner would take part in it.

(3) At the request of GIME he was posted to an R.F. Station in Palestine in Nov 44. On the day after the arrest of Sadowsky, he disappeared from his unit and has not so far been traced.

b. No. Pal/17982 Pte. S.H. Strussman

Sadowsky described Strussman as a close contact of Joseph Sytner both in Egypt and in Palestine. Strussman's main pre-occupation before he was posted to C.M.F. was the collection of arms, detonators, dynamite, hand-grenades, etc., which he passed to Sytner to hide and transport to Palestine. Arrangements are at present being made for his discharge from the Armed Forces and internment in Palestine.

c. No. W/Pal/195201 Roma Cassia Harris

(1) Harris, even before Sadowsky joined the group 18 months ago, was in very close touch with Sytner and was in fact his personal assistant. She acted as messenger for the Group between Egypt and Palestine and was engaged in procuring and the distribution of the Stern Group publication "Khasite".

(2) She attended the first meeting which took place between Sadowsky, Hakim and Sytner in Cairo, and was almost certainly aware of the plan to murder Lord Moyne. At this meeting she announced her intention of leaving the group, but Sadowsky could not say whether or not she was allowed to leave, although he never heard of her afterwards.

(3) She was recently discharged from the Forces and interned in Palestine.

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d. No. W/Pal/203416 Yaffa ^{CIT: EGYPT} ~~Yaffa~~ ^{SEX: F}

(1) Sadowsky states that Yaffa was one of the most active members of the Stern Group in Egypt and was placed under the orders of Sytner by the H.Q. of the Group. She also acted as messenger between Sytner and Zvi Feinberg, a member of the Group stationed at Konscar, who was killed in a train accident on 6 Dec 44.

(2) She was allotted by Sytner to Hakim as a companion during his stay in Cairo and on at least one occasion accompanied Hakim on a reconnaissance of Lord Moyne's house. She has recently been discharged from the Forces for internment in Palestine.

e. No. Pal/A5451 Sgt. Benjamin Gerner ^{CIT: EGYPT}

(1) Previous to Mar 45 Gerner was employed on commando work for I.S.9 in Italy. He carried out his work extremely well and was discharged from the Army in Mar 45 because of an infection of the eyes.

(2) It was afterwards reported to SIMS that Gerner was a member of the Stern Group and this information Sadowsky confirmed.

(3) Prior to his departure for C.M.F. in Sept 44 he was in very close contact with Sytner and Cassia Lourie in Egypt.

(4) He was on leave in Cairo during the trial of the Moyne murderers and took to Stern H.Q. in Palestine a complete and uncensored account of the trial which had been prepared by Albert Starzolsky, a Cairo journalist and President of the K.Z.O. in Cairo.

(5) He also told Sadowsky that he had brought back from Italy in Jan 45 a W/T transmitting set for use by the Stern Group H.Q. This has been confirmed by KNO, Sarantimado, at whose house in Cairo the W/T set was left pending its dispatch to Palestine. He has now been interned in Palestine. ^{SEX: M}

f. No. Pal/13259 Sgt. Ruben Franco

(1) In Dec 44 Franco arrived at C.S.D.I.C. Sub-Centre M.E.F., Maadi, from C.M.F.

(2) Sadowsky states that while Franco was employed at C.S.D.I.C. 30 terrorists released from Asmara passed through Maadi on their way to Palestine, and claims that Franco was able to inform them of the existence of a special listening apparatus in the Camp. ^{possibly member of Stern Group in Egypt}

(3) The interrogation of Mrs. Sarah Am 10 revealed that Sgt. Franco delivered Gerner's W/T set at his house in Palestine. ³⁰

(4) Franco has recently been discharged from the Forces and interned in Palestine.

g. No. Pal/2697 Yavi Feinberg.

(1) Feinberg was killed in a train accident at Haascar on 6 Dec 44.

(2) His death was investigated at the time but there was nothing to indicate that he was a member of a terrorist organization.

(3) Sadowsky, however, has thrown a new light on Feinberg. He states that he was one of the Stern Group leaders in Egypt, that it was he who brought from Palestine the revolvers used to kill Lord Moyne, and was an important link in the smuggling of arms through Ismailia from Egypt to Palestine.

h. No. Pal/1984 Erz. Arvad Kuritzky.

Kuritzky, according to Sadowsky, was a close friend of Gepner and was also employed in the running of arms between Palestine and Egypt. He was Feinberg's second-in-command in Ismailia prior to Feinberg's death in Dec 44. Kuritzky carried the Moyne murderers' arms from Feinberg in Ismailia to Sadowsky at whose house he delivered them in Sept 44. Sadowsky in his turn delivered them to Hakim.

i. Albark Staraselsky.

Staraselsky has been a known member of the New Zionist Organization in Cairo for some considerable time. Sadowsky is vague as to whether or not he was a member of the Stern Group, but considers on the whole that he was not. He has, however, been for some time in touch with members of the Stern Group, was friendly with Gepner and Franco and has admitted under interrogation, supplying Gepner with a copy of the account of the trial of the Moyne murderers. This account was subsequently delivered by Gepner to Stern H.Q. in Palestine. He is at present under interrogation by the Cairo City Police.

j. H/EX 59154 ERZ'S Horowitz C-1: 10487 ?

(1) Horowitz was interrogated at the same time as Sytner in Alexandria in connection with the proposed attempt on the Pan-Arab Congress. There was no evidence to support his participation in this and he was released.

(2) Sadowsky, however, states that he was without a doubt a member of the Stern Group and that he was at that time in command in Alexandria. He used Jewish servicemen's clothes in

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Alexandria as post-boxes for arms and explosives and was a specialist in the distribution of leaflets and other propaganda material. Horowitz is at present interned in Palestine.

k. No. 2992391 LACM. Ruth Grossbard. SEX: F. CITIZENSHIP:

(1) During the stay of Hakim in Cairo, Grossbard, with Yaffa Greenberg, was seen by Sadowsky in the company of Sytner and Hakim. Sadowsky states that in Sept 44 when Sytner was arrested in Alexandria she helped to hide material which was in his possession and which would have incriminated him very seriously.

(2) On at least one occasion she went with Hakim to reconnoiter the neighborhood of Lord Moyne's house.

(3) She has recently been discharged from the service and interned in Palestine.

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SYNOPSIS:

1. Project SY. PHONY proposes to use the influx of Jewish Refugees into Austria from Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland for sources of CI information, for exact data on the intelligence service of the Jewish Agency in Austria, for all intelligence activities run by any persons or organizations who use this influx of Jews into Austria for such purposes.
2. This report contains information on the emigration of Jews into Austria from the above-mentioned countries and on the head-agent of the Jewish Agency in Austria, Arthur RIEB.
3. It also contains an exposé of the aims of Project SY. PHONY and the means which will be used to attain these aims.
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A. AIMS OF PROJECT

1. Immediate Aims (overt):

To extract information of CI value from refugees escaping from Russian-occupied countries: composition, trends, and activities of the communist parties in these countries; location and identification of concentration camps in Russia and Russian-dominated countries; identification of NKVD deserters or KGB deserters; identification of NKVD agents or communist agents sent amongst the refugees; identification and elimination of Nazi elements infiltrating amongst the refugees to escape punishment from the authorities of their respective countries.

2. Immediate Aims (covert):

a. To ascertain and locate the agents of the Jewish Agency in Austria who run both the emigration of Jews from Russian-dominated countries and a highly efficient intelligence service into those countries; to ascertain and spot those persons who smuggle Jews out of those countries for high sums of money and who, being in contact with NKVD officials, also smuggle war criminals and agents into the Allied-occupied zones, to work either in Austria or in Palestine.

b. To locate those persons within official organizations, such as the Hungarian Red Cross, the Austrian Red Cross, the Italian Red Cross, some so-called repatriation committees with unofficial or semi-official status, the UHRA and the (Lublin) Polish repatriation committees, who provide false papers and identification cards to those smugglers and to the smuggled for the furtherance of this traffic; to take all measures of security safeguard to eliminate or neutralize such traffic when it becomes a danger to the security of the Allied-occupied zones or to its establishments and units.

3. Long-range Aims:

To penetrate those organizations of whatever kind they are -- Jewish, political or of intelligence nature of any country -- which send Russian-trained or Russian-inspired agents through this flow of Jewish refugees to further propaganda or intelligence aims either in Allied-occupied zones of Austria or Germany, in Allied countries such as France, Italy, the United States and/or Palestine.

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B. EXECUTION OF THESE AIMS:

See below, paragraphs I 1-4.

C. THE SO-CALLED JEWISH UNDERGROUND EMIGRATION MOVEMENT

1. General MORGAN of UEMMA recently made a statement to the press about a vast underground organization which is constantly pouring Jewish refugees into Allied-occupied zones of Germany and Austria and then sends them either to the United States or to Palestine, legally or illegally.

2. To understand the project SYMPHONY, it is deemed necessary to draw a brief history of this movement and to exactly describe what happens in Austria. The problem as specified by General Morgan is oversimplified and does not place it in its exact light, nor does it take care of its exact aims or antecedents.

3. The exodus of Jews from Russian-occupied countries is an exact replica of the vast legal or illegal migration movement which began at the ascension of the Nazi Party in Germany around 1932. Hundreds of thousands of Jews fled Germany with the aid of Jewish communities of countries neighboring Germany, (Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, etc.), to find their way to any country in Europe or into Palestine. When Germany completely closed its borders, this smuggling had to become clandestine. High Nazi officials, officially or unofficially, were paid large sums to facilitate the migration of Jews; the Gestapo made a real business out of it. Refugee committees were set up in the neighboring countries to help the Jews in their transit through the free countries and to facilitate their migration to America or to Palestine. These refugee committees were financed either by collections and contributions from their members or rich Jews in free countries. When the finances of these committees were not sufficient, the deficits were made up by the American Joint Distribution Committee, through its representatives in these various countries. The American Joint Distribution Committee also financed, supervised and arranged for transport and settlement of the persecuted Jews either in Palestine or in the United States.

4. As the war drew on and border restrictions became more and more stringent, the Political Section of the Jewish Agency, under SZERTOK, organized a special section whose duties it was to contact the Jewish communities in German-occupied countries.

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This section has its own couriers who brought letters and money to the remnants of the Jewish communities in Nazi-dominated countries and smuggled "Jewish" intelligence out of these countries. Headquarters of this section were established in Switzerland (Bern and Zurich) and in Turkey (Istanbul). (Vide GROSS-BRAND case and interrogation this case officer of Eric W. L. DEN, Alice, Shullach & H. (LV 207). The various British Intelligence services freely used the emissaries of this section for penetration, intelligence and DA purposes. The representatives of the AJDC acted as liaison with the Allied Intelligence Services and eventually financed this courier-cum-intelligence service.

5. This part of the actions of the "SI" section of the Jewish Agency is sufficiently known to competent authorities, but it has been deemed necessary to repeat it here so as to show the connection with the present emigration movement and the present project.

D. THE PRESENT JEWISH UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT IN AUSTRIA

1. The present emigration "underground" movement is simply a continuation of the one which provided the Allied Intelligence Services and principally the Jewish Agency with valuable intelligence during this war.

2. The present emigration started officially as a Jewish action to help those Jews who had escaped the tortures of the concentration and extermination camps, to feed and clothe them and to further their emigration either to the United States or to Palestine, legally or illegally. These "transit camps" for former concentration camp inmates and political prisoners, established in the US Zone were, and are still, located in Mauthausen, Binderhauhl, near Linz, Badgastein, Wels, Freilassing, Bavaria, and are helped by local Jewish committees, the UJWKA and (later) by the AJDC representatives, who had arrived in the meantime.

3. Slowly a road was established through which these persecuted Jews were to find their way to Palestine, or, if not, to the United States. Those wanting to go to Palestine were directed to Italy, over the French-occupied zone of Austria and the Brenner Pass. The various Red Cross organizations helped to further this emigration. Once the refugees were in Italy a boat service was arranged from Genoa to transport the refugees to Greece, where they would eventually find their way into Palestine.

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4. Anti-Semitism beginning to flare up in the countries now occupied by the Russians, and conditions beginning to become worse for the Jews in general, the Jewish Agency of Palestine began taking up the work which it had been doing during the war against Germany. The same plan is being used. This time the headquarters of the organization is in Vienna, at the apartment No. 6, Frankgasse, No. 2, Vienna. The head agent for the Jewish Agency in Austria is the Palestinian known here under the name of ~~ARTHUR PIER~~. PIER, or "REN-ZAI" as he is known in the Jewish Agency under his operational name, asserts to be born in Vienna on 15 February 1921, of (fnu) PIER and (fnu) WIZNER. He claims to be Austrian. His private address is Krcindlgasse, 1a, Vienna XIX, telephone A-13042. He has an Austrian identity card No. D 136878/46, given him by the Vienna Police President on 19 March 1946. He claims to be the correspondent for the "Hetzofch", newspaper in Tel-Aviv, of which he has the Palestinian press card No. 36, given him in Tel-Aviv on 18 February 1946 and expiring on 18 August 1946. He also claims to be the correspondent for the "Falcor" (Palestinian Telegraphic Agency) for Austria, Germany and the Middle European countries. He is also officially accredited with the local Joint Distribution Committee as a staff member. He is not accredited to the Public Relations Officer, Vienna Area Command of USPA. He travels sometimes on orders provided him by UNRRA through the JDC. He is accredited to the British Public Relations Officer, BTA, because "he transmits newspaper items and reports to London and Palestine".

5. Officially PIER is here to collect items of Jewish interest for his newspaper employer, principally items on atrocities against Jews during the war and after. This he does through interrogation of Jewish refugees coming from the different countries, in which he is interested. Actually he runs a highly efficient intelligence net, through couriers into Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland. He is also running another net which tracks down Germans either free or in captivity in the allied-occupied zones of Germany or Austria, who are suspected or proven to have been committing atrocities against Jews during the war. He then delivers the proofs to the official authorities for punishment through the War Crimes Investigations courts. He and his agents also track down any clues or documents which might be of any value to the Jewish Agency. For instance, his informants having heard that a certain number of papers belonging to the Grand Mufti had been captured in Badgastein, he made every effort to secure them or to photograph them so as to bring a case against the Grand Mufti, who is living in comparative comfort near Paris.

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(Actually the documents were turned over to the Documents Center, USAF, who in turn sent them on to the State Department people in Frankfurt). (See LVI Memo 256). PIER's agents having found out that another batch of papers belonging to the Grand Mufti having been captured in Vienna by the Russians, he is now negotiating with the Russians to secure them or photograph them.

6. In addition to these intelligence duties mentioned above, PIER and his men are running and coordinating the migration of Jews from Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland (See following paragraphs).

E. EMIGRATION OF JEWS INTO AUSTRIA ORGANIZED BY THE JEWISH AGENCY

1. The present emigration movement of Jews from Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland is one which is unofficially tolerated by the commanders of the United States Forces in Austria and by G-5 of the same headquarters. It is financed or provided with other material help by the American Joint Distribution Committee, through its chief American representative, S. CHS in Vienna, or its local American representative in Salzburg, RICE. Both these offices act in liaison with the DP Section, Vienna Area Command or USAF, and with UNRRA authorities, who have representatives in the various Jewish DP camps in the American Zone of Austria. (See below).

2. Although the official organizers are the AJDC people, it is actually PIER and his men who coordinate the entire movement. PIER ascribes the ease with which the system works to the complete disorganization of border controls at the various frontiers. A hasty picture of the emigration procedure follows:

a. There are two kinds of Jews who want to emigrate. The young ones, who belong to a Zionist organization in some Balkan country and who have been trained for emigration and settlement in Palestine by doing agricultural training in some farms in their country of origin. When they are ready to leave, their local committees contact PIER's men in their particular country, who arrange for transportation. Groups are formed of about twenty or thirty under their own leaders, with whom they will go to Palestine. When there is some space available in the special Jewish transit camp in Vienna, located at the primary school in the Alservoher Strasse, Vienna IX, the "transport leaders", who are PIER's men, contact them, arrange for transportation and bring them into Vienna by rail.

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Exit permission for any country except Poland is easy to obtain and no papers are checked at any frontier guard station. In Czechoslovakia, a frontier guard guards the train to ascertain that nobody remains in Czechoslovakian territory. The Russian authorities do not check any papers. This procedure is slightly different as to the exit from Poland. As the Lublin government does not allow any official emigration, the crossing of the borders by these transports is done illegally by PIK's agents. In Czechoslovakia the groups take the train and cross to Czech-Austrian border, where they finally arrive at Florisdorf, near Vienna. Actual crossing points at the Polish-Czech border have not yet been ascertained. The organized groups of future Palestine colonists await their transit to other camps and either with Palestinian immigration certificates or without them find their way into Palestine. These groups are known to their chiefs, who have trained with them in their country of origin. They belong to all shades of Zionist organizations from the extreme rightist Revisionists (הציונים הכלליים or הציונים החדשים) to the socialist הציונים הכלליים. These groups are enthusiastic Zionists and may later form the backbone of a Jewish Army. Their ages range from fourteen to thirty. They are not specifically religious. A special DP camp for extremely religious young immigrants has been established by the PIK organization at a house, located at No. 27 Goldschlaggasse, Vienna XV. Many of the young immigrants have been enrolled during this war in the Soviet Army in various capacities. Thus, one of the groups recently was headed by a young Jew who had been a Major in the Soviet Army.

b. The other kind of migrant is composed of any element of Jew wanting to emigrate. Any Jew in his respective country who desires to leave his country reports to an AJIC committee in Bucharest, Budapest, Bratislava, Breslau, Lwow, etc., and applies for a place in a group. Very little screening is done at this stage. As soon as groups are formed and PIK has been informed of its constitution, he sends out his messengers (המשלוחים) who pick up the groups at the starting point. This is only done if there is space available at the Vienna Jewish DP camps. (See below). If the transport originates from Rumania, Hungary or Czechoslovakia, the "messenger" receives the lists of people from the group leaders, who are appointed on the spot from one of the members of a group. It is to be noted here that the self-appointed group leaders do not know the members of their groups before the departure, which leaves open any opportunity of anyone's slipping into the group who is either not Jewish or is a Jew who joins the group for other purposes than pure emigration.

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The "messenger" then takes the groups by rail to Vienna where they are registered in a DP camp and then await transportation to the next camp. It has happened frequently that non-Jews have slipped into these groups and were lodged in the Jewish DP camps. After a short time their Christian, or "other" status is found out and frequent instances have occurred where such "black sheep" have been discovered, thoroughly beaten up and then delivered to the US Military Police. If the emigration of such miscellaneous groups is to be made from Poland the "messengers" smuggle the groups over the Czech-Polish frontier with the help of local Jewish committees. Once the Czech frontier is crossed the groups take the train for Bratislava, whence they take some train which will bring them to Floridsdorf.

3. Recently the Austrian Red Cross has been helping the emigration of miscellaneous groups from Poland into Austria. When this happens, a representative of the Austrian Red Cross is added to the transport. The transport is formed in Breslau, headed by the Austrian Red Cross man and a "messenger", they take a train which leads to Zbrzydowice (Poland), from there cross into Czechoslovakia, arrive in Bugumín (CSR), Brzslav (CSR), Bernostve (CSR) and from there a train transports them to Floridsdorf, near Vienna. The only control is by the Czech frontier guard at Bugumín, whence a frontier guard remains on the train until it reaches Floridsdorf, to ensure that no one remains in Czech territory.

F. JEWISH DP CAMPS IN VIENNA

1. There are two large and two smaller Jewish DP camps in Vienna, supervised by the AJIC, the DP Sections Vienna Area Command and USFA, and actually run by PIK's men. They are all situated in the US Occupied Zone of Vienna.

2. The biggest one is situated in the former Rothschild Hospital, at the Währinger Gürtel, Vienna IX. (It has a capacity of 750, but as transit of refugees has stopped and transports have been pouring in, it now houses 1300 refugees. As further transports arrive, it has been contemplated taking a large establishment next door which will increase the capacity of this camp to 2000). Here the miscellaneous refugees arrive. They are registered by PIK's men and summarily screened. These lists are submitted to PIK, who personally, or through his men, interrogates them on possible intelligence or information desired by the Jewish Agency. They will remain here until a possibility exists to send them further on to the next stop, the Jewish transit camp at Enns. The exact lists of arrivals is not given to the DP officer, who has an office in the building. This

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allows PIER to transport anyone he desires and whose identity he does not wish to reveal. The Rothschild DP camp is administered by a permanent staff paid by the AJDC in Vienna. Actually, they are PIER's henchmen, who only obey him, blindly.

3. The next biggest DP camp is situated at the primary school at the Alserbecherstrasse. It has a capacity of 350 men and women. It is exclusively reserved for organized groups of young Jewish future colonists. (See paragraph E2). The youths are not allowed to leave the place during their stay in Vienna. The camp receives the material help of the AJDC and of UNRRA. It is again run by a small staff of permanent members who obey only PIER.

4. The third smallest is the house at No. 27, Goldschlaggasse, Vienna XV (the only one in the French zone). It is exclusively reserved for Jewish refugees who obey strictly the religious and dietary laws, but who are still trained for colonists' work in Palestine.

5. The smallest "camp" is situated at apartment No. 2, Franzgasse, Vienna IX (near USA headquarters). It houses about two dozen Jewish refugees and serves as a cover for PIER's intelligence activities. It is officially known as "an American transit camp for Jewish former concentration camp inmates". PIER's office is located there. Lists of arriving refugees everywhere else are drawn up. All telephoning to Bratislava, Budapest, Bern, Germany and Austria is done from this telephone (No. A-27261). PIER receives his messengers (SHELICHIM) there and coordinates the arrival and the departures of the convoys from Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland. Interrogations of especially interesting refugees are held in the apartment. The office staff is composed of members of PIER's organization.

G. OTHER JEWISH DP CAMPS IN AUSTRIA

1. Apart from the number of Jewish DP camps named in paragraph D2, there are a number of transit camps which constitute the chain to transport the incoming refugees from the Balkans either to Palestine or to Germany (ultimate destination, the US.?).

2. As soon as room is open in the next camps, the Jewish refugees are moved out of Vienna, by trucks and transported to the transit camp at Enns. Generally they only stay in Vienna about three or four days, but owing to the closing of the frontiers in Germany, refugees are in Vienna more than three weeks.

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Another transit camp is situated at Wels. The Russian authorities at the Enns bridge do not question the transports, of which they see only a total list submitted by the UNRRA man who accompanies every transport. On the permanent staff of both the Enns camp and the Wels camp are men of PIK's.

3. The refugees who do not intend to go to Palestine are then transported to Freilassing in Bavaria, where again no check is being made by the military authorities, as there is a lack of official orders about this transit. Again a general list is submitted and the personalities of the refugees are not checked by any security agency.

4. The refugees intending to go to Palestine or at least to Italy are directed to Salzburg, where they are housed in Mulln camp (capacity about 250 men). This camp is run by a man known also under the operational name of ZWI, who is a former member of the Jewish Brigade, especially detached from the Brigade to work for PIK. (This is the case for most of PIK's men and women). This camp is supervised by a local UNRRA team and aided materially by the Salzburg representative of the AJDC, NICE, an American citizen.

H. OTHER EMIGRATION MOVEMENTS

1. The intelligence possibilities of this flow of emigration from Russian-occupied countries has not been overlooked by different intelligence services. The (London) Polish Intelligence Service, in the person of Major ZILLINSKY, the Salzburg Liaison Officer to the US 42d Infantry Division, has at different times approached the Salzburg AJDC man to allow him to use the emigration movement for their own courier service into Poland. There is no doubt that the Russian intelligence services are using this flow of Jews to infiltrate Jewish or non-Jewish agents into the Allied zones.

2. Apart from the Jewish agency emigration which monthly permits from 3000 to 3500 refugees to enter the Allied zones, a certain number of "rackets" are being operated, which can only operate (a) because of insufficient supervision of the American authorities, and (b) with the help of foreign services, such as the Hungarian State Police, the MAVD, the Hungarian Red Cross, the UNRRA, the (Lublin) Polish repatriation committees in the American zone. A few examples: The regular traffic of non-Jews, Nazis, etc., from Budapest to Vienna run by one Gabor S. L. (handwritten initials), who with the complicity of the MAVD in Budapest,

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smuggled Nazis out of Budapest for emigration into Palestine. This man even went so far as to have his customers circumcised before their departure and converted by an official of the Jewish Community in Budapest. (See my memo LVA 241, dated 8 April 1946). Another example is that of one Alfred Schmitt, the former representative of the AJLC in Budapest, who was sent into the US zone to organize the repatriation of Hungarian Jews to Hungary. He was, until lately, given the use of a special "DP camp" at No. 13 Strudlhofgasse by the DP Section, Vienna Area Command. His rather shady contacts with the Hungarian Red Cross and his emigration of non-Jews from Hungary, forced the US authorities to have him renounce this DP camp. He is now housed in the offices of the Hungarian Red Cross at the Collegium Hungaricum, No. 5, Musstasse, Vienna.

3. Apart from the above-mentioned emigration "rackets" which are practically official, or at least not checked, there are without doubt many similar organized bands who, with the aid of forged papers of Red Cross organizations or refugee aid organizations, are emigrating non-Jewish "refugees" whose aims are definitely not those of emigrating purely to the USA or to Palestine. It will be the duty of this project to locate them and neutralize their intelligence activities.

I. EXECUTION OF PROJECT AHS

1. American personnel will be placed as newspaper men in the DP camps of the Rothschild Institute and the Alserbachstrasse DP camp for interrogation of refugees--their aim being to collect straight intelligence on Russian OR, NKVD activities of recent date, background material of economic and political nature. This overt project of rather SI nature than X-2, will be the starting point for the careful recruiting of agents for the furtherance of all covert aims enunciated in paragraph 2.

2. Careful selection of Jewish agents in Vienna to be used to collect information on emigration movements other than the Jewish Agency one, and eventually to penetrate them. Further reports will describe any such racket uncovered with exact descriptions of their activities, roads, personalities and possible intelligence activities.

3. Contact with the Jewish Agency people on an unofficial basis will allow this project to ascertain the personalities involved in any other activities, other than the purely emigrative ones, their contact men in Hungary, Rumania,

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Czechoslovakia and Poland, the routes followed to migrate refugees into the Allied Zones. The Jewish Agency people seem willing to inform on any other emigration movement which might ruin their activities in the eyes of the US authorities. Information of high intelligence value is being promised by the Jewish Agency people. For instance, the Jewish Agency people are arranging the desertion of a Jewish NKVD major in Vienna around the middle of May 1946. This project will be allowed to hold this Russian officer at its disposal until such time that his detention will not be necessary any more.

4. Long-range aims: (Reference JJ-1 memo 12 March 1946). Will be developed in due time along the lines set down in the memo.

J. PERSONALITIES

Vetting of possible agents will be forwarded before recruiting of same.

Enclosure:

Photo of Arthur Pikk
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DOCUMENT NUMBER: STA Memo
DATE OF MATERIAL: April-July 1946
SUBJECT: Symphony Material
SOURCE: STA (Sept. 1950)

Arthur PIER alias BEN ZWI

Chief of Jewish Agency in Austria in 1946 and until July 1947.

Under journalistic cover he ran the clandestine emigration of Jews (BRICHA) through Austria and, through the emigration, a highly efficient intelligence network. See SYMPHONY file for details.

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5 December 1946

TO: Commanding Officer - Austria
FOR: Security Control Division
FROM: Acting Chief, FEM and DML36
SUBJECT: Arthur PIER.

1. Reference is made to LSX-405, subject as above. Will you please advise DD115 that we very much appreciate the recap of the SC type document numbers used in Austria. Since SC work frequently calls for the assembling of material from many documents, both new and old, it is of great usefulness for us to be informed accurately on the old systems used, as well as on the systems presently in use. It is pointed out, however, that a document of the nature of LVX Memo-283, subject: Arthur PIER, should have been prepared in whatever manner was necessary so that a copy could have been sent to Washington headquarters. In this case, the subject was the protagonist of a case of interest to us. If he were about to engage in movement around Europe, aided by us, and required communications between field stations for the accomplishment thereof, Washington should properly have had information copies of such communications, since London and Italy, replying to Austria, sent information copies to their respective desks here. These desks then attempted to get Washington information copy of LVX Memo-283 - and we could only say that we had never seen or heard of it.

2. In this instance, the matter is now history. The above tedious detail is for your information and guidance in any future similar circumstance.

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6 March 1947

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SUBJECT: Arthur Pier, Former Chief SYMPHONY Agent

TO: Chief of Mission
Chief, SC

THROUGH:

1. On 26 February 1947 I was informed by trusted Fatso that a Soviet Lt. Colonel by the name of Alexander Lapsin, alias Schaja Lichtmann, and Alexander Rutenburg, had come through Jewish refugee channels to Saalfeiden along with his wife, and had been picked up there by the MP's because of lack of proper identification credentials. According to Fatso's information (usually reliable), Arthur Pier had been anxious to have this couple removed to Italy through underground channels as speedily as possible.

2. On checking, I learned that Lapsin had been turned over to the 430th CIC Detachment, Salzburg. A subsequent interrogation of Lapsin by Price revealed that Lapsin had met Arthur Pier in Camp Wegscheid around 20 January 1947. His identity and his alias (Lichtmann) was known to Pier who at that time assigned him the name of Alexander Rutenburg and promised to send him and his wife immediately to Italy.

3. If you will recall, on 31 January 1947, Pier had promised our CIC cut-out to call all Jewish refugees of eventual CI interest to CIC attention. Although Lapsin did not prove to have any information of interest for this office, his presence here, nevertheless, should have been announced by Pier.

4. Inasmuch as Pier called on CIC only once during the entire month of February, and, at that, only on an insignificant matter, I regard it as significant to call to your attention his conspicuous lack of assistance during the month when hundreds of Jewish refugees entered the zone.

5. Word has been sent to Pier that as soon as he comes to Salzburg, he must call immediately on Harris Greene, Assistant Chief, 430th CIC.

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 DOCUMENT NUMBER: KKL-2228
 DATE: 12 March 1947
 SUBJECT: ~~Arthur~~ PIER & BEN-ZVI
 SOURCE:
 M.I. 5
 REFERENCES: See paragraph 1

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1. References: JZX-80 4; LVX-283 (not sent to XX-12233, XX-12643.

2. We have now had the following additional information on the above named subject:

"We have received a further report about this man from the Intelligence Organisation in Austria.

been
 "They state that they have approached by U.S.F.A. to ascertain whether they have any objection to this man being accredited as a correspondent for the Overseas News Agency, New York.

"In a C.I.C. inter-departmental document the following information is recorded:

"PIER Arthur.
 Birth: 15 Feb.2.; Vienna IX, Sechschimmelgasse 22.
 Father: PIERNIKARZ Fethan, business man.
 Mother: PIERNIKARZ (ITZNITZER) Bortha
 Religion: Jewish
 Citizenship: Austria
 Martial Status: Married

"PIER lived with his parents in Vienna until 1938. In 1927 he entered elementary school, and in 1931 he entered the Jewish Realgymnasium, Vienna IX, but he left in 1948 after the Anschluss, one year before his graduation.

"In the course of an interview he stated that he left Austria in 1938 in order to immigrate to Palestine. He accepted a job as secretary to an agricultural settlement in Ha dera, Palestine, which position he retained until August 1944.

"He then was asked by the Jewish Agency in Haifa, Palestine, to act as interrogator of refugees coming from European countries. He remained in this job until the cessation of hostilities.

"In September 1945 PIER was appointed as correspondent for various Palestine newspapers and news agencies, including PAL-COR in London, England, and HATZOPHF in Tel Aviv, Palestine.

"In November 1946 he returned to Vienna via Italy and was an accredited news-correspondent of the British Public Relations Office in Vienna, which position he holds at present.

"In October 1946, PIER submitted an application to be accredited as correspondent for the Overseas News Agency in Austria.

"In interview with Mr. Josef SILBER, Chief of the American Joint Distribution Committee, who has known PIER since January 1946, substantiated PIER's statements. It appears that PIER is an active Palestine Zionist, and intends to make his permanent residence there. Mr. SILBER as well as Mr. DANIELS of the American Joint Distribution Committee, stated definitely that he has no Communist leanings.

"Mr. David MANN of USACA Public Safety, when questioned about PIER's background, stated that he has known him for approximately five months. He recommended him as an intelligent and capable person.

"PIER can best be described as a Palestine Zionist, who is interested in the restitution of Palestine to his people. Although technically still an Austria, he identifies himself as a Jewish nationalist and expects to become a citizen of Palestine shortly.

"When originating queries as to the Intelligence Organisation's objections, C.I.C. stated that PIER was known to be head of an organisation known as BRICHA (stated by them to mean 'flight').

"He also was said to receive assistance from:

- a) GAULAN, Dr. Judah, Head of Jewish Agency in Lins.
- b) WAAD-HA-ALIJAH, council HQ in Lins for illegal immigration of Polish Jews.

"It is suggested that WAAD-HA-ALIJAH is identical with VAAD HAHAZAALA and VAAD ALIJAH."

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: WPPA-2262
DATE: 15 March 1949
SUBJECT: Applications for Military Permit to Enter Germany
IID: 95-7-C-20

TO: Chief, FDW

FROM: Chief,

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1. Attached hereto please find 8 applications for military permits to enter Germany which may be of interest.

(initialed)

1. SURNAME: BEN-NATAN
SURNAME AT BIRTH:
2. CHRISTIAN NAMES: Asher
3. PRESENT NATIONALITY: Israel NATIONALITY AT BIRTH: Autrichien
4. PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: 15.2.18 Vienne
5. PASSPORT OR IDENTITY DOCUMENT NO: 71
ISSUED AT: Hakirya ON: 20.12/48
6. DETAILS OF JOURNEYS OUTSIDE COUNTRY OF DOMICILE SINCE 1 SEPT 1939:
7. PRESENT ADDRESS: Legation d'Israel, 143, Ave Wagram, Paris
8. PROPOSED DESTINATION AND ADDRESS: Consulat d'Israel Vienne
9. PROPOSED ROUTE:
10. FULL REASONS FOR JOURNEY: Transit en mission
11. OCCUPATION: Fonctionnaire
12. DESIGNATION AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S PLACE OF BUSINESS:
13. NAME, PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH OF CHILDREN UNDER 16 ACCOMPANYING APPLICANT:
14. PROPOSED DURATION OF VISIT:
15. Whether SINGLE / RETURN, SINGLE-TRANSIT / RETURN-TRANSIT or REPEATED JOURNEYS Permit required
Nature du Permis demande: ~~ALLER/ALLER-RETOUR, ALLER-TRANSIT/ALLER-RETOUR-TRANSIT~~ ou PLUSIEURS VOYAGES

PLACE: Paris

(s) Asher Ben Natan

DATE: 4.3.49

APPLICATION FOR MILITARY PERMIT TO ENTER GERMANY
DEMANDE DE PERMIS D'ENTREE EN ALLEMAGNE

1. Surname X BEN - NATAN
Nom
2. Surname at Birth ↑ A TACHER
Nom à la naissance
2. Christian names TACHER
Prénoms
3. Present Nationality ISRAEL Nationality at Birth AUTRICHIEN
Nationalité actuelle Nat. à la naissance
4. Place and date of birth 15.2.18 VIENNE
Lieu et date de naissance
5. Passport or Identity Document No. 71
No. de Passeport ou Pièce d'identité
- Issued at HAKIRYA on 20.12.48
Délivré à le
6. Détails of journeys outside country of domicile since 1st September 1939
Voyages effectués en dehors du pays de domicile depuis le 1er Septembre 1939

7. Present address LEGATION D'ISRAEL 143, AVE. WASHINGTON PARIS
Adresse actuelle
8. Proposed destination and address CONSULAT D'ISRAEL VIENNE
Destination envisagée et adresse
9. Proposed route
Itinéraire envisagé
10. Full reasons for Journey. (written evidence to be produced)
Raisons détaillées motivant le voyage - joindre documents à l'appui de la demande

TRANSIT EN MARION

11. Occupation
Profession

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12. Designation and address of applicant's place of business
Nom et adresse de l'employeur
13. Name, place and date of birth of children under 16 accompanying applicant
Nom, date et lieu de naissance des enfants de moins de 16 ans accompagnant le demandeur
14. Proposed duration of visit
Durée de séjour envisagée
15. Whether SINGLE / RETURN, SINGLE-TRANSIT / RETURN-TRANSIT or REPEATED JOURNEYS Permit required
Nature du Permis demandé: ALLER / ALLER-RETOUR, ALLER-TRANSIT / ALLER-RETOUR-TRANSIT ou PLUSIEURS VOYAGES

I certify that the above details are true. I am aware that during my stay in Germany I will be subject to the provisions of Military Government Law.
Je certifie l'exactitude des renseignements ci-dessus. Je m'ignore pas que pendant mon séjour en Allemagne je serai assujetti aux lois du Gouvernement Militaire

Place PARIS
Lieu 4.3.49
Date

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature of Applicant
Signature du demandeur

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<p>7th contact, 20 Dec 49 (Paragraph 39, Pg 12)</p> <p>Paris Chief of Israel Intelligence Service recently passed through Rome. Met with Subject with whom he treated the question of Subject's relations with the Italians. NATHAN criticized Subject and his work seriously xxx and Subject stated it wasn't excluded that he might have to leave Italy. He aspires to go to the USA.</p> <p>Subject, Edmond CROSS, former British Major who married Italian after war and carries out intell activity --gathers info on arms traffic with regard to ME and Italy. Apparently works for Jews but suspected that he is maneuvered by the British. Sometimes passes as US citizen (1949 info)</p> <p>Supposedly directed Israel IS in Italy from Rome. Born England, ca 1915, attended Oxford, has British, South African and Israel PPs; -Member Israeli IS in Rome</p>				
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Service in Rome

Place Acquired: Italy, Rome

Date of Info. : January 1950

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Date Acquired : 20 January 1950

Source : []

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1. An uncontrolled reliable informant reported that the following named, employed by the State of Israel Legation in Rome, carry out politico-military intelligence activity and that each is in possession of keys to the radio, photo lab, and archives offices of the Legation which they often visit at night:
 - a) ~~X~~ CROSS Edmund
 - b) ~~X~~ DOU-PITTE Bernard, Austrian, formerly domiciled at Via Bernabè Orlandi 32;
 - c) ~~X~~ PACKER Alfredo, alias ~~X~~ BECKER;
 - d) ~~X~~ AVIV (AVIT) Dan, father: Arturo, mother: Anichetta MALIGLIAMO, born at Rivoli on 4 December 1922, bearer of diplomatic passport No. 01877 living at Via Crescenzo 43, married to Lucina BANDUCCO, father: Michele, mother: Teresa VALENZU, born at Turin on 24 January 1921.
2. CROSS uses an American Plymouth automobile, license T.4069 and DOU uses a Morrisson, license RHC 118. PACKER and AVIV use automobile bearing license LI 106049. This automobile is also used from time to time by DOU-PITTE.
3. Head of the Israel Intelligence Service is Asher ~~X~~ BEN-NATAN, born at Vienna on 15 February 1918, who travels under the cover of Israel consular inspector. He is in possession of service passport No. 71 issued at Hakiryu on 20 December 1948. He was in Rome from 2 to 4 and later from 15 to 18 November 1949. He again came to Rome, coming from Tel Aviv on 13 December 1949, staying at the Hotel Plaza, leaving on the plane for Milan on 16 December 1949.
4. On 15 November BEN-NATAN was accompanied by ~~X~~ ARNOLD RUSINFELD, born at Metz on 19 October 1920, official of the State of Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, bearer of service passport No. 219 issued at Hakiryu on 24 April 1949 and by ~~X~~ ANFI SHULAMITH, born at Hadera on 16 June 1924, unmarried, employee, resident of Tel Aviv, bearer of passport No. 01974 issued at Hakiryu on 16 February 1949. The latter departed for Israel on 24 November 1949.
5. During his stay in Rome, Ben NATAN visited the Israel Legation and received at the Hotel two Legation officials. In addition he had long talks with:
 - a) CROSS Edmund;
 - b) ~~X~~ BENTLEY Alfred, born at Linz on 2 May 1920, British citizen, domiciled at London, bearer of passport No. 853648 issued at London on 28 June 1947. BENTLEY had stayed at the Hotel Plaza from 26 October to 5 November 1949, with his wife, Rosalind CREED, born at Sittingbourne on 7 June 1926, housewife, British citizen, passport No. 859935 issued at Copenhagen on 5 August 1948.
6. BENTLEY allegedly is another important element of the Israel Intelligence Service and allegedly engaged in certain activity in Milan.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: PIRW-1955

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SUBJECT: Palm LACY - Hqs traces in reply to PIRW 1870
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2. On Asher BEN NATAN, mentioned in para 39 of PIRA-5390, there is only one trace in Headquarters. There is a record of his application for an Allied Austrian travel permit. On this application the following particulars are given. He is listed as Israeli by nationality, former Austrian, born 15 February 1918 at Vienna. He carried passport No. 71 issued at Hakirga on 20 December 1948 and his address was given as the Israel Legation, 143 Avenue Wagram, Paris. His occupation was listed as Fonctionnaire and his destination as the Israel Consulate at Vienna. (Substantially same as para 4, PIR-5777).

3. Headquarters has received another report, not likely to be identical in source, which also gives the Headquarters of Israel intelligence as Paris. In this same report, however, Reuven SHILOAN is also named as the head of Israel Intelligence. As to whether BEN NATAN or SHILOAN is meant by the reference in para 1 of PIR-5302 is difficult to say. In your travel control cards submitted on Israeli personnel, the most recent visit of SHILOAN to Rome is listed in September, while there is one trip for BEN NATAN listed in November which occurred, immediately after the meeting mentioned in PIR-5302. Neither BEN NATAN or SHILOAN is carried at Headquarters as a Brigadier General, and as the rank is rare in Israel, the latter would be the only likely holder of such a rank.

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2. From the outset, Subject (CROSS) spoke in a minor key. He stated that his service was undergoing a crisis of reorganization. It is the judgment of the highest leaders of the State of Israel, according to Subject, that the Arab-Jewish tension is destined to decline more and more, and consequently no one any longer believes there will be a conflict in the near future with the Arab coalition. Personally, subject stated, he did not share this opinion, and in an important conference which was held among leaders of the Israel service, in the presence of the chief of the service, Ben Natan, Asher, Subject stated his point of view; but this was not shared by the others present, the majority of whom believed a new conflict with the Arabs to be less and less probable. As a direct result of this situation, according to Subject, there is a semi-demobilization of the Israeli service agents abroad which is determined as well by the not-too-solid financial situation of the service.

11. Source expressed his delusion because of Subject's failure to produce certain materials which he had promised in the beginning of the contact (secret ink developers, various intelligence materials, etc.). It was emphasized to Subject that these promises had been taken at their face value and it was expected that Subject would produce the "good material" he had promised. Subject evidently felt himself in difficulty and related the following account with regard to which full reservations are entertained. He stated that his service was anything but satisfied with the "modus Vivendi" which he had worked out after great effort with source. His chief, BEN NATAN, Asher had pointed out that the pure and simple tolerance granted by Source was a small thing in view of the unilateral flow to Source of intelligence material from the Israel Service. The opinion of his chief, Subject asserted, had put him in difficulty and, despite all of his efforts to make understood the difficulties ~~was~~, which arose in connection with the work in Italy, he had not been successful in modifying it. As a result he had not been able to secure through official channels the material which he had promised. During his stay in Tel Aviv, however, he had personally copied or put together a certain number of reports which he considered to be of interest from the Italian point of view. Subject claimed that he was able to do this in view of the fact that he had full access to his service's files. However, the airplane on which he had dispatched the pouch of this material had been destroyed during a takeoff at Tel Aviv. Not only his materials but a pouch containing about 50 kilos of diplomatic correspondence was also lost. Subject assured Source that he would secure other copies of these reports as soon as possible. Source openly expressed his incredulity. Subject replied with full assurances, stating that the airplane incident had actually happened and adding, alluding to the judgement rendered by his chief, that everything was in conspiracy against him but that he hoped to be able to demonstrate, in time, his good faith. He took occasion to state that he desired very much to remain in Italy inasmuch as he had a wife and children of Italian origin.

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27. Israeli IS:

- a) Subject stated that his service had come over the hump of the crisis in which it found itself in following the changed situation in the Near East where the general tension has been relieved. And since he foresaw this improvement of the situation before all the others, he claims he received a commendation from his chief. (Field Comment: This is not what he stated in the report of the 9th Contact).
- b) The Government of Israel is pleased with the decline in tension; but it sticks by the old latin adage "Si vis pacem para bellum." It is constantly on guard and is preparing itself in order to avoid unpleasant surprises. Subject added that the Israeli government scientists and technicians have prepared some very fine things in the way of war material, and the country can face the situation confidently.
- c) The Israeli IS is trying to recruit some Egyptians. It has made many attempts, which have all failed. Egypt is the No. 1 problem which troubles the Israeli IS and Subject called it strange that it has not managed to procure an Arab agent in Italy or in Greece.

28. Outline Summary of the Organization of the Israeli IS: The controlling authority of the Israeli IS is an essential part of the Directorate of Political Affairs of the Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. BEN NATAN is the head of it. There are three principal divisions of the central control of the intelligence service, which are the following:

- a) Offensive service which is under the General Staffs of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The General Staff of each of these armed forces has its own intelligence office, which takes its instructions from the Chief of the General Staff of that force for technical matters and from the Chief of the Intelligence Service for the political matters, especially for the special slant to be put on future operations.
- b) Offensive and Defensive service outside of Israel. This is performed by organs which operate abroad under various covers. Diplomatic cover prevails (vice consuls, commercial attaches, etc.) They do intelligence and counter-intelligence work. However, the service is limited to the countries of the Mediterranean Basin and those whose influence may affect Israeli politics; United States, England, France, and Russia. Italy is doubly important; it is a Mediterranean country which has much influence in the Near East, as well as a

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center of activity of vital interest in its own right because of the repercussion of Vatican policy as well as for other reasons. Generally speaking, these intelligence offices are directly controlled by the Directorate of Political Affairs of the Foreign Ministry which also comprises the Directorate of the Intelligence Service.

- c) Security Service; This is an organization which operates within the country, has exclusively negative or defensive duties. It has various organizations at its disposal set up in the principal cities of Palestine. Its methods and equipment are first rate. The security Service is also controlled by BEN NATAN.

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Subject: State of Israel Legation

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Place Acquired: Italy, Rome

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Date of Report: 26 April 1950

1. Shlomo GROSSAR, State of Israel Minister in Rome, at 1000 hours, 12 March 1950, received ~~FLINGHESTEIN~~, aka ~~FLEINGHESTEIN~~ aka ~~FLEINGHESTEIN~~, aka ~~FLINGHESTEIN~~, Belgian national, resident in Milan, suspected purchaser of arms, with whom he had a long conversation behind closed doors, in the presence of Ben Zion ~~KADURY~~ and Arlo ~~ERON~~, respectively, Counsellor and 1st Secretary of the Legation.
2. On 12 March 1950 the Minister went to Via Nomentana 365, Villa Maria Pia, to visit the Apostolic Nuncio, Monsignor Francesco ~~SPONCHINI~~ ~~DUCA~~. At 1730 hours, 15 March, the Minister went to Palazzo Barberini to a reception held by General ~~Claudio~~ ~~FRANZANI~~, Chief of the General Staff.
3. At 2030 hours, 16 March 1950, Minister GROSSAR entertained the following named at dinner in his home on Viale di Villa Massimo 33:
 - a) Bernabe Sennel ~~GONZALES RIOS~~, Argentine Ambassador, and wife;
 - b) ~~RUSASCA~~, Under Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
 - c) ~~BAROTTA~~, Director General of Public Health, and wife;
 - d) ~~KADURY~~ Bension, Counsellor of the Israel Legation, and wife.
4. At the Quirino theater in Rome from 28 to 31 March there was held four extraordinary performances under the patronage of Minister GROSSAR by the Lyric company of the Ohel Theater of Tel Aviv. Minister GROSSAR sent tickets to the following named persons:
 - (Count ~~SFORZA~~, Minister of Foreign Affairs; ~~FRANZONI~~, Under Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; French and Polish Ambassadors; Rumanian, Guatemalan, Albanian, Hungarian, Dutch, Czechoslovak and Yugoslav Ministers; Marquis ~~FRILIANI~~, head of Ceremonics of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Baron ~~SOLA CAMERINI~~, Vice-head of Ceremonics of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Count ~~OPPI~~, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Consul General ~~TRIANDINI~~, Vice-Director General of the Foreign Culture Relations Directorate.
5. Minister GROSSAR and dependent functionaries of the Legation celebrated Jewish Easter at Lungotevere Canal 14 in the headquarters of the Israel Community where they stayed from the early hours of the afternoon of 1 April until 0200 hours the following day.
6. On 3 April 1950 Minister GROSSAR invited to dinner at his home General ~~ROY~~ aka Dory Bay Allos ~~TACOB~~, Minister of Defense of the State of Israel and his wife.

Jacob DORI
 formerly
 DOSTRUSKY
 (for info = origin)
 not mentioned by
 the source
 to staff

On the morning of 7 April Minister GROSSAR departed with his wife by automobile allegedly for a trip to Assisi, Foligno, San Marino and Ravenna, returning to Rome at 1800 hours the following day.

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8. Samuel LADBY, Counselor of the Israel Legation, on 26 and 27 March received the above mentioned FLINGHESTEIN, who came to Rome from Milan in a Plymouth automobile, license B. 662712. On 2 April 1950 LADBY departed for Florence, returning to Rome on 8 April 1950.
9. Aris ORON, 1st Secretary of the Legation and FLINGHESTEIN went to the Ministry of Defense at 1130 hours, 20 March. It was reported on 25 March 1950 that ORON from time to time receives in his office the lawyer Massimo TELLIO, businessman, living in Genoa, Passo Assaro No. 3. After each visit ORON goes in to the radio and photographic office, where employees and low ranking personnel of the Legation are known to be prohibited entrance. Avv. TELLIO stays at the Hotel Atlantico in Rome where he receives visits from newspaper correspondents and reporters.
10. It was reported that Dimitri and Frank, attached to the Israel Intelligence Service, have returned to their offices in the Legation after a long absence from Rome. AVNY received a telephone call from Geneva at 1630 hours, 11 April.
11. The person who has been mentioned as ASHK, assigned to radio transmissions of the Israel Legation, on leaving Rome on 5 January 1950, was identified as Michael FARARI. This was revealed from a post card sent to his colleague from the following address: HACHSHALAL, 2 - S.T. Tel Aviv.
12. ADAMER Selo, son of Leone, head of the photo lab of the Israel Legation, departed on 25 March by automobile for an unknown destination, returning to Rome on 31 March.
13. On 20 March 1950 it was reported that Edmond BRICS, from time to time, has talks at the Pianeta theater with unidentified Egyptians.
14. KIDRON Abraham, Israel citizen, service passport No. 461, issued on 30 October 1949, arrived at the Ciampino Airport on 29 March 1950, coming from Paris. It was reported that he has been working for about two months in the Legation as head of clerical personnel. He is the son of Shlomo and of Rivka MAN, born at Oyudia on 19 November 1919, living at Corso Trieste 171. He came to Italy from Paris. It was added that from time to time he makes trips by air and by rail to Paris.
15. It was reported that the Austrian Jew, Zul TAPZAKAI, son of Carlo and of Paula, born in Vienna on 26 March 1920, has been working since 2 February as Secretary of the Consular Section of the Legation. He came to Rome from Tel Aviv with passport No. 526 (service) issued on 23 January 1950.
16. The pigeons, previously reported, which are believed to have been acquired abroad for the Israel government are 13 in number. On 10 March 1950 they were returned to the box in which they arrived in Rome and taken by automobile to Ciampino Airport and consigned to the Captain of the Israel civilian airplane going to Tel Aviv.
17. Ben Natan WHEP, born in Vienna on 15 February 1918, Consular Inspector of the State of Israel, passport No. 427, issued on 27 September 1949 at Hakiry, arrived in Rome on 20 March 1950 and took lodgings at the Hotel Plaza.
18. Benjamin UHJES, citizen of the State of Israel, service passport No. 515, issued on 12 February 1950 at Hakiry on 13 March came to Rome from Lyda.

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19. Jacob ~~DOY~~ and Sadana ~~DOY~~, diplomats, bearers of passports No. 357 and 358 respectively, issued on 30 October 1949 at Hakiry, arrived in Rome on 1 April 1950 and took lodgings at the Hotel Eden. On 5 April they departed for an unknown destination by air.
20. Levy ~~SKHOL~~, citizen of the State of Israel, service passport No. 106, issued on 20 January 1949 at Hakiry, on 11 March came to Rome and took lodgings at the Hotel Mediterraneo.
21. Victor ~~LUERL~~, Counselor of the Air Attache to the Ministry of Transports and Communications of the State of Israel, service passport No. 536, issued on 2 February 1950 at Hakiry, on 29 March came to Rome and took lodgings at the Hotel Bernini.
22. Ben ~~SEIT~~, diplomatic passport No. 173, issued on 2 September 1949 at Hakiry, on 14 March 1950 came to Rome accompanied by his wife and took lodgings at the Hotel Flora.
23. Haxan ~~ES~~, officer of the Israel Navy, bearer of ordinary passport No. 08716, issued on 21 August 1949 at Hakiry, arrived at the Hotel Massimo d'Azeclio, Rome on 3 April. On 4 April he departed for an unknown destination.

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<p>BEN-NATHAN, Asher H is known to be engaged in intelligence work and is in close contact with VARDI, RAVIV and ALROY (all on staff of Israeli Legation London). BEN NATHAN is also a close associate of Jack @ Oscar PADWA, born London.</p>				
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20. During the third meeting, Subject, while speaking of the exchange of information between the two Navies told Source that he had complained to Ben NATAN because he had been kept in the dark about the nature of the agreements between the two navies, and claimed that he asked to be put in a position to check on the material which he receives and sends to its destination. Between the lines of this statement was the understanding that if his request should be accepted, he would give Source a copy of everything. It would do no harm to be able to follow the development of these contacts without its being known. (Source Comment: In addition to these agreements, Subject must have some contact with Admiral TALLARICO as well as with Commander CARROBIO, who replaced PODESTA' and who reportedly already has a successor. The forwarding of Part II of Attachment No. 1 is in keeping with the spirit of this agreement; in the next meeting, an attempt will be made to obtain detailed information on the limits and objectives of the latter agreement. (Field Comment: Rome Station opinions, however, are that CRSS-CARROBIO contact is probably entirely in connection with the implementation of this exchange-of-information between the two services. It is highly unlikely that Admiral TALLARICO would handle the contact with Subject personally.

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TO : Chief of Station, DATE: 28 July 1950

FROM : Chief, Foreign Division W

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational
SPECIFIC: Traces
Reference: 2898, MRQA-165

1. Individuals mentioned in references have been traced with the following results:

~~Jaqueline MATIKI--no trace~~
~~Ali Haider ABTAFI--no trace~~

2. ~~Sami ROSENFELD--probably identical with one Samuel ROSENFELD, on whom reported the following (PIR-5777, 3 February 1950):~~

~~On 15 November 1947 Abner BEN MATAN, described as head of the Israeli Intelligence Service, was accompanied by Samuel ROSENFELD, born at Metz, France on 19 October 1920, official of the State of Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, bearer of service passport No. 219, issued at Hakiry, 24 April 1949. BEN MATAN is in close contact with Simon CROSS.~~

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TO : Chief, FIV

DATE: 15 August 1950

FROM : Chief, [] RAB.

SUBJECT: GENERAL.

SPECIFIC: []

Reference: WELN-2041; WELA-1289; WELA-1005

Source: []

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On receipt of WELN-2041, a number of direct questions were put to [] concerning LANDMAN, ARON, NATHAN, and other individuals and companies of possible interest in considering this case. We indicated particular interest in any information which would relate these people to Israeli I.S. activities in the U.S.A.. [] replied as follows:

(a) Sara Naina LANDMAN. Daughter of Samuel LANDMAN, formerly legal adviser to the United Zionist Revisionist Movement in the U.S. and intermediary between W. E. ARON HART & Paul BENYER and the Israeli Intelligence Service. Naina LANDMAN, while employed in 1947 with the American Joint Distribution Committee in Paris, is known to have carried messages between her father and Asher BEN NATHAN, now head of Israeli Intelligence in Southern Europe. It is not known whether she was aware of the contents of the messages or of BEN NATHAN's espionage mission.

On 6 December 1949 Naina married Murray J. ROSSANT with whom she is now living at 4420 South West 14th Street, Coral Gables, Florida.

(b) Emil Werner ARON HART & Paul BENYER. ARON returned to the U.S. on 31 January 1950 having made no contacts in Canada which would seem to be of security interest. On 8 February 1950 he left again for the Continent and in April was staying at Villa Porlessa, Genoa, Italy. He returned on 1 May 1950. Though he and LANDMAN make repeated efforts to interest INTER ARON in intelligence which ARON claims he can acquire, it seems that at least the Israeli Intelligence Service is aware of ARON's worthlessness as a source and will have no further dealings with him.

Source have no record that ARON is regularly corresponding with persons in the United States.

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(c) Leslie H. VAISEY, A. O. FINEB & Co. and VAISON & Co., Ltd. Leslie H. VAISEY, a director of both shipping companies named above, has been a close associate of ARON since at least 1947. Both VAISEY and the two companies would seem ready to subscribe to shady commercial transactions but source have nothing of security significance on record concerning them nor do they know whether they have any close affiliations with American companies.

(d) Samuel LANDMAN and the New Basinghall Trading Corporation. [] [] have no significant information about LANDMAN which has not already been passed to Headquarters. He is still in touch with Istef VAUDI at the London location, but, as far as source can judge, the only security interest in this liaison lies in his continued attempts to re-instate ARON as a source of intelligence.

Correspondence between ARON and LANDMAN was conducted under the cover of the New Basinghall Trading Corporation and, in this respect, the firm is of security interest. Source do not know of any close affiliations with any American companies but the firm is known to have maintained an office at 1603 K Street, NW, Washington 6.

(e) Asher BEN NATHAN @ ARTHUR. No new information has come to light concerning him.

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Status of SYMPHONY Since HQ Summary dated
September 1946

1. Regular contact with CONDUCTOR and LILAE was suspended after the departure of Case officer D-110.

2. ~~CONDUCTOR~~ LILAC

a. 7 Sept 1946: was paid salary for July and August and advised that his salary would be halved unless his activity increased. On 30 Oct 1946 he was told that his services were not needed for the time being and that he was not to expect further payment.

3. CONDUCTOR

a. Was seen occasionally by a staff officer who made no commitments to him.

b. In a memo dated 27 Jan 1947 it was recommended that the contact be turned over to a CIC officer with careful warning that CONDUCTOR "is a ruthless terrorist whose many demands would have to be firmly resisted. The CIC agreed to turn over to this organization any Jewish refugees of interest who were referred to the CIC by CONDUCTOR.

b. On 31 Jan 1947 CONDUCTOR was told that ^{his} ~~the~~ past production had proved of little value. He was advised that if he wanted to work for the American Intelligence, he ~~w~~ should work with the CIC. This organization's case officer introduced him to a CIC officer.

d. In February 1947 CONDUCTOR called on the CIC only once.

g. A British report, dated March 1947, characterized him as a Palestine Zionist, interested in the restitution of Palestine to his people; no indication of Communist leanings.

h. In March 1947 this org's staff officer met CONDUCTOR at the CIC officer and reminded him that he had failed to give the CIC any info. CONDUCTOR attributed his failure not to lack of good will but to the fact that no subjects of interest had passed into his hands among the Jewish emigres.

g. On 11 July 1947 it was reported that CONDUCTOR paid a farewell visit to Salzburg before returning to Prague. The anti-Bricha circles rumored that he had made a fortune during his stay in Palestine.

h. Address given to former case officer in 1948 by RUFFER @ RAPHAEL:
Arthur PIERENKARZ, c/o Nahum Nathan, 22 Ben M Jehuda St, Tel Aviv

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TO : Chief of Foreign Division M DATE: 28 August 1950

FROM : Chief of Station, []

SUBJECT GENERAL - Operational
SPECIFIC - Asher BEN NATAN

Contact of Asher Ben Nathan []

Reference: MSBW-2263

1. The trace on Sami ROSENFELD linking him with subject may prove very helpful. After a meeting with [] last May, PALEY told us orally, if memory serves, that [] had told him that according to [] ELAN was directly responsible to a certain "BENATHAN", who was believed to be resident in Bern. It was [] impression that "BENATHAN" was spelled as one word. There is no one of this name accredited to any Israeli Delegation to Switzerland, but it is, of course, possible that "BENATHAN" may come to Switzerland on certain occasions. We presume that "BENATHAN" may be identical with subject. It may be that subject is the "boss" to whom ELAN has frequently referred.

2. We presume that the trace which you have sent forward is quoted from PIR-5777 and that the interested Division has no further information. If so, it would be appreciated if you would anticipate the questions that are bound to arise from the material provided. A negative statement covering the unexplained points would be most helpful. As the statement now stands, we are obliged to ask: (1) Where is subject "Head of the Israeli Intelligence Service"? (2) Where and under what circumstances was subject "accompanied by Samuel ROSENFELD"? (3) To which post is ROSENFELD accredited? The answers to these questions would enormously assist in identifying both subject and ROSENFELD.

3. If this information does not exist in the Division, as we presume it does not, is it possible that inquiries could be directed to []

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14. #14: Ben-Natan ASHER, Dipl. PP 518, issued 19 July 1950 in Mikirya, came to Rome on 3 August and departed by air on 5 August for an unknown location							
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Chief, Foreign Division **SECRET**

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TO: Asher Ben NATAN and Samuel ROSENFELD

FROM: Reference- MSQA-188

SUBJECT: **GENERAL** Unfortunately, with the exception of a few control list references, there is no further information on Samuel ROSENFELD than that given in MSB-W-2263.

The following biographical data on Asher Ben NATAN are taken from an application for a military permit to enter Germany in March 1949 (WFA 2263):

Israeli citizen, born Austrian.
Born 15 February 1918 in Vienna.
Passport No. 71, issued at Hakiryia on 20 December 1948.
Address: Legation d'Israel, 143 Ave. Wagram, Paris.
Consulate d'Israel, Vienna.
Occupation: "Fonctionnaire".

3. In reply to your three queries in paragraph 2, we can only say that the two subjects were reported being together in [] Under what circumstances, we do not know. Our only clues to NATAN's and ROSENFELD's permanent location are the statements in the former's application above, listing Paris and Vienna, and for the latter the [] report (MSB-W-2263) which merely describes him as an official of the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

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1. AMIR ~~REMAFESH~~, diplomat, passport No. 675, issued on 9 January 1951, at Hakiryva, departed from the Ciampino airport for Tel Aviv on 6 February 1951.
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2. *BEN ~~MATHAN~~ Asher, born at VIENNA on 15 February 1918, head of the Israel Intelligence Service, coming allegedly from Hakiryva, arrived in Rome on 31 December and on 1 January 1951 departed for London. In Rome he stayed at the Hotel Bernini Bristol where he exhibited ordinary passport No. 518 issued on 19 July 1950 at Hakiryva, in which he is qualified as an inspector. (Hand slip attached) []
3. *BAHRAL David, service passport No. 298, issued on 15 January 1949, at Hakiryva, coming from Jerusalem, arrived at the Ciampino Airport on 3 October 1950. On 7 October 1950 he again came to Rome and took lodgings at the Hotel Bernini Bristol.
4. *BERE MAN ~~YEOVDITH~~, diplomatic passport No. 045, issued at Hakiryva on 10 October 1946, arrived in Rome on 19 January 1951 and took lodgings at the Hotel Flora.
5. *BURG Josef, Israel Vice President, diplomatic passport No. 500 issued on 2 July 1950 at Hakiryva, arrived in Rome on 18 October and on 19 October departed for Hakiryva. He stayed at the Hotel Quirinale.
6. *BEZNER Itzhak, head of the Israel Mission in New York, special passport No. 489, issued on 5 December 1949, at Hakiryva, arrived in Rome on 19 February and on 21 February departed from the Ciampino Airport for Lydda, accompanied by his wife and two children.
7. *BISERSTADT Samule, passport No. C2252, issued on 21 March 1949, at Tel Aviv, coming from Prague, arrived at the Urbe Airport on 28 November 1949, and on 29 November departed from the airport for Lydda.
8. *EFRAI ~~WITZIAK~~, Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, diplomatic passport No. 674, issued on 9 January 1951 at Hakiryva, entered Italy at Chiasso on 18 February and on 2 March 1951 departed from the Ciampino Airport for Tel Aviv.
9. *EILON Abraham, service passport No. 374, issued at Hakiryva on 28 January 1951, arrived in Rome on 4 March 1951, and took lodgings at the Hotel []

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TRANSITO A ROMA DI BEN NATHAN ASHER, DEL SERVIZIO INFORMAZIONI
ISRAELIANO.

BEN NATHAN ASHER, nato a Vienna il 15-2-1918, di nazionalità israeliana, del servizio informazioni israeliano, proveniente, asseritamente da Hakirya, il 31 dicembre u.s. alle ore 24 è giunto a Roma ed alle ore 1 del giorno successivo è ripartito per Londra.

Ha alloggiato all'albergo "BERNINI BRISTOL", dove ha esibito passaporto ordinario n°518, rilasciato il 19 luglio 1950 a Hakirya, con la qualifica di ispettore.

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- On Thursday, 15 February 1951, at 1300 hours, Source again met Subject of Plan, not having seen him since the beginning of January. Source recontacted with Subject over the lapse of time, even though he already knew he had been absent from Rome and had later been ill. Subject confirmed these facts and explained that in December he had suffered a severe liver attack and that as soon as he returned from abroad he was stricken with influenza.
- The conversation next wandered on to inconsequential matters and to an uneventful discussion of current events. Then it was brought around to a discussion of Subject's own activity and the activities of others, which is summarized below.
- In reply to Source's question, Subject told him that the internal situation of the Israeli IS had cleared up and become consolidated around the previous existing organization without changes or substitutions. SHILOH is the undisputed chief of the service. **ARTHUR BEN NATAN** is the position is not very strong. He does have charge of the Western sector and the man who is closest to him is Subject, whose advice is very much needed.
- Subject explained that the non-ferrous changes failed to come about because any removal or substitution of SHILOH would have halted or slowed up the work in the Western sector and any removal of **BOUIS (Imi)**, who knows the European and Asiatic East very well, would have caused serious difficulties to the Government in Tel Aviv and might have slowed up the flow of emigration from the Iron Curtain countries toward Israel, which would have been considered a serious damage to the little State.
- Subject went on to explain that in Israel the relationship among various elements of the population is almost paradoxical. The situation is unique in the world, but it is very important for defensive aims and functions, since the preponderance of men, mostly very young and suitable for bearing arms, over women is about 4 to 1. The unproductive part of the population and the part that cannot be used for defensive purposes (the old and the children) is a relatively small percentage. This situation enables the state of Israel to organize a proportionately impressive army in short order, which will be made up of men militarily trained and experienced in the greatest European armies, coming from the Red Army, the Polish Army, the Wehrmacht, etc. This constitutes a sum of experience which has its own value.

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6. But the situation in Israel, which is already firm, is rapidly improving, an improvement contributed to by the accords established with Transjordan, which blindly follows the political line favored by the Tel Aviv Government and constitutes a sizable thorn-in-the-flesh of the Arab League. Israel is endeavoring to become a State of ten million citizens. When it has reached this numerical proportion, it will no longer have any fear for the future and can brilliantly hold in check all of the Arab countries together.
7. Source asked subject if he could furnish some information on Fulvio CASTELBOLOGNESI, who apparently is an Israeli intelligence agent. Subject immediately said he is not Fulvio CASTELBOLOGNESI, and that he is the man who has taken Dan AVNIR's picture. However, CASTELBOLOGNESI is far from achieving AVNIR's production, since he lacks the capacity to run down information and to make useful friendships. Avn. CASTELBOLOGNESI has the job, in view of his cultural preparation, of compiling reports of a political character for the Israel Legation, but from an espionage point of view, Subject said he is a fool. Subject went on to say that Silvio COZZI, who was a leg-man for Dan AVNIR, no longer has any contact with the Israel Legation. *This is a question of ARABIA*
8. Source Comment: Enrico CASTELBOLOGNESI has taken Dan AVNIR's position and uses AVNIR's car, license A.I.L. 118. He is an Israeli citizen and is, among other things, assigned to preparing political reports for the Legation. He is also in contact with Minister Shlomo HASSIDY. *Israeli IS*
9. In answer to a question from Source, Subject affirmed that the Israeli service is now regularly furnishing funds again as before, but that he personally feels the agent payments are excessively high (they are of the order of 200 to 300 thousand lire monthly); and that one of these days, such subsidies will have to cease.
10. Source asked Subject how and where he works. Subject replied that the top floor of the Legation at 2 Via Lioni is completely at his disposition. His personnel includes two radiotelegraphists; one stenographer; two clerks; one accountant (KIBNO). Subject says he goes to the Legation every day, preferably toward evening, and says that he only needs an hour to complete his work.
11. The area of Subject's interest continues to be the Arab countries. Occasionally the agents gather information concerning other sectors, as for example Italy, but this is the result of comprehensible secondary exceptions, and is primarily due to their excess of zeal. The activity of the Israel service is directed against the Arab countries and in particular against Egypt.
12. Italy is of interest to Israel for intelligence purposes only insofar as it is an observation point of the first order, because of the influence Italy still exerts in Africa, and because of the coordinating function which the Vatican tends to exert together and apart from the Arab League countries in protecting Vatican interests in Jerusalem, interests which run contrary to the rights acquired by the State of Israel.
13. "My task," said Subject, "and I want you to believe me without reserve, is purely of an informational nature, intelligence character and is not operating against Italy, but against the enemies of Israel." Subject went on to say that his net into Egypt is now in full operation.

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Recently recruited by Israeli TS and sent to Egypt.
He said he has now succeeded in recruiting the (princess) (sic) PROJAN-SIA and he has recently sent her to Egypt. Subject expects a considerable return from her, since she is a woman of good standing. She is capable and intelligent and has a wealth of possibilities in view of her connections. Then Subject went on to say that there is a former Italian colonial in Egypt (he did not remember the name—Subject's frequent failing) who furnishes information to everyone, to the Israeli (through Subject), to the Italian service, and to others, and according to Subject, he is an excellent source. Subject concluded by asking what there is in Italy, after all, which might interest the Israeli services?

14. Source said these were beautiful words, but an intelligence service, to establish contacts, and for the purpose of building up liaison equity, can have an indirect interest in and perform the work of other services. Naturally, Subject excluded such a possibility in his case. Finally he confided to Source that through one of his men, he has succeeded in obtaining virtually all the papers in the files of the Transjordan Legation at 25 Via Po and from the Iraqi Legation at 19 Lungotevere delle Navicelle.
15. Source Comment: He will cautiously try to identify the individual who is used indirectly by Subject, but it will be difficult to turn the operation, since Source is in a position to offer many smiles, but no money.
16. Subject gave Source some intelligence material (already forwarded to headquarters in microfilm). Then Source took this occasion to ask Subject if the same material had been passed to [] service. Subject replied that what he had given Source was exclusively for him, but that [] service received a lot of material directly from BEN NATAN, which Source has later observed reproduced in the DECIPIETER service monthly bulletin of "Foreign Countries."
17. Source Comment: In telling Source this, since Subject has entered into contact with [] Subject no longer complains, as he once did, that he was forced to be a mere messenger boy. It is clear that the role which Subject carries out now between BEN NATAN and [] service satisfies Subject's self-pride.
18. The relationship between FIZGA and PERIC (see previous reports) is rather tense. Subject claimed that he did not know the reason. Source Comment: It is known through [] that PERIC claims FIZGA owes him money and that the tension existing in their relationship does not have any other motive. It is really surprising that Subject does not admit to knowing the reasons.
19. Subject went on to speak of FIZGA's ability and of his own friendship for [] in rather glowing terms. Source had the impression that Subject wished to portray his own contacts with FIZGA as being less cordial than they really are. It is a system Subject uses all the time. Subject spoke well, spontaneously, of [] from the general point of view, but from the point of view of intelligence work, Subject judged [] to be still improperly prepared to assume the functions entrusted to him. He then mentioned to Source

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the presence of two American officers at the offices of [] service, something which Subject has noted for some time. These officers, according to Subject, are in effect directing the intelligence activity of [] service.

20. Subject then spoke to Source about Maximiliano (reported alias MAXIMILIANO), who is still at Tel Aviv and has two European representatives:

- a. One in Switzerland, whose name Subject does not remember; and
- b. Marcus TERNERBAUM (PINS) #16 Via Indipendenza, Milan, Italy.

MAXIMILIANO continues to take care of his business in Italy through the services of these two representatives.

21. Source Comment: Maria MAXIMILIANO is known to the files as a suspected agent of the Cominform. The fact that he is represented by a man such as TERNERBAUM (alias PINS) tends to confirm his dangerous character from an intelligence point of view, since Marcus TERNERBAUM is one of the men who handle the financing of the PCI through the multifarious commercial activity involving FORNEXPORT and the American Commercial Company. The other representative of MAXIMILIANO in Switzerland is probably Giorgio CHICHELLO, who was entrusted by MAXIMILIANO last summer with an errand to his compatriot at Rome, DR. SCHERER, to solicit the latter's influence with the Italian authorities for MAXIMILIANO.

22. During the course of the conversation, as soon as an opportunity presented itself, Source asked Subject for information about his friend, Cyril ROLO. According to Subject ROLO is now in the British Zone of Germany and has been there for two months.

23. Source Comment: ROLO, who was formerly second secretary of the British Legation in Rome, had an intelligence assignment. In September 1950, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported that ROLO had ceased his designation, but in the following October ROLO had a talk in Rome with an individual known to Source. The possibility arose that ROLO had remained in Rome under cover. The fact that Subject was able to confirm ROLO's departure and give his new assignment confirms the existence of excellent contacts between Subject and ROLO.

24. The talk with Subject failed to bring out any new elements upon which a further evaluation of the man and his service could be based. It is necessary to recognize, however, that the Israeli service has consolidated its position and that its activity throughout the world seems to be considerable.

25. The following is a current analysis of Subject's service made from material available to Source:

- a. Directive personnel: Edmond THISS, chief; Er. TETI, assistant (nt); Enrico CASTELSONGNESS, who was replaced by AVRY (alias Vittorio RODEFE) and has taken over the latter's car (KAPOR 1302, PI-1192, PI-7569); Giorgio CHICHELLO, assistant for CE (KAPOR 970, PI-773, ROME 467, ROME 603, and PI-6515);

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- b. Employees: (fnu) SHILOA, cashier and typist (nt); (fnu) SHOSHANA, wife of LUZIN (name possibly spelled SCIOSCIANA?); ABRAHAM KIRSON, chief of administration and of personnel (given as chief of service in Plan LADSHIP* (PIR-6396, PIR-7733, KAPOK 1211);
- c. Photographic darkroom: (fnu) GARY, member of Palestine Committee of Alan (nt); and
- d. Radio transmitter (station: Nachman SIKSTEIN, son of Abraham (nt); Shinshon LUZIN (PIR-5635 and PIR-6597)).

Subject does not use diplomatic cover because he believes it is superfluous, but in case of difficulty he could immediately obtain the designation of Secretary or Counsellor of Legation.

26. Source [] has furnished a general summary on the material furnished in the previous Plan LACY report regarding the Israeli intelligence service. The report reads as follows:

"It has been reported from a source whose reliability cannot be checked that leaders of the Israeli Army have undertaken a strong attack against the Israeli intelligence service for the purpose of taking over its control. If the military should succeed, the Israeli I.S., while not assuming a decisively philo-Soviet position, would develop its operations along Leftist criteria. This situation allegedly is due to the fact that in spite of the results of the elections which have given the Israeli parliament a rightist majority, the MAPAI Party has succeeded in dominating the political life of Israel and in controlling the Army. The fight against the rightists and against philo-western personalities is allegedly due to the hidden intrigues of the present Israeli service chief, SHILOA, who for personal reasons favors the military chiefs."

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DEFICIT asked that headquarters furnish an evaluation of the above report for his information.

27. A previously unprocessed fragmentary report states that on 10 January 1951 a confidential informant signalled that a few days before, Edmond CROSS had departed by automobile, allegedly for Switzerland, and had returned to Rome on 7 January 1951. After this return, it is believed that he departed again for another mission, because his presence was not noted in the radio and photographic offices of the Israeli Legation in Rome. On 7 February 1951 it was reported that Subject had returned to Rome but as of 5 February he did not appear at his office in the Legation. However, on 8 February he took up his normal activity again, in his office in the Legation.

*Field Comment: There are three main points of conflict in the service organization as given in Plans LACY and LADSHIP. The former tends to confirm the prime position of Subject, the subordinate position of KIRSON, and alleges the inactivity of Silvio COEN. The latter tends to confirm the activity of COEN, indicates the fundamental importance of KIRSON, and alleges the inactivity of Subject. Questioned regarding this conflict, Source stated that he believes both are lying in part. The evidence available tends to confirm, however, the fundamental enlargement of the Israeli service from the staff point of view.

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Asher Ben-Nathan, also known as Arthur

Under this caption in our communication of November 24, 1950, there were references to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nathan of Los Angeles, one B. Nathan of 2019 Elmhurst, Detroit, and one A. Arthur of 1 Major Lane, New Hyde Park, Long Island, New York.

Our Los Angeles Office has determined that one Bea Sands was one of the guests at the party held on July 31, 1943, in Los Angeles, for the benefit of the West Coast publication "People's World." You will recall that Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nathan were reported to have been present at this same party. An informant of known reliability advised that Bea Sands had recruited one Bennett Nathan, 1264 1/2 Cloverdale Avenue, Los Angeles, into the Communist Party in 1943, suggesting the possibility that the Mr. Ben Nathan mentioned in our letter of November 24, 1950, was Bennett Nathan.

Investigation in Detroit revealed that one Wallace Nathan resides at 2019 Elmhurst, and that his wife's name is Beatrice. It would appear therefore that the B. Nathan referred to above is probably Beatrice Nathan of this address.

In New Hyde Park, Long Island, New York, it was determined that A. Arthur of 1 Major Lane is Alex A. Arthur. Investigation disclosed that the name Ben Nathan is unknown at the address.

You were advised in our November 24, 1950, letter that Asher Ben Nathan had entered this country at New York City on the 8th of November, stating that he was on a trip to inspect Israeli Consulates in the United States. An investigation was instituted to establish the nature of his activities and contacts while here.

It was determined that in the records of Pan-American Airways, by which carrier Ben Nathan arrived in New York City, he was named as Benathan Asher. Upon admittance to the country he advised Customs officials that his name is Asher Ben-Natan. He was travelling on a full diplomatic passport bearing number 5183 issued by the Government of Israel on July 19, 1950, and valid until July, 1951.

From November 8, until the morning of November 15, Ben Nathan resided at the Mayflower Hotel in New York City. During this time he was reported to have made several contacts with officials and employees of the New York Consulate of the Israeli Government. At 8:40 A.M. on the latter date, he proceeded by air to Washington, D. C. accompanied by an individual subsequently identified as Jacob Nevatt, a clerk in the New York Consulate. Nevatt has been described by another governmental department as a German citizen born in Berlin, Germany on August 2, 1921. He arrived in the United States aboard the SS "Queen Mary" on May 22, 1950, to take his present position at the Israeli Consulate in New York City. His United States address was given as the Empire Hotel, New York City.

Upon their arrival in Washington, on November 15, 1950, Ben Nathan and Nevatt were met by Meir Shalit, Assistant Press Attache at the Israeli Embassy, concerning whom information has been furnished your agency in the past. Ben Nathan remained in Washington until 2:00 P.M., November 17, 1950, and during the entire time was accompanied by Shalit. He is known to have spent the nights of November 15 - 16, and November 16 - 17, at Shalit's apartment, 2301 41st Street, N. W.

On November 16, 1950, Ben Nathan and Shalit had lunch at the Watergate Inn, Washington, with two unknown men whom they accompanied to the State Department, 21st and Virginia Avenue, N.W., following the meal. The four men proceeded to the office of Stuart W. Rockwell, at that time Chief, Economic Division, Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs, Department of State. It was ascertained that the State Department directory listed one Norman Burns as an employee in the same division. On November 15, 1950, a confidential informant of known reliability revealed that Shalit

had invited a Mr. Burns of the State Department to lunch with him and a guest at the Watergate Inn the following day.

On November 17, 1950, Shalit and Ben Nathan visited the Pentagon, however, the reason for the visit and the identity of the individual or individuals contacted could not be determined.

Upon departing from Washington, D. C., on November 17, 1950, Ben Nathan proceeded to New York City by train and re-registered at the Mayflower Hotel, where he resided until November 22.

A Mrs. Sadie Golub, wife of Abraham, resides at 1659 West 7th Street, Brooklyn, New York. Her husband was born October 5, 1886, in Russia, and reportedly is unemployed at the present time. Credit files, New York City, INS files and the records of our New York Office contain no additional information regarding Mr. and Mrs. Golub.

Investigation revealed that one Leon Wiznitzer resides at 1803 Riverside Drive, New York City. He emigrated from Casablanca, Morocco, to the United States on January 14, 1942, under the name Leiser Wiznitzer. INS records in New York City reflect that Wiznitzer was born January 17, 1884, at Karanciu, Romania, and his wife, Mina, was born October 23, 1883, at Lwow, Poland. He is the father of three children: David, born September 28, 1913, who now resides in New York City; Max, born April 29, 1915, who was in the U.S. Army as of 1946; and Artur, born June 28, 1919, who as of 1946 resided in Palestine. No information regarding the Wiznitzers was found in the files of our New York Office.

The central files of this Bureau contain no pertinent derogatory information in the names of Abraham Golub, Sadie Golub, Leon Wiznitzer, Leiser Wiznitzer, Mina Wiznitzer, David Wiznitzer, Max Wiznitzer and Artur Wiznitzer.

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Ben-Natan, Asher

From VIKI-5916 (IN-20426), 10 August 1951

[] reported on 9 August 1951 that one Arthur (Im), (Ben-Natan) about 30 years old, ex-Flemish, moustache, is believed by [] to be connected with the Israeli diplomatic representation in Switzerland, and was recently relieved as director of Moshe ALOH's I.S. activities, as were other unnamed Israeli I.S. personnel in Europe. Arthur is continuing to function as an I.S. officer under student cover in Switzerland. The reason for his relief and ALOH's transfer, along with the transfer of other Israeli IS personnel formerly under Arthur's direction, was the lack of results for large expenditures involved. The specific case cited was the cost of the Israeli effort to locate the brother or sister of Grand Mufti who was believed to be in Austria.

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BRITISH BOOK:

BENATHAN, Asher
@ KATZ, Bernie
@ NAHUM
@ NATAN

Born 15.2.18. Until April 1951 he was a senior official of the Political Intelligence Service (MM.), but resigned in sympathy with Boris GURIEL. Is now in Geneva as a private citizen.

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<p>1. Source says that SCHMUTZ will contact PIER in Suis within a few days. PIER, now using the name BEN NATAN, address Clavarade 1, Geneva, Tel. 58023, is attempting to make a comeback with the IIS, with whom he is currently in disfavor.</p> <p>2. While PIER was stationed in Austria, SCHMUTZ acted as his courier and agent, making courier trips into Germany (sic) and CSR. These activities were stopped by PIER's transfer to Suisse at an unstated date.</p> <p>3. Source states that SCHMUTZ probably would be willing to make a contact with OSO and talk freely about both the IIS and the Soviets (VIEN 5952, IN 21878).</p>			
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RE: MSBW 3078

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1. *Usher* VIEN REPORTS SUBJECT FIRST TWO PARAS REF IDENTICAL. RESIDES UNDER NAME BEN NATHAN (MSBW 2415, ETC.) AT CLAVARADE (SIC - POSSIBLY CLAPAREDE) 1, GENEVA; TELEPHONE 58023. *ca-c-2-152*

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TO: Chief of Station, []

DATE: 26 September 1951

FROM: Chief, Foreign Division M

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SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational

SPECIFIC - Arthur FIER @ Ascher FIERNIKAZ @ Asher Ben NATAN
@ (BEN-NATAN, BEN-NATHAN, Ben NATHAN) @ BEN ZWI

Reference - WASH 08812, MSB-3078 *ma* *lost per search May 67* *15 Feb 1918 or 1921*

1. Vienna has reported that the information forwarded in references was procured by their source from Michael SCHMUTZ, who served as a courier and agent for Subject when the latter was stationed in Austria. According to SCHMUTZ, Subject is currently in disfavor with the IIS but is attempting to work his way back into their good graces. ARTHUR FIER []

WHILE FIER WAS IN AUSTRIA
2. Subject was the principal agent of the defunct Austrian project SYMPHONY, which had as its aims (a) the procurement of CI information from refugees escaping from Soviet-occupied countries; (b) identification of agents of the Jewish Agency; (c) penetration of those organizations sending Soviet controlled agents into the Allied Zones and Palestine through Jewish refugee channels. It is uncertain from records here as to just when contact was established with Subject by an officer of our predecessor organization, but it appears the project was a fait accompli when first reported to Washington in April 1946. The officer reported his original approach to Subject was made under the cover of a newspaper correspondent who was seeking to obtain the complete picture on Jewish emigration and that Subject was subsequently informed of AIS interest. A notation in the SYMPHONY file, however, states that the case officer on his return to Washington stated that he had known Subject well just prior to and during the early years of the war, when they had undergone special training together in the Middle East for an Army operation (sic).

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3. Subject, who was officially accredited as a staff member of the Joint Distribution Committee in Vienna, was actually chief of the Jewish Agency there. The Jewish Agency was in effect the predecessor of the present Israeli Government. During the war, the British collaborated with the Jewish Agency but official contact, according to a Jewish Agency representative, was discontinued upon the cessation of hostilities. ZACAMBRIC was also in contact with the Jewish Agency during the war.

4. Subject conducted a highly efficient clandestine network with couriers into Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland for the purpose of expediting the emigration of Jews through Austria to Palestine. Subject and his agents were also active in tracking down Germans who were accused of atrocities against the Jews, and in the collection of documents or intelligence which might be of value to the Jewish Agency. Subject had a source in British counter-intelligence, through whom he saw the complete censorship intercept files on himself and the Jewish Agency, and from whom he learned of counter-measures planned by the British which might affect his work.

5. The SYMPHONY project was unsuccessful largely due to our lack of control and regular contact was suspended in the summer of 1946, at which time the case officer left Austria. Subject had succeeded in using American facilities for his own purposes, providing little of value in exchange. Apparently Subject was acquainted with several members of our predecessor organization, and in January 1947 he was again contacted, informed that CIC had taken over the function of gathering intelligence in the field and was introduced to a CIC case officer.

6. Fortunately, the aforementioned CIC officer is now a ZACABIN desk officer and we were able to get his personal appraisal of Subject. He stated that he maintained a casual contact with Subject until the latter left Austria (presumably in the summer of 1947), but received virtually nothing of intelligence value from him. Nonetheless, this officer has a high professional regard for Subject, stating that Subject had great success in attaining his objective -- that is, expediting the emigration of Jews, and that efforts to get him to produce intelligence on behalf of the Americans failed largely due to Subject's almost fanatical concentration on his own goal. Subject was

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ruthless and did not hesitate to use opportunistic methods to accomplish his mission. The former CIC officer suspected, although it was never proved, that Subject possibly was aware that the Soviets were infiltrating certain of their agents among groups of illegal Jewish refugee emigrants being conducted to Palestine. Subject's relationship with his CIC officer was a friendly one and the latter was unable to counter the logic of Subject's position that he was perfectly willing to assist the Americans provided such assistance could be rendered without compromise to his own mission (apparently Subject decided, reasonably enough, intelligence gathering of the sort we wished would compromise his mission).

7. A USFA Intelligence Summary, dated 11 July 1947, stated that Subject was leaving Austria to return to Palestine. The report noted that it was rumored in anti-Jewish Agency circles that he had made quite a fortune during his stay in Austria, and was returning to Palestine temporarily prior to assuming another important Jewish Agency post.

8. KEL-2228, dated March 1947, gives background data on Subject, certain of which is apparently derived from CIC Austria reports, although M.I. 5 is listed as source. Both this report and one made by Subject's SYMPHONY case officer list Subject as Arthur PIER @ BEN-ZWI; born 15 February 1921 in Vienna; correspondent for a Tel-Aviv newspaper and for PAL-COR (Palestine Telegraph Agency) in London; accredited news-correspondent of the British Public Relations Office in Vienna. (In this latter connection, the SYMPHONY files contain a Cairo cable, dated 27 June 1946, stating that Subject is unknown in the Middle East; did not work for SIME; and that his press card is false.) KEL-2228 continues by listing Subject's father as a businessman named Nathan PIERNIKARZ; mother, Bertha nee WITZNITZER. Subject is shown as married (wife's name not given); an Austrian citizen and Jewish. He is described as a Palestine Zionist who expects to become a citizen of Palestine shortly although technically still an Austrian. Subject is reported to have lived with his parents in Vienna until 1938 when he left in order to immigrate to Palestine. According to an interview with Subject, he stated he accepted a job as secretary to an agricultural settlement in Hadera, Palestine, remaining there until August 1944, when the Jewish Agency in Haifa asked him to act as an interrogator of refugees coming from European countries. He remained in this

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latter job until the cessation of hostilities, and in September 1945 was appointed as news correspondent. He returned to Vienna via Italy in November 1945.

9. The personalia given in the preceding paragraph is supplemented by a notation made by the desk here which lists Subject's name as Ascher PIERNIKAZ; father, Nachum; mother, Berta; wife, Ruth. This notation is based on an unindexed ZACAMERIC report and indicates that Subject did not serve either with the Allied or the German forces during the war, and that his occupation was that of a farm manager.

10. In addition to the information forwarded in MSEW-2263, PIR-5777 states that Subject was born at Vienna on 15 February 1918; holds service passport No. 71 issued at Hakirya on 20 December 1948; and that he travels under the cover of Israel Consular Inspector. During his stay in Rome, he visited the Israel Legation and received two Legation officials at his hotel. Subject also had long talks with Edmond CROSS and Alfred BENTLEY, a British citizen who is alleged to be another important element of the IIS and to be carrying out "a certain activity" in Milan.

CH UK in contact with Arthur Pier []
11. PIRA-5874 (source [] from CROSS), dated 21 April 1950, indicated that Subject is not only the head of the IIS abroad, but also controls the Israeli Security Service, which is an organization operating within Israel having exclusively negative or defensive duties.

12. Vienna is being queried on the circumstances under which Subject's name arose in connection with their recent reports. Meanwhile, we would appreciate any information which you can supply on Subject. This is not to be construed as a request to mount an operation and we do not wish a special check to be made at this time with your liaison sources. We are interested first of all in establishing that Subject is indeed in Geneva and what his ostensible position is, which we suggest may be known to [] or ascertained through a spot check by [] In view of Subject's reputation, we recommend the greatest care in any checking.

Edmond CROSS []
in contact with Arthur Pier []

P.S. [] comment) A British report on the IIS, which has just come in and which nobody has yet had a chance to read in

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detail, states that Ben NATHAN retired from the Israeli service in April 1951, but does not give his present whereabouts (as far as we know from a cursory glance). While this report may very well be true and you may find Ben NATHAN of no current interest, it is equally possible that he will become active again at any moment. The British report also makes clear that PERES and PIER are not identical and confirms the [] report (see MSEW-3078) connecting the former with the Israeli bank in Geneva. This bank's proper title is Banque pour le Commerce Suisse Israelien, Grand-Quai 24, telephone 27-12-50 (see page 679 of "Annuaire Suisse, 1951," for other details). The British report also confirms the bank's IIS connection. In other words, our Israeli targets in Switzerland appear to be growing.

Switzerland GENEVA

However, a word of warning and a plea for patience. It is requested that, apart from continuing your present and planned (e.g., SEVENSMA) Israeli operations, you do not increase your tempo in this field for the moment. Israeli operational direction is being brought under one desk here and a complete review is just getting under way of all Israeli operations. When completed, this will result in an assessment of all such operations and a decision as to which will be continued. A system of operational priorities will also be set up. It is believed that the [] case will come out of this review very well, as one of the cleanest and most promising of the lot. It is also hoped that a great deal more general background information on the Israelis and their service will become available to the field.

A further complicating factor in all the above is the growing belief that the IIS is undergoing radical reorganization and a shake-up of personnel, of which the ELAN shift is but a minor manifestation. In a few weeks this pattern may be more clear, but in any event, we hope to be more efficiently organized to support your Israeli operation.

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<p>Asher BEN-NATAN; variant Ascher & NATHAN; @ Arthur PIER, BEN-ZWI, Ascher PIERNIKAZ (PIERNIKARZ) Born 15 Feb 1918, Sechschimmelgasse 22, Vienna Parents: Nathan & Bertha CIT: Austria, Palestine, Israel Wife: Ruth Description: 165 cm tall, blue eyes, brown hair Languages: English, French, German, Hebrew 1927: Began Elementary School 1938-44: Secretary to agricultural settlement Hardera 1931-38: Jewish realgymnasium, Vienna</p> <p>15 Feb 21: Born Vienna Til 1938: resided Vienna June 38: to Palestine 38-Aug 44: Secretary to agricultural settlement Hardera Aug 44:- End of hostilities; In Haifa with Jewish agency as interrogator of European refugees Nov 45: To Vienna via Italy Nov 45-12 March 47: Accredited as staff member Joint Distribution Committee but actually Chief Jewish Agency there which predecessor of Israeli government-conducted clandestine network-collected info on Jewish persecutors. 11 July 47: Report states he leaving Austria to return to Palestine Sept 50: returned from Paris to Israel for a position with the Israeli IS. 8 Nov 50: Went to NYC to inspect Consulates, stayed at Mayflower Hotel and met Israeli officials; spent few days in Washington D.C.; departed 25 November for London</p> <p>More info in document regarding contacts in U.S. etc.</p>						
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Ben Nathan

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RE: WASH 8812 (OUT 78187) *no* 10/11

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1. Headquarters' information confirms reports concerning Arthur PIER. According to previous traces, PIER, under the alias Ash BEN NATAN (other aliases: NATHAN, NATHAN, HANNAH, KATE), was until recently the senior official of Israeli political intelligence, and traveled under cover of Israeli consular inspector. His presence in western European capitals has been reported on several occasions. In an application for a military permit to enter Germany in early 1949, BEN NATAN gave his destination as the Israeli Consulate in Vienna.

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2. For your information only, the latest report indicates that PIER alias BEN NATAN resigned his position in the Israeli Service in April 1951, in sympathy with Berth SHEL (formerly SHERWITZ), who resigned from a top position in the IIS as the result of a serious quarrel with the Director of the IIS Coordinating Board, Reuvon SHILOAH. We should appreciate any further confirmation or details of this IIS shake-up which can be provided, as well as additional information on PIER's current activities in Switzerland.

3. The possibility that Michael SCHEUTZ's statements were provocation should not be overlooked. Please obtain the background of the conversation in which PIER's name first came up. It struck us as odd that original report contained so much identifying data yet failed to give Arthur's last name.

4. We agree that SCHEUTZ may be a potentially valuable source on Israeli activities. We shall be interested in whatever background is developed concerning his activities and how he fits into the IIS picture. If recruited, he might serve as a useful check on our liaison and etc.

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REFERENCE: MAVW-3873
IID: 6-6-1-
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1. On 5 November 1951 I had a few minutes on the subject matter of reference memorandum with [] who is still one of the busiest and most overworked officials in USCOA. We have mentioned before that he has very little time to follow up anything in a systematic manner and has seen Michael SCHMUTZ only briefly since he became aware of our interest.

2. In reference to the background of [] conversation with SCHMUTZ on Arthur PIER, [] pointed out that PIER was mentioned by Michael SCHMUTZ during a casual statement initiated by SCHMUTZ on FRIEDRICH (fnu), Director of El Al in Vienna, who was described by SCHMUTZ as "Arthur's girl friend." SCHMUTZ went on to say that [] of course, knew Arthur. [] did not know to whom SCHMUTZ was referring as "Arthur," and as a matter of fact had not known PIER during the time PIER was in Austria. However, [] did not wish to indicate ignorance of the topic of conversation and consequently did not ask for Arthur's last name, permitting SCHMUTZ to remain under the impression that Arthur was well known to him.

3. We have asked [] to see SCHMUTZ again and attempt to obtain the further information requested in reference dispatch. However, we are of the opinion that if SCHMUTZ is to be properly exploited, we will be unable to meet the requirements of the situation through [] despite the fact that the latter believes he has SCHMUTZ' full confidence. Sooner or later more closely controlled ZACABAL contact with SCHMUTZ will be necessary. [] is quite positive that SCHMUTZ will be more than willing to cooperate with whomever [] introduces to him. From [] we learn that SCHMUTZ applied under the provisions of DP-48 for a visa to the United States, which was refused. We will continue our checks through CIC and G-2 in order to acquire the necessary biographical data and to prepare a project outline. We hope within the next month or two to be in a position to proceed more rapidly with this operational lead on the Israeli Intelligence Service and on Satellite targets.

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8. Arthur BEN NATAN, on bad terms with SHILOAH, now is in Switzerland. He no longer has duties with "I", but he is surrounding himself with former IIS personnel, namely:

- a. SHILEE (his former secretary)
- b. Sam ROSENFELD
- c. Jack PADWA
- d. MANTELLO
- e. AVNI (not same as Dan AVNY)

BEN NATAN evidently plans to return soon to Tel Aviv.

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<p>In regard to the CADO operation, there is general satisfaction with the progress made.</p> <p>Para 4. In connection with the Paewa-Mantello offer we quote from [] 1047 dated 11 Nov 51: "Arthur Ben Nathan now in Switzerland and on bad terms with Shileah, head of the IIS. Ben Nathan no longer has intelligence duties. He has collected following former IIS personnel: SHILEH, Sam ROSENFELD, Jack PADWA, MANTELLO, AVNI." We are unable to evaluate this information. This Swiss group may be a rival faction intriguing against Tel Aviv, a Revisionist intelligence outfit, a deep cover element of the IIS, or have no intelligence connections at all. Whatever they are, they do present a worthwhile target for track us which is under attack by us from other angles. If CADO-1 wants to accept their offer, we have no objection.</p> <p>Para 5. One possible step for arriving at some clarification of this tangle would be for [] to demand a meeting with Gilead, relate what MANTELLO has told him about the IIS and demand the Gilead produce evidence of his stature in the IIS - possibly even demand that Gilead's superior vouch for him. We make this suggestion with full realization of the danger that it might backfire. Your decision on it will have to take into account the nature of [] relations with his IIS officers and his and their psychological make-up. In addition there would be a question of timing - perhaps a couple more meetings with the Swiss group would produce info allowing a more precise approach. In no case should [] be forced to take any step against his better judgment nor to do anything which would raise our commitment to him. Rather than do this, we would prefer to see the whole operation die of inertia. In this connection we may say, fyi only that info from another source indicates that the IIS may be taking action to protect BRAUDE vis-a-vis the U.S. Govt - with the possible implication that the IIS is aware of CADO's double role.</p>						
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14. <p>Israeli IS service going through an evolution as a result of political events within Israel--the Chief of the Israeli IS is Reuven SHILOAH</p> <p>Several months ago CROSS told Source that several important individuals such as Arthur BEN NATAN has been dismissed or resigned from their IIS posts.</p> <p>(Para 26, pg 7): Arthur BEN NATAN, formerly chief of Israeli CE is still in Switzerland. He is on very poor terms with SHILOAH and no longer has an intell function but he is gathering around himself at Geneva the individuals who have been removed from the IIS, among them Sam Rosenfeld, SHIER (secretary to Ben NATHAN), Jack PADWA, MANTELLO, a certain AVNI (not Dan AVNY) all Israeli citizens. BEN NATHAN is staying in Switzerland to study--he has means of his own and it appears that he intends to return ASAP to Tel Aviv to enter the diplomatic corps. Source comments that in any case BEN NATHAN is an individual who will not be lost sight of now or in the future, even if he should return to Italy as a diplomat.</p>							
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REFERENCE: DFB-12171
ID: [] []

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: ADSO

1. Reference is made to previous correspondence on the above subject and specifically to your memorandum of 24 September 1951.

2. This is to advise you that to date extensive investigation by this Agency's representatives in [] has failed to develop any information concerning the present whereabouts of subject or his companion, Carol Dorothy DAYTON. Investigation is [] is continuing in an effort to ascertain, if possible, if and by what means ~~subject~~ subject left that country, and you will of course be advised of any results as received.

3. The connection between the SARANTs and the Murray J. ROSSANTs, as pointed out in your memorandum of 24 September, is of extreme interest. This is the first instance, to our knowledge, of any of the individuals involved in the Soviet atomic espionage activity centering around Dr. Klaus FUCHS being likewise associated with Israeli Intelligence personnel although, as you are aware, the majority of the individuals are of Jewish descent. We are presently reviewing our files on the Israeli Intelligence Service in order to ascertain whether any further data can be developed which would assist in clarifying the relationship between subject, Mrs. Victor K. D. Ross, the Murray J. ROSSANTs, and Ben NATHAN. The latter individual, incidentally, has reportedly resigned from his position as head of the Israeli Intelligence Service in Western Europe.

4. In connection with the above, it would be appreciated if you would furnish us with any additional data available to you concerning subject which would assist us in our efforts to ascertain whether he has had any associations with known Israeli intelligence personnel. It is suggested that the names of references which subject gave in applying for his various positions, his ostensibly social contacts in New York, and particularly those of his wife and mother-in-law, might be profitably studied.

5. In the meantime our appropriate representatives abroad have been briefed on subject's case and have been directed to utilize all available facilities in an effort to determine if subject is presently located in Western Europe or Israel. Should subject's present location be ascertained further investigation of his current activities and contacts will be conducted and you will be so advised.

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1. Paragraphs 2 through 4 below contain information which was reported to the Italian CE service by Edmond CROSS in Rome on 25 October 1951. This information is forwarded for your information only and is not to be passed outside of this Agency.

2. During the summer of 1951 the IIS was in a state of confusion. The only representatives who survived the summer were those under diplomatic cover behind the Iron Curtain. The IIS has been reorganized under the directorship of Reuben SHILOAN and now has three separate branches: political, military, and CE. The political branch is contained in the Foreign Ministry, the military in the War Ministry, and the CE branch is scattered throughout various government offices.

3. The new IIS pattern is based on parallel diplomatic and deep cover operations. Chief agents will usually be under diplomatic cover. If representatives of more than one of the three branches are present in the same location, one representative will be designated the coordinator but will not have the right to pry into the details of the others' operations. The hope is that the people under diplomatic cover will attract all the attention of the opposition while deep cover operations are being set up. CROSS is skeptical regarding the practicability of setting up the latter.

4. The current IIS representatives in Switzerland are (fm) ZAIMORE and (fm) SHILKE. Arthur BEN NATAN, who is now in Switzerland, and SHILOAN are not on friendly terms. BEN NATAN does not have intelligence duties, but he is gathering around himself the following people, all former IIS personnel: (fm) SHILKE (formerly BEN NATAN's secretary), Sami ROSENFIELD, Jack PAJWA, (fm) MARTELLO, and (fm) AVNI, who is not identical with Dan AVNI, the IIS political representative in Rome. There is evidence that BEN NATAN plans to return to Tel Aviv in the near future. (info on 5-14) [] []

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE: MAR 17 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/4-6/52	REPORT MADE BY: DONALD E. SHANNON
TITLE: ASHER BEN NATHAN, was. Ben Nathan Asher. Asher Ben-Natan, A. B. Nathan			CHARACTER OF CASE: ESPIONAGE - IS

SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ASHER BEN NATHAN, an inspector of Israeli Consulates, reported in 1950 in control of Israeli Intelligence Service, in the United Kingdom. He visited the U.S. in November, 1950, ostensibly on an inspection trip. While in U.S. he was observed in company of HEBREW SHILOAH and TED KOLLEK, Israeli officials in the U.S. and alleged Israeli Intelligence officers. Also observed in company of MEIR SHALIT, Colonel VIVIAN HERZOG, YOSEF NEVO and JOAB NEVATT, Israeli officials in U.S. BEN NATHAN and SHALIT visited U.S. State Department and Pentagon Building in Washington, D.C. and were observed in company of individuals believed to be identical with STUART W. ROCKWELL and NORMAN BURNS, employees of Economic Division, Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs, Department of State. BEN NATHAN also contacted his uncle, LEON WIZNITZER of 1803 Riverside Drive, NYC.

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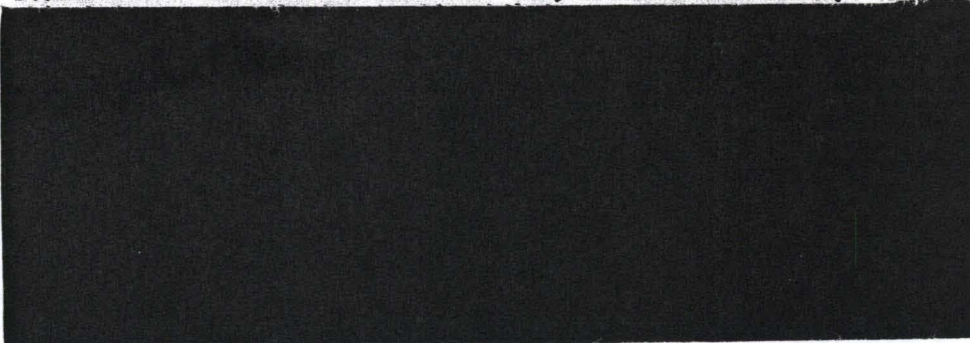
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DETAILS: At New York, New York

This investigation is predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability.



On November 8, 1950, ASHER BEN NATHAN arrived at Idlewild Airport, New York, New York, aboard Pan American World Airways Flight Number 101, at 7:15 p.m. This flight had come in from London, England. At the time of his arrival his name was listed on the flight list as BENATHAN ASHER.



At the time BEN NATHAN arrived in the United States he advised the United States Customs officials that he planned to remain in New York City for approximately one or two weeks and that his purpose for coming to the United States was to make an inspection trip of Israeli Consulates in New York City. He indicated that he planned to travel to Washington, D.C., and possibly to San Francisco during his stay in this country. He had in his possession a full diplomatic passport number 5183, issued in Israel on July 15, 1950, valid until July, 1951. He used the name of ASHER BEN-NATAN at the time he submitted his customs declaration form at Idlewild Airport.

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During his visit to the United States he made two trips to Washington, D.C., namely on November 15, 1950, and again on November 22, 1950.

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Confidential Informant R-2, of known reliability,

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During REUBEN SHILOAH'S stay in the United States he too resided at the Hotel Mayflower, in New York City.

On November 15, 1950, ASHER BEN NATHAN was observed to proceed to LaGuardia Airport in the company of an individual identified as JOAB NEVATT, a clerk in the Israeli Consulate in New York City. They proceeded together via plane to Washington, D.C. On the arrival of ASHER BEN NATHAN and JOAB NEVATT, in Washington, D.C., they were met by MEIR SHALIT, Assistant Press Attache, Israeli Embassy. It was ascertained that ASHER BEN NATHAN remained overnight in the apartment of MEIR SHALIT, at 2301 41st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

On November 16, 1950, SHALIT and BEN NATHAN were observed having lunch at the Watergate Inn, in Washington, D.C., with two unidentified men. Subsequently, the four individuals drove to the United States State Department at 21st Street and Virginia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. It was ascertained that they proceeded to room 3215. The sign on the door of this office reflected it is the office of STUART W. ROCKWELL, and the State

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Department Directory lists him as Chief, Economic Division, Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs. ~~NORMAN BURNS~~ is also listed as an employee of that section, according to the State Department Directory.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that on November 15, 1950, MEIR SHALIT had invited one BURNS of the State Department to lunch with him and a guest at the Watergate Inn on the following day.

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Confidential Informant T-3, previously mentioned, advised that the apparent purpose of BEN NATHAN'S visit to Washington, D.C., on November 22, 1950, was to confer with the Ambassador AUBREY ZEAN and Colonel VIVIAN HERZOG, Military Attache.

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Confidential Informant T-5 advised [REDACTED]

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Confidential Informant T-2, previously mentioned, has advised that ASHER BEN NATHAN'S mother's maiden name was BERTHA WIZNITZER.

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that LEON WIZNITZER advised on March 7, 1952, that he was the uncle of ASHER BEN NATHAN and that his sister was BERTHA, mother of ASHER BEN NATHAN.

The following information pertaining to LEON WIZNITZER was obtained from the Immigration and Naturalization Service records, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York, New York:

Petition for Naturalization was filed by him under the name of LEISER WIZNITZER in April, 1946. He listed his address at that time as 1803 Riverside Drive and his occupation as clerk. He was born January 17, 1884 at Karapoziu, Romania. He listed his nationality as stateless, last a citizen of Austria. His wife is MINA, whom he married on November 19, 1912 at Lwow, Poland. His wife was born October 23, 1883, at Lwow, Poland. She entered the United States at New York on December 29, 1939, and was naturalized as a citizen of the United States on August 30, 1945, at New York City.

LEISER WIZNITZER stated that he wanted to be admitted to citizenship under the name LEON WIZNITZER. He was so admitted on April 1, 1946. According to his Petition for Naturalization he immigrated to the United States from Casa Blanca, Morocco, on January 14, 1942, under the name of LEISER WIZNITZER. His last foreign residence was listed as Marseille, France. He stated he is the father of three children, namely, DAVID, born September 20, 1913, who resides in New York City; MAX, born April 29, 1915, who in 1946 was in the United States Army; and ARTHUR, born June 28, 1919, who in 1946 resided at Palestine.

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The following is a description of ASHER BEN NATHAN obtained from observation and available background information:

Born	February 15, 1918, Israel
Height	6'1"
Weight	200 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown, curly
Appearance	Neat
Peculiarities	Wears moustache; no hat

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SUBJECT: ITZHAK YARSH
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Enclosed herewith for your information is a copy of the report of Special Agent James P. Martin, dated April 22, 1952, at New York City, in the above-captioned matter.

Investigation is continuing by this Bureau and it is requested that you advise this Bureau in advance in the event any action is contemplated by the Department of State.

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Central Intelligence Agency
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Assistant Director for Special Operations

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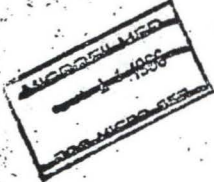
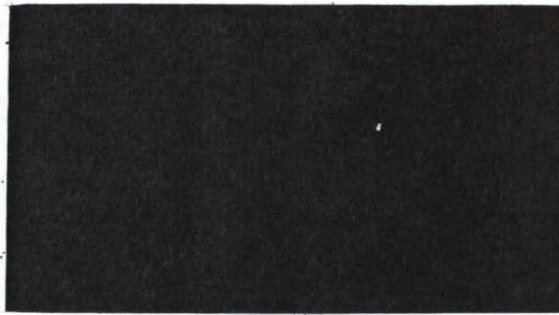
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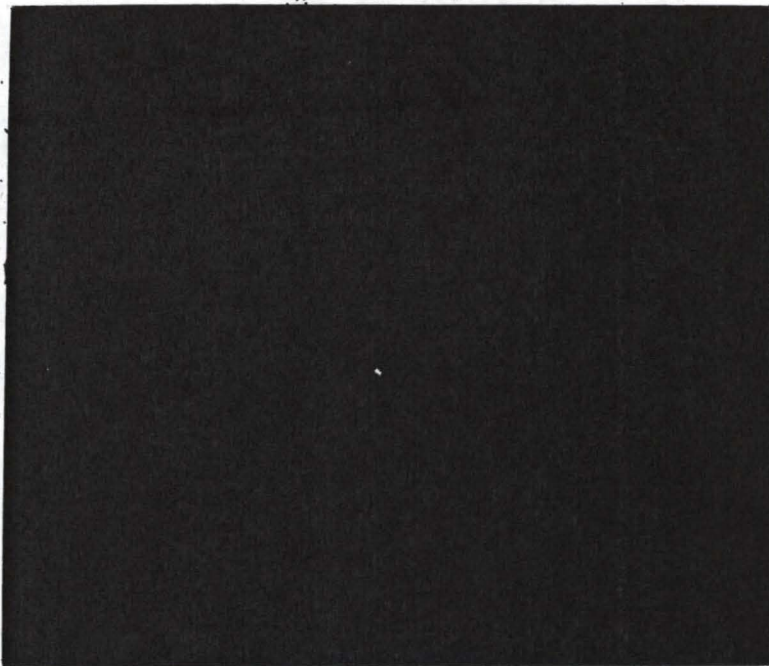
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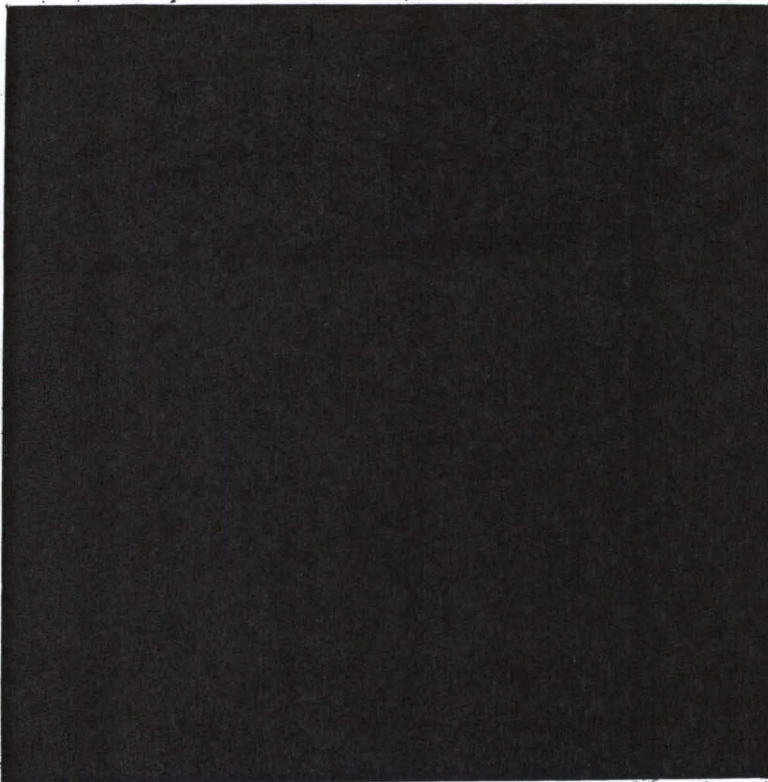
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Information Concerning Subject's Activities
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Information which may be Identical
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Activities at New York City Since Arrival
in the United States


Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, on January 23, 1952 furnished information that JOSEPH RARELLI had registered at the Hotel Park Plaza, 50 West 77th Street, New York City, New York on January 23, 1952. At the time

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RAFELLI registered he stated he was connected with the Palestine Economic Corporation, 400 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York.

This same informant further advised that RAFELLI had previously made reservations at the Park Plaza Hotel, New York City, for one ITZHAK VARDI and wife, who registered at the Park Plaza Hotel on January 19, 1952. Informant T-4 advised that ITZHAK VARDI had furnished information that he was employed at the Palestine Economic Corporation at New York City, New York.

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Immigration and Naturalization Service at New York furnished information that ITZHAK VARDI had arrived in the United States at the Port of New York on January 19, 1952. According to the records of INS, New York, VARDI on his arrival in the United States had furnished his age as 31 and had indicated that he was accompanied by his wife, ZIPPORAH VARDI. Further, VARDI had indicated that on his arrival in the United States he was destined to the Palestine Economic Corporation, 400 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York.

Information Concerning Palestine Economic Corporation

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, as of September, 1951 furnished the following information concerning the Palestine Economic Corporation:

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This corporation was chartered under the laws of Maine on January 18, 1926 as a merger of the Reconstruction Committee of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. and Palestine Co-operative Company, Inc.

The informant advised that the following are the officers and directors of Palestine Economic Corporation:

Officers

HERBERT R. LEHMAN, Honorary Chairman
JULIUS SIMON, President
AARON BARONAY, Vice-President
PAUL SINGER, Vice-President
EDWARD M. B. MARBURG, Vice-President
SIDNEY MUSHER, Treasurer
A. M. SILVAN, Assistant Secretary
ROBERT SZOLD, Chairman of Board of Directors
ISRAEL B. BRODIE, Vice-Chairman of Board of Directors
HEINZ BRODNITZ, Assistant Vice-President
ALBERT ZEIFFER, Secretary
JULIUS WEISS, Counsel

of Palestine Economic Corporation

Directors

JACOB M. ALKOW
AARON BARONAY
OSCAR BERMAN
MAURICE H. BINKEN
ISRAEL B. BRODIE
BENJAMIN BROVDY
JOSEPH CHERNER
SAMUEL R. DAROFF
MOSES P. EPSTEIN
LEON FALK, JR.
F. JULIUS FOHS
ABRAHAM FEINBERG
MARVIN B. GELBER

of Palestine Economic Corporation

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BENJAMIN GALZER
SIR HENRY J. d'AVIGDOR GOLDSMID
SAMUEL GREENBLATT
IRA GUILDEN
RAPHAEL A. HARATI
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MORRIS WEINBERG
JULIUS WEISS
SAMUEL ZEMURRAY
RICHARD ZEISLER

Confidential Informant T-5 advised as follows concerning the officers of the Palestine Economic Corporation:

HERBERT H. LEHMAN is currently United States Senator from New York and has been prominent in banking and government service.

ROBERT SZOLD is an attorney with the firm of Szold and Brandwon.

JULIUS SIMON is employed full time by Palestine Economic Corporation.

ISRAEL BRODIE is associated with Reliable Sales, Inc. as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

EDWARD M. WARBURG is termed by Confidential Informant T-5 as a prominent financier, and this informant advised that SIDNEY MUSER is President of Muser Foundation, Inc. The informant further advised that AARON BAROWAY, PAUL SINGER and ALBERT SEIFFER are full time employees of Palestine Economic Corporation, and informant indicated that ABEL M. SILVAN is an attorney and accountant by profession.

Confidential Informant T-5 advised that the directors of Palestine Economic Corporation are all men prominent and active in business and philanthropic organizations, principally in the United States.

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This informant said that Palestine Economic Corporation has interests in various enterprises of diversified nature in Israel. Informant advised that the Palestine Economic Corporation wholly owns the following subsidiaries:

✓ Bayside Land Corporation, Ltd., which develops land and builds homes and factories.

✓ Mortgage and Savings Bank, Ltd., savings bank accepting mortgages for investment.

✓ Palestine Water Company, Ltd., a loan corporation, Ltd.

✓ Palestine Economic Corporation of New York, which sells securities of Palestine Economic Corporation.

✓ Israel Commercial Corporation, New York purchasing representative for Israel customers and affiliates.

Confidential Informant T-5 further indicated that Palestine Economic Corporation has interests in the following:

✓ Union Bank of Israel, Ltd., a corporation recently formed.

✓ Palestine Potash, Ltd., an Israel chemical concern producing potash from the Dead Sea.

✓ Palestine Housing Corporation, Ltd., a corporation constructing houses and factories in Palestine.

The same informant furnished information that Palestine Economic Corporation has investments in other corporations including:

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~~Palostine Hotels, Ltd.~~ *from*
~~Fertilizers and Chemicals, Ltd.~~ *from*
~~Enterprises of Assis and Bejarano Brothers, Ltd.~~ *from*
~~General Tire and Rubber Company (Israel), Ltd.~~ *from*
~~Palostine Electric Corporation, Ltd.~~ *from*
~~Scafron Resinous Chemicals Corporation, Ltd.~~ *from*
~~Goldberg Instruments, Ltd.~~ *from*

Confidential Informant T-5 also advised that Palestine Economic Corporation owns 50% of the stock of American-Israeli Shipping Company, Inc., which is part owner of Israeli-American Line, Ltd., a ship operating company. Further, T-5 advised that Palestine Economic Corporation, through its subsidiaries, operates in Israel enterprises of a banking, credit, industrial, land, agriculture and utility nature and extends loans or purchases securities in various companies. Further, said corporation holds securities for safe keeping and temporary investment and carries cash balances in banks in the State of New York, and carries from time to time cash balances in London and Israel.

This informant related that Palestine Economic Corporation maintains its offices at 400 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York.

The "New York Times" in its issue of April 4, 1952, page 39, contained an article regarding the Palestine Economic Corporation, which article is set out as follows:

"The Palestine Economic Corporation, organized to channel American equity capital and 'know-how' into Israel, has raised more than \$7,000,000 through the sale of its common shares in the last four years, officials of the corporation said yesterday. The corporation, which was organized under the laws of Maine, and has approximately 8,000 shareholders, has an earned surplus of \$1,750,000. Last year its net earnings were \$263,000, compared with \$151,000 in 1950.

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"An American desiring to establish an industrial plant in Israel would encounter many difficulties, it is asserted.

"The land is 6,000 miles away, and a maze of government regulations would bewilder even the most experienced in such matters. The Palestine Economic Corporation, with leading American industrialists as directors, offers financial partnership to the businessman who has a special 'know-how' and a desire to take a personal part in a deserving enterprise. Robert Szold, chairman of the corporation, said yesterday. Mr. Szold, a partner in the New York law firm of Szold & Brandwan, is one of the founders of the corporation.

"The Palestine Economic Corporation is integrated in the life of Israel," Mr. Szold said. "Its officers and staff, from president-down, are interwoven in the fabric of loyalties and obstacles and aspirations of the thriving community. Our determined continuity springs from our abiding faith in the credit worthiness of the people who constitute Israel. The aim has been to make individual Jews self-reliant and self-supporting, welded into homogeneity, with the high Jewish ideals."

"It is not enough to be successful, Mr. Szold said, adding:

"Palestine Economic Corporation has a social-economic purpose, with constant regard for the public welfare. It is not less a business enterprise, because it also has such purpose. It has borne aloft the flag of American private initiative, of American progressive methods, of American standards of administration."

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Palestine Economic Corporation of
New York

The records of the County Clerk, Supreme Court, New York County, reflect a Certificate of Incorporation file among these records showing the incorporation of the Palestine Economic Corporation of New York under article 2 of the Stock Corporation Laws of the State of New York. This Certificate reflects that the Palestine Economic Corporation of New York filed a petition for incorporation with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on May 7, 1940, furnishing an address for service of process as 570 Lexington Avenue, New York City, New York. Said petition indicated that the directors, until the first meeting of Palestine Economic Corporation of New York, would be the following:

BERNHARD FLEXNER, 1000 Park Avenue, New York City
JULIUS SIMON, Jerusalem, Palestine
ROBERT SZOLD, Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, New York

Further, that the subscribers to the Certificate of Incorporation were the following:

JULIUS WEISS, 122 East 42nd Street, New York City
SEIG J. SILVERMAN, 1620 Washington Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York
JEANETTE ZENLER, 333 East 47th Street, New York City

Information Concerning Subject's Contacts
While in New York City

It is noted that information is set out above reflecting that subject and subject's wife registered at the Park Plaza Hotel in New York City on January 19, 1952.

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Through the assistance of Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, it was ascertained that on January 30, 1952 the subject, together with subject's wife and JOSEPH RAFELLI, who has been mentioned above, were at the Hotel Hamilton, Utica, New York.

Physical surveillance, conducted by SAS DONALD E. SHANNON, JAMES D. HAYES, HENRY A. MCGILL and the writer, reflected that the subject, subject's wife and JOSEPH RAFELLI, with aliases, mentioned previously in this report, arrived in New York City at Grand Central Station, New York, aboard the New York Central Railroad, at 12:54 p.m., on February 24, 1952, and thereafter registered at the Park Plaza Hotel, 50 West 77th Street, New York City, where subject and his wife took a room and JOSEPH RAFELLI, with aliases, took another room.

From February 26, 1952, through March 2, 1952, subject was physically surveilled by agents of the New York Office. On all week days during this period he was observed to proceed to the Palestine Economic Corporation Offices at 400 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York, where he remained throughout the day. During the period in which subject was physically surveilled, he was not observed to make any significant contacts. During this period subject continued to reside at the Park Plaza Hotel, 50 West 77th Street, New York City, New York.

Through the cooperation of Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, it was ascertained that the subject called the following telephone numbers during the time that he resided at the Hotel Park Plaza on February 24, 1952 to March 2, 1952.

Further, Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, made available the names and addresses of the individuals and companies to whom these telephone numbers were listed, as follows:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>
2/25/52 2/26/52	Monument 6-1320	Active Monument Corporation, 210 West 94th Street, New York, New York
2/27/52 (2 calls)	CYprus 9-4336	RALPH SCHWARTZ, M.D. Office at 2017 Grand Concourse Bronx, New York
2/27/52	Monument 3-0230	DAVE B. PACKIN 210 West 94th Street, New York, New York
2/27/52	TRcmont 2-0928	BEN KRYGIER 1777 Grand Concourse Bronx, New York
3/1/52	TRafalger 6-3989	PAUL F. CHIAPETTI 207 East 105th Street New York City, New York

In regard to the above names, there is no identifiable pertinent information in the New York files pertaining to any of the above individuals or companies.

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However, in regard to the name BEN KRYGIER, 1777 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, mentioned above, it is noted that on January 21, 1945, in connection with interviews of persons coming into the United States during World War II, one BINEN KRYGIER was interviewed by SA JOHN H. BROUGHTON, upon the arrival of BINEN KRYGIER in the United States at New York City on January 21, 1945, aboard the United States Navy transport GENERAL J. R. BROOKE.

Said interview of BINEN KRYGIER reflected that this person was traveling on a British Palestinian passport number 131637, issued by the British Consulate at Jerusalem *Poland*

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on June 28, 1940, which passport indicated that KRYGIER was born in Warsaw, Poland on November 13, 1923. KRYGIER stated that he is a seaman holding a rating of Chief Engineer, and had entered the United States first on July 10, 1942 aboard the M.S. TIPICA (Norway), at New Orleans, Louisiana, and has been shipping on American vessels from that time to the time of interview.

KRYGIER further advised during that interview that he had left Warsaw, Poland in 1935 and had resided in Palestine from 1935 to 1942. KRYGIER said that he was employed by the Army Transport Service Water Division at Brooklyn, New York in 1943, and had been working on trips between Great Britain and France. KRYGIER further advised that he was still under contract at that time with the Army Transport Service.

KRYGIER furnished his mailing address as room 806, 1340 Broadway, New York City, New York, which he said was the address of the Office of Palestine Pioneer Organization. KRYGIER had in his possession Selective Service Registration cards issued by Local Board 24, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-7 on March 3, 1952 advised that the subject left the Park Plaza Hotel in the company of JOSEPH RAFELLI, with aliases, in the early morning of March 3, 1952 for a trip outside New York City. This informant advised that Mrs. ITZHAK VARDI still remained at the Park Plaza Hotel.

In this regard, Confidential Informant T-7 said that the subject had advised this informant that Mrs. ITZHAK VARDI was expecting a baby, and accordingly would remain at the Park Plaza Hotel for an indefinite period of time, even though it was necessary for the subject to make numerous business trips outside of New York City.

Confidential Informant T-7 furnished information that JOSEPH RAFELLI, with aliases, had made a reservation at

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the Hotel Henry Hudson, 200 Broadway, Troy, New York, for March 3, 1952, and this informant advised that it was his impression that the subject and JOSEPH RAFELLI would be traveling together to Troy, New York.

In this regard Informant T-7 said that subject and JOSEPH RAFELLI usually left the Park Plaza Hotel, while both were residing there; at the same time each morning to proceed together to their business office in New York City, which the informant said he believed to be the Palestine Economic Corporation. The informant advised further that the informant believed that the subject and JOSEPH RAFELLI intended to make business trips together outside of New York City, apparently in connection with their employment with the Palestine Economic Corporation.

Physical surveillance, conducted by the writer and SA RAYMOND F. BALL, reflected that the subject, on March 14, 1952, returned to the Park Plaza Hotel at 50 West 77th Street, New York City, New York, at 3:40 p.m. on that date. At that time subject was observed to emerge from a light green Chevrolet automobile, which automobile had a black convertible top and which bore 1952 New York License Plate 1F4456. This automobile was driven by another individual. When subject emerged from said automobile at the corner of West 77th Street and Columbus Avenue, New York City, the automobile drove away and the subject entered the Park Plaza Hotel, 50 West 77th Street, New York City.

Physical surveillance conducted by agents of the New York Office for the remainder of March 14, 1952 and throughout March 15, 1952 and March 16, 1952 reflected no pertinent contacts made by the subject.

On March 16, 1952, at 6:30 p.m., the subject emerged from the Park Plaza Hotel, New York City, and entered the same Chevrolet automobile bearing 1952 New York License Plate number 1F4456, described above. This automobile again

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was driven by the same individual who had been driving said automobile on March 14, 1952.

Physical surveillance conducted by SA JAMES J. KEARNEY and the writer reflected that the subject rode in said automobile to the upper part of Westchester County on the road leading to Albany, New York on March 16, 1952.

It is noted that investigation conducted by the Albany Office has reflected that License Plate No. 1P4456 is registered to MAURICE J. DISKIN, 8735 Bay Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. Further investigation by the Albany Office has reflected that the subject and JOSEPH RAFELLI were contacted at Albany, New York by one DISKIN, who possessed as identification a New York Telephone Company Credit Card No. 2 CA 122178, issued in Manhattan, New York.

Confidential Informant T-8 furnished information that the New York Telephone Company had issued no credit card with that number, but did furnish information that Credit Card No. 2 CA 12278 was issued by the Telephone Company in 1952 to United Jewish Appeal, 165 West 46th Street, New York City, New York; telephone number PLaza 7-1500, for the use of MAURICE J. DISKIN, an employee of United Jewish Appeal.

Confidential Informant T-8 had no further information concerning MAURICE J. DISKIN, except that this informant advised that the New York Telephone Company in 1951 also had issued a Telephone Credit Card to the U.J.A. for the use of MAURICE J. DISKIN, who was listed as an employee of U.J.A. for the year 1951.

It is noted that the United Jewish Appeal has inserted many advertisements in New York newspapers within the last few years indicating that they are a Jewish fund raising organization, raising funds mainly for the assistance of Jewish refugee immigrants who are seeking sanctuary in Israel.

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The files of this office contain no pertinent information that could be identified with the name MAURICE J. DISKIN.

Further, it is noted that the New York City Telephone Directory for Brooklyn, New York, fails to reflect any subscriber listed therein as MAURICE J. DISKIN, residing at 8735 Bay Parkway, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-7 furnished information that subject returned to the Park Plaza Hotel on March 25, 1952 and remained there with subject's wife until March 30, 1952. Informant T-7 said that the subject then left the Park Plaza Hotel, advising this informant that he was going to Syracuse, New York, on a business trip. Informant further advised that the subject's wife continued to reside at the Park Plaza Hotel in Room 1218.

This same informant advised that, to the informant's knowledge, no mail had been received at the Park Plaza Hotel addressed to the subject or subject's wife, except a few letters which bore the return name of the subject and which were addressed to subject's wife. The informant said that these letters appeared to be letters mailed to the subject's wife by the subject while he was on business trips outside New York City. The informant has observed no other mail addressed to the subject or subject's wife at the Park Plaza Hotel, New York City.

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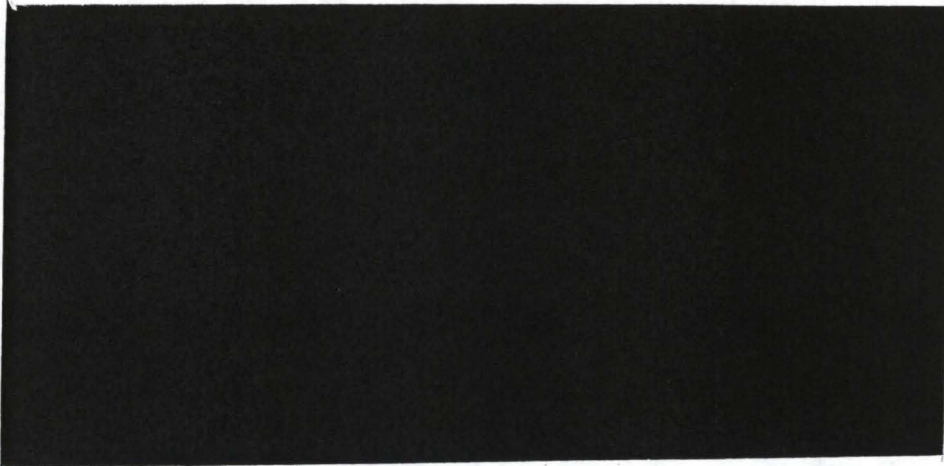
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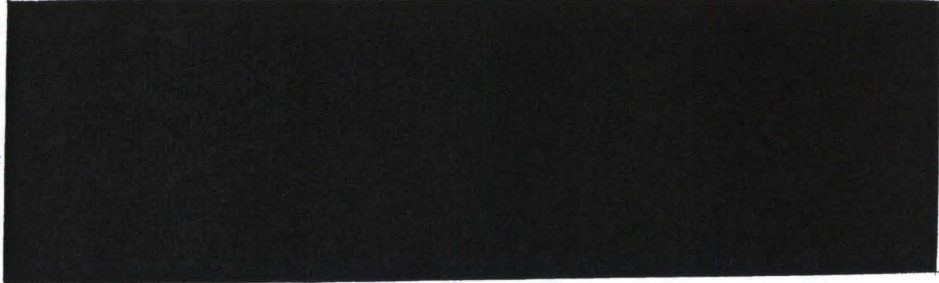
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TO: DIRECTOR CIA
SR REP VIENNA

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ACTION: EE 6
INFORMATION:

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VIEN 5526

Sgt. Schuber - Austria

TO: DIR CITE: SVIEN
INTEL

1. MEETING 24 FEB ADMITTED STALLING ON KEY URI APT BECAUSE DOUBTFUL RESULTS AND BETRAYAL FRIEND. IN VIEW OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, VIEN WILL ACCEPT KEY ONLY IF VOLUNTEERED.
2. REPORTED HIRED FOR IIS BY ROSEN 19 FEB RETROACTIVE TO 16 FEB. MONTHLY SALARY CIRCA 5,000 AS. GIVEN INTENSIVE SECURITY BRIEFINGS BY ROSEN, STILL TO GET SECURITY LECTURE AND SECRECY OATH FROM SHAIKE DAN ISRAELI (GRASPER CHECK INDICATES YHAYAHU SPELLING). WHO WENT ZURICH CIRCA 18 FEB RETURNING VIEN CIRCA 27 FEB. ALREADY SERVING AS DRIVER, COURIER, JEWISH AGENCY TO ISRAELI CONSULATE.
3. APPEARED HONESTLY WORRIED DOUBLE AGENT ROLE, SUBSEQUENT SECURITY OATH. DISCUSSED MORAL IMPLICATIONS, POSSIBILITY BEING BLOWN, ETC. WHEN ASKED ADVISE MAN TO MAN, TOLD POSITION DIFFICULT, BUT DOUBLE ROLE EXTREMELY VALUABLE AIS. DECISION UP TO GRASPER. PROMISED WOULD NOT BE PRESSURED FOR INT.

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AND COULD DECIDE PASS ONLY THAT NOT DETRIMENTAL ISRAELI INTERESTS.
WITHOUT MAKING COMMITMENT, [] GAVE POSITIVE INDICATION WILLING
WORK AS HIS DOUBLE. [] STATED KNOWS HOLDERNESS WORKING KUBARK.

4. [] ALSO REPORTED:

A. ARIEL HELLER IN KOELN EN ROUTE BERLIN USING NEW NAME
HAREL. DEFINITELY IIS. WILL USE JEWISH AGENCY COVER. (NOTE VIEN
9494) (IN 39457)

B. JSZUA, LNU (VIEN 9335 (IN 32411) PARA 20) IS JSZUA
BEGUN, IIS INTERNAL SECURITY. (GRASPER TRACE INDICATES FIRST
NAME JEKOSUP).

C. MOSHE ALON SERVING WASHINGTON DC AS SECOND SECRETARY
SINCE CIRCA DECEMBER 52. PROBABLY UNDER REAL NAME.

D. NEW IIS REP GERMANY ONE (MAJ KARWON ELESAR AKA REPESCH
(ALSO RCVD KEPSCH). FORMERLY WORKED WITH GRAPSI. WILL WORK WITH
CHANAN BAREL IN MUNICH UNDER JEWISH AGENCY COVER. IS ON PAR WITH
BAREL OR HIGHER. IN VIEN 20 THROUGH 23 FEB FOR CONFERENCES WITH
JONAS ROSEN.

E. NEW IIS CHIEF BELGRADE ONE JANEK BEN JEHUDA, FORMERLY
COLLEAGUE GRAPSI. IN VIEN 23 AND 24 FEB. CONFERENCES ROSEN AND BAREL.

F. ARTHUR PIER (CURRENT NAME UNKNOWN) RUMORED IIS CIRCLES

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VIEN BE WORKING FOR AIS IN SWITZ.

G. TWO IIS AGENTS ARRESTED LAST WEEK SWITZ UNKNOWN REASONS. PROBABLY REASON ISRAJJI TRIP ZURICH.

H. PROPER SPELLING JAKOB TSCHERNIAWSKY IS ~~TSCHERNIAWSKY~~ ^{aka}

5. PROBABLY WILL NOT OBTAIN AUSTRIAN CITIZENSHIP AND TRIP U.S. MAY BE OFF.

6. REQUEST TRACES YNAYAHU, SUBJECTS PARAS 4B, D, E, F, H. POUCH FOLLOWS.

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TO: Director, CIA
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Mrs. ROSSANT stated that she did not know or have any
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26 July 1954

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1. Reference is made to your file, captioned as above, prepared 12 April 1954, and to our letter concerning the captioned matter, dated 10 May 1954, our indicator SP-1067.

2. In connection with Ignatz AUSSPITZ a re-check of our files has reflected that a person of that name was associated with George and Peter BRACHFELDT and George KRAMER acting as an intelligence team in Austria for Asher BEN-NATAN, known to your Bureau. This matter is being looked into and any results will be made available to your Bureau.

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1. The information given below was furnished exclusively by sources inside Austria whose knowledge of Israeli intelligence in other countries is severely limited. Although we have pieced together bits of information on IIS stations throughout Europe, and on certain IIS personnel stationed in Tel-Aviv, the main emphasis has necessarily been on persons and methods involved in Israeli operations against the Satellites, for which Vienna is the main base. There is very little information available locally concerning the overall structure or intelligence requirements of the IIS, and literally nothing is known about IIS operations against the Arab States, or about Israeli military intelligence.

2. It is difficult to assign an overall evaluation to the material, since it was derived from a variety of sources. The most productive of these are described below:

a) Information dated 1945-47:

Source was a Hungarian Jewish refugee brought out of Hungary by the combined efforts of various Jewish escape organizations, and later recruited to act as a courier between Bricha and other Jewish ex-filtration offices in Austria, Germany and Hungary. In this capacity he acquired only low-level information about his employers, becoming familiar with some of the Jewish escape routes but learning very little about the relative roles of the workers organizing those routes. He was able to identify some of his acquaintances by nickname only. In most cases the very meager personality data has made it impossible to estimate which of the numerous "Bricha leaders" named by this source are now engaged in IIS work.

b) Information dated 1949-1951:

Material covering this period was obtained successively from three Israeli Consular officials in Vienna, believed at the time and subsequently determined to have been IIS officers. However, their contact with ODYOKE representatives was essentially one of a liaison nature, and each of these sources tried to play down or to deny altogether his intelligence affiliation. Information derived from these contacts does not represent a debriefing of the sources, but rather a series of conclusions based on what they volunteered, what they failed to report, and what they appeared to want from the liaison arrangement.

c) Information dated 1952-54:

Most of the recent information has been obtained from a poorly educated but worldly-wise source who has been run as a rather questionable

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double agent for approximately the past year. It is certain that he knows a great deal about the IIS, not all of which has been reported. His information on the history and operational structure of the intelligence service has been vague and contradictory, but his reports on IIS personalities appear to be quite accurate. It has been possible to check out a considerable portion of this source's personality information against such material as travel records and hotel registrations.

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II. IIS Stations in Europe

General

1. The Israeli Intelligence Service, as organized in Europe during 1945-6, was closely tied to the Jewish Agency for Palestine (JAFP), partly through the similarity in the aims of the two organizations, and partly through the use of JAFP for IIS cover. A major job of the JAFP, to organize and facilitate Jewish emigration to Palestine, was done in part by members of the Bricha, an unofficial Jewish organization active during the post-war period, responsible mainly for establishing illegal routes and guiding illegal transports through Europe. In its illegal and clandestine aspects, this work became one of the operational objectives of the IIS. Paris, which was the European headquarters of the JAFP in 1945-6, became also the European headquarters for the IIS, and probably remains the main base in Europe for Israeli operations outside the Satellite area. In Austria the chief of the JAFP in 1946-1948 was also the chief IIS representative. With the founding of the State of Israel in May 1948, Consulates and Legations were opened which provided additional cover and facilities for the IIS. There are now at least two groups of IIS personnel working under JAFP or diplomatic cover, reportedly divided into the "Cheruth" group, responsible for security, liaison and the collection of political and counter-intelligence, and the "non-Cheruth" group, responsible for clandestine operations which include supporting or exfiltrating Jewish refugees.

Austria

2. Because of its strategic location with regard to the exfiltration of Jewish refugees from the Satellites, Vienna replaced Paris in January 1953 as the chief base for IIS Satellite operations. During 1953 and early 1954 the Vienna mission was expanded to a staff of at least 11 alleged IIS members, all under official cover with the JAFP or the Consulate. The staff includes a "Cheruth" security officer and a "Cheruth" intelligence officer. Vienna is used as a base for IIS couriers into the Satellites, and has its own W/T station, reportedly equipped to communicate directly with Tel-Aviv. In addition to serving as the base for exfiltration operations involving the CSR, Hungary, Rumania and Poland, the Vienna IIS mission is partly responsible for IIS liaison with Yugoslav officials in Belgrade.
3. In their local liaison activities from 1949 to 1954, IIS officials in Vienna have shown a gradual shift of interest from positive information on the Arab States to name-check type reports on Israeli nationals and clandestine operators such as border-crossers, smugglers and black-marketeters. Although this trend possibly indicates that the Israelis have acquired a number of information sources to cover their positive

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intelligence target, only one agent in Austria has been identified as working on the collection of positive information, and nothing specific is known about any current IIS operations designed to produce positive intelligence. (See paragraph 206.)

4. One IIS representative has been identified in Linz, but there is no indication of any extensive activity in Austria outside Vienna; a negative indication is the fact that the JAFP offices in Salzburg closed after 1951.

Germany

5. The IIS mission in Germany is smaller and less centralized than that in Austria, having offices in Berlin, Munich and Cologne. The Berlin installation was opened as a one-man station in February 1953 for the purpose of helping East German Jewish refugees to reach West Germany, one aspect of IIS exfiltration operations which reportedly has not been too successful. A second mission of the Berlin office is probably to assist in Polish operations. Cover for this activity is the JAFP. Berlin has no direct communications link to IIS stations outside of Germany and, until the Cologne office opened in April 1953, apparently had no communication channels to any point, except by courier. Berlin will apparently remain a small post; although a second officer arrived in the summer of 1954, he reportedly will serve eventually as a replacement rather than an assistant to the original IIS representative.
6. The responsibilities of the Munich station are not known but here, too, the operational target may well be Jewish exfiltrations, since Munich is geographically a logical location for the reception of refugees and since, in Munich as in Berlin, the official cover organization is the JAFP. It is possible that Munich is used also for some documents work (see paragraph 221). Only one official in Munich, the chief of the JAFP office, has been tentatively identified as IIS.
7. The Israeli Consulate in Munich was moved to Cologne in April 1953, the two reported IIS representatives under Consulate cover being transferred in the same move. The purpose of the move and the functions of the Cologne station are unknown.

Switzerland

8. With the alleged chief of the IIS for Europe, two other "very high-ranking" officials and, until January 1954, a high-level finance officer stationed in Switzerland, the Swiss mission appears to be a center of authority functioning as a sort of supervisory headquarters for other stations in Eastern Europe. The visit of a Zurich representative to Vienna in March 1954 was regarded in Vienna as something in the nature of an inspection trip.

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Reports since February 1953 show that IIS officers in Vienna travel very frequently to Switzerland, which is the location for many of the conferences involving more than one IIS station. Although it is possible that Switzerland was equally active before 1953, the timing of the evidence makes it appear likely that Zurich has taken over some of the functions for Eastern Europe formerly carried out by Paris as the European IIS headquarters.

9. The Swiss mission has its own W/T station. With the exception of the W/T operator in Bern, almost all of the reported IIS officials in Switzerland, totalling about five, are located in the Consulate in Zurich. It seems likely that the W/T operator's location has been reported incorrectly, or that there is a sizeable IIS office, unknown to us, in Bern.

France

10. The IIS maintains a station in Paris, believed to be the main base for operations against the Arab States, and believed also to be the "Cheruth" headquarters for positive and counter-intelligence operations in Europe. The staff includes a W/T operator.

Italy

11. The only available information on the IIS in Italy indicates that Rome is a fairly important communications center. The radio engineer who services the Vienna W/T station is reportedly based part-time in Tel-Aviv and part-time in Rome. The Rome W/T station is allegedly assigned two operators, indicating a work load as large as that of Vienna and larger than that of Paris or Bern.

Sweden

12. In early 1954 the Stockholm station was being enlarged to take care of increasing exfiltrations from Poland to Scandinavia. The first "non-Cheruth" IIS official was reported in Stockholm in March 1954. This is believed to mean that the station was previously staffed to handle liaison and the collection of intelligence or security information, but not to engage in exfiltration operations. A W/T operator was assigned to Stockholm in the spring of 1954.

Yugoslavia

13. Although the IIS has recently done considerable operational work to begin the exfiltration of Hungarian and Rumanian refugees via the Danube to Yugoslavia, most of the work on the Belgrade end has apparently taken the form of liaison. This is handled by a single IIS representative

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stationed in Belgrade, and by the chief of the Vienna mission, whose background includes past work with Yugoslav officials. (See paragraphs 170 and 211 e.)

CSR, Hungary, Rumania, Poland

14. The IIS installation in each of these countries is located in the Israeli Legation. All of the missions are small, believed to number four men each. Until August 1954 the Prague office was believed the only one equipped with a W/T station, but a W/T set was reportedly to be installed in Warsaw shortly. These missions coordinate with Vienna on the exfiltration of refugees, and afford aid for Jews who cannot be exfiltrated. They are reportedly also engaged in gathering intelligence, presumably as exchange material for information concerning the Arab States. The IIS allegedly has a number of high-level contacts with Jewish officials in Hungary and Poland.

Bulgaria and the USSR

15. The IIS reportedly has only two representatives each in Sofia and Moscow; one of the staff in Moscow is said to be a W/T operator.

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III. IIS Personnel in Europe and Israel

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IIS Staff under JAFP, Post-War Period

16. ~~X~~ PIER, Arthur: (aka) PERES, (alias Ben NATAN. ^{oil - Austria} Chief JAFP officer for Austria from 1946 to 1950, office at Vienna IX, Frankgasse 2 ("Internationales Komitee fuer Jued. KZ-ler und Fluechtlinge"); reported IIS chief for Austria.
17. ~~X~~ ALON, Moshe: (formerly) Moshe HAUPT. ^{oil - Austria} Assistant to PIER in JAFP office in Vienna in 1946; IIS officer. (See paragraph 39)

18. The following persons, nationality unknown, were members of, or worked with, the Bricha' under PIER during the period 1945-1947; unless otherwise indicated, they are not known to have any present connections with the IIS:

a) In Linz: (activities centered in Wegschedi DP Camp)

- ~~X~~ JAKUBOVIC, Josef: with advisory headquarters (sic) to Bricha; possibly identical with Janek JAKUBOVITS; see paragraph 71.
- ~~X~~ KABASS, Thomas: with Bricha.
- ~~X~~ KIN, Slomo: with Bricha, chairman of the July 1946 joint conference between Bricha and the Zionist organization Hanoar-Hacioni-Ichud.
- ~~X~~ MOTEK, fnu: with Bricha.
- ~~X~~ BIBBERMANN, Misa: with H-H-I, in charge of financial matters.
- ~~X~~ DAWSOHN, fnu: with H-H-I.
- ~~X~~ MANELSOHN, Nachum: with H-H-I.
- ~~X~~ PANZER, Dov: with H-H-I, in charge of "schliach" matters (emissaries, presumably from Palestine).
- ~~X~~ TENNENBAUM, Misa: with H-H-I, in charge of Bricha matters.

b) In Salzburg: (activities centered in Camp Muelln)

- ~~X~~ URI, fnu: with Bricha; believed identical with Haim BEN-URI, paragraph 49.

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92. ~~BERNAT~~, Jom-Tow: black-marketeer and smuggler of Hungarian origin; visited Israel in 1950 or 1951; now Israeli citizen in Vienna; has travelled to Hungary at least three times during 1954; claims to be working for IIS.
93. ~~EICHENBAUM~~, Pavel: Czech refugee in Austria; in August 1953 he was engaged with BAJIC in an IIS-sponsored border-crossing operation to bring refugees out of the CSR.
94. ~~WINTER~~, Anton: Austrian lawyer who works with Jewish transports to Israel; in 1953 described as a leading official of the Palestine Committee (possibly a reference to the JAFP) and the Rotschildspital Jewish DP Center.
95. ~~ZELMANN~~, Leon: Austrian student born 12 June 1926, living at Vienna I, Goelsdorfsgasse 3/4; with Ellie WEISS as passenger in ROSEN's car during an auto accident 28 February 1953.
96. ~~MARKIEWITZ~~, Harry: Israeli medical student at the University of Vienna; see paragraph 68.

Germany

Post-War Period in Munich

97. The following persons were members of or worked with the Bricha during 1945-1946; they are not known to have any present connections with the IIS:

~~"ERNST"~~

Bricha leader sent from Palestine by JAFP to organize legal and illegal transports financed by JAFP Paris Headquarters; from 1945 to August 1946 his office was in Schwabing, Moehlstrasse 18.

~~STERN~~, Dezso:

Hungarian-born; Bricha member, office at Goethestrasse 49.

~~BILLITZER~~, fnu:

aka ~~DAJNUSCH~~. Representative from Hungary with MASKIRUTH(phonetic), the Munich headquarters of the H-H-I.

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~~"CHEIM":~~

representative from Poland with MASKIRUTH; possibly identical with KALCHEIM, paragraph 122.

~~HAUPT, Zef:~~

(brother of Moshe ALON) Representative from Hungary with MASKIRUTH.

~~"JANKA":~~

female representative with MASKIRUTH.

~~KALMAN, fnu:~~

representative from Poland with MASKIRUTH, in charge of Bricha liaison.

With Munich JAPP Since 1952

98. ~~KREUTZBERGER, Max:~~ ^{ci-2} chief of the JAPP in Munich; close friend of ROSEN; believed to be an IIS officer.

With Munich Consulate, Moved to Cologne April 1953

99. ~~HAREL, Chanan:~~ ^{Israeli} Consulate administrative officer; IIS chief for Germany until 1954. ~~ci-2~~

100. ~~GILEAD, Zamousch:~~ with Consulate in 1952; IIS officer under HAREL until unknown date. See paragraph 106. ~~ci-2~~

101. ~~CARMON, Eleizar:~~ ^{ci-2} (formerly Laszlo KEPES) With Cologne Consulate since April 1953; IIS officer under HAREL until the latter's departure; formerly Bricha member known as KEPES (see paragraph 18 f.)

With Berlin JAPP

102. ~~HAREL, Arie:~~ ^{ci - Austria} opened JAPP office in February 1953; IIS officer working on exfiltration of Jews to Western Germany; was planning to set up American liaison through U.S. Army Jewish Chaplain. HAREL is identical with HELLER, paragraph 22.

103. ~~ZAKIFF, Gelalia:~~ IIS officer in Berlin since summer 1954; reportedly will replace HAREL. ~~ci-2~~

IIS Agents

104. ~~FROMMER, Ludwig:~~ ^{ci - Czechoslovakia} Czech refugee in Berlin from 1950 to 1953; worked under HAREL to procure forged documents, satellite currencies and couriers into CSR.

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Switzerland

IIS Staff in Geneva

105. ~~X~~ PIER, Arthur:

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IIS officer in Switzerland from 1951 to 1952; believed to have been part of the time under diplomatic cover and part of the time under student cover using the alias Ben NATAN. See paragraph 16.

106. ~~X~~ GILEAD, Zamousch:

cit - secret
high-ranking IIS officer working part-time in Munich with headquarters in Geneva, as of 1952-1953.

IIS Staff in Zurich Consulate:

107. ~~X~~ RON, Dan:

cit - secret
with Consulate until about January 1954; high-ranking IIS finance officer.

108. ~~X~~ AVIGUR, Shaul:

in Switzerland since 1954; reportedly one of the highest ranking officials of the IIS, supervising both "Cheruth" and "non-Cheruth" activities in Europe. *cit - secret*

109. ~~X~~ LEVINSKY, Akiva:

cit - secret
in Zurich and Geneva since at least 1952; described in 1952 as the ranking IIS officer in Europe. (Compare with AVIGUR and YANAI)

110. ~~X~~ YANAI, M. rdechai:

cit - secret
in Zurich since at least September 1953; described in 1954 as the ranking IIS officer in Switzerland (compare with AVIGUR and LEVINSKY).

111. ~~X~~ MAIERVOW, Shaul:

high-ranking IIS officer in Zurich since at least 1954. *cit - secret*

112. ~~X~~ ZOHAR, Zvi:

IIS officer in Switzerland since at least February 1954; duties not known. *cit - secret*

IIS Staff in Bern

113. There is reportedly an IIS W/T operator, identity unknown, stationed in Bern.

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114. ~~X~~ BEGUN, Jekosup:

in Switzerland since June 1953, probably as Internal Security Officer for IIS. *cit - secret*

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Attn: Chief, Italian Branch

Reference: [] [] 313 5 APRIL 1956

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1. For some time Rawalt has been suggesting to [] and his assistant that his interest in the Near East might be served by urging the [] informant "PINO" toward that target. PINO is of Levantine origin and has connections among Arab and Near Eastern businessmen, seamen, smugglers, etc. After [] had cited his interest in the Near East to PINO, the latter on one occasion wrote a letter offering his services to a person he identified as EDOLINIAN, an instructor in the Israeli scientific police and a high official of the Israeli CS-service. PINO said that he had known this EDOLINIAN in the past.

2. On 30 March PINO received the visit at his home of a person who said he was an Israeli emissary. PINO reported to [] that this man used the name "ARTHUR" and was a major in the Israeli army presently stationed at the Israeli Embassy in Paris under cover as an interpreter. ARTHUR was supposedly traveling from Paris to Rome to confer with chiefs of the Israeli IS there. He proposed that PINO should work for the service for a regular monthly salary. The principal targets for the Israeli seemed to be the identification of arms smugglers acting for the Arab nations.

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3. Among persons of interest, ARTHUR indicated a certain MUSTAFA whom he said was chief of the Egyptian IS in Italy, who worked out of the Egyptian Embassy in Rome and who drove a black Mercedes. Another element was a certain Baruh SCHULAN, a Jew living in Naples and working for the Arabs. This person came every to often to Genoa and stayed at the Albergo Londra. [] checked this fact out and found that it was true.

SUBJ REPROBLY

ARTHUR suggested that PINO procure himself a Panamanian passport. He left for Rome the same evening, telling PINO that he would wire him to come to Rome within the next few days for meetings and discussions with an official of the Israeli IS. The wire arrived in Genoa on 4

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April, telling PINO that he would be met in Rome's Stazioni Termini between 0830 - 0900 hours on 6 April.

5. [] asked [] for his comments and advice, and [] said that he thought PINO should at least keep this first meeting in Rome. He pointed out to [] however, that PINO's reputation for accurate reporting leaves much to be desired and that he would be dubious about the value of the operation until he was proved wrong.

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1. Following the instructions received from the Israeli IS to get in touch with officials of the Egyptian Consulate in Genoa, PINO struck up an acquaintance with a certain GALLO, believed to be the doorman of the Consulate. Through GALLO, he found out that a certain TALAAT from the Consulate was interested in buying a car. (This is probably Hussein TALAAT HAMED, secretary and general factotum of the Consulate.) The Egyptian Consulate in Genoa is located at Piazza della Vittoria 11/16. In mid-April PINO learned that TALAAT was going to look at a car in an agency in Piazza della Vittoria. Along with GALLO, he went to the agency, met TALAAT there as if by chance, and, speaking in Arabic so that the car dealer would not understand, suggested that he would be happy to place his own car occasionally at TALAAT's disposal. TALAAT accepted the offer and has been using PINO's car at various times since then.
2. On another occasion, PINO went aboard an Egyptian ship docked at Genoa and met a purser who turned out to be a member of the Coptic church. PINO told that he immediately figured that the purser would be anti-Moslem. He invited him ashore for dinner and drove around Genoa for several hours. At the end of the time, he felt that he had ascertained the anti-Moslem sentiments of the purser to a sufficient extent that he could ask him whether he would be willing to supply information for a reasonable monthly salary. PINO said that the purser agreed immediately for purely financial reasons. later told PINO that he had acted foolishly and hastily, no matter how sure he might be of the purser's good will. The Egyptian ship makes regular runs to Genoa and PINO will contact the purser again on his next trip.
3. On 3 May PINO left Genoa to go to Rome to report his activity to the Israeli IS. He was met at the station by ARTHUR (Arthur BEN NATAN) who said that he had also been on the same train coming from Paris. The two men took a taxi to Piazza Colonna and, after having breakfasted at BIFFI, took another taxi to a bar-restaurant on Viale Parioli. They made sure that they had not been followed. At 0830 hours exactly, they were joined there by "EITAN," PINO's Israeli case officer. EITAN

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exchanged a few words in Hebrew with ARTHUR and handed the latter an envelope containing a black powder. ARTHUR then left the restaurant.

4. KITAN then warned PINO not to use the telephone number in Rome that he had been given except to establish the hour at which EITAN should call him in Genoa. He warned PINO to avoid all superfluous conversation on that line. He told him that, in sending telegrams or other correspondence, he should always use a false name and address as a return address. EITAN then read PINO's report of his activity with TALAAT and the Egyptian purser, and, somewhat incredulously, asked PINO whether he really was convinced of the good faith of the purser. When PINO answered affirmatively, EITAN approved of the action, still with an unconvinced air, and told PINO that, if the purser could supply the required information, PINO could give him a monthly salary of 50,000 lire. As a starter, PINO was to obtain the following information: the purser's full name, address, family data, names of other relatives and family friends and their professions. When PINO objected that the questions seemed of little importance, EITAN replied that he should do as he was told and that only EITAN could judge the utility of the questions. He explained to PINO that the type of information that the Egyptian could supply would be determined by the type of his contacts, their rank and their possibilities. PINO was to have the purser write in his own hand in Arabic. The purser should also be asked to compile a report on the Egyptian merchant marine, listing the tonnage of each ship and the names of the officers. He should also be asked to list the orders received by Egyptian merchant ships from the Egyptian police authorities.
5. As regarded the Egyptian Consulate in Genoa, EITAN pointed out that if TALAAT cannot be persuaded to cooperate by pleasant means, it would be necessary to persuade him by more unpleasant ones. EITAN was thinking of the possibility of drawing him into some contraband activity, having him take advantage of the diplomatic pouch. Proof of such activity could be obtained and used against him. From the Consulate, EITAN was interested in obtaining a folder of political information known to be held by the Consulate and also a list of war material acquired by the Egyptians in Italy. EITAN said, for example, it was believed that PIAGGIO had sold certain airplanes destined for use by the Egyptians. Lastly, EITAN named a certain FLEIO, an Egyptian employee at the Genoa Consulate for whose cooperation he was willing to pay around 70,000 lire a month.
6. EITAN and PINO left the restaurant about 1100 hours and PINO took an afternoon train to Genoa. EITAN said that he would telephone PINO in Genoa on 7 May or would have come himself to Genoa about 9 May. He would give PINO a camera with instructions for its use, since he did not consider good for anything the Minax camera which PINO already has. As for PINO's own salary, he would send him 100,000 lire as soon as

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possible. KATAN was going to leave Italy shortly for a brief visit to Vienna. He reimbursed PINO 15,000 lire for his expenses in the trip from Genoa to Rome.

7. From the conversation with ARTHUR, PINO, though he does not understand Hebrew, believed to have understood that KATAN is a brother or other relative of the Israeli Ambassador to England. KATAN is, of course, a cover name.

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1. Teive KALA, the Finnish Charge d'Affaires in Israel, told me two days ago that a very well informed person whose information has stood the test of time during the last four years informed him that the Israeli who sold the arms shipment and B-17 plane through Bedek to Bernard BAZAROW (ALAROW) was one Arthur BEN NATHAN, a former "G-2 type". He was also formerly head of INCODE, an Israel cover firm located in Switzerland with a Swiss registration, which has cattle and trade interests in Ethiopia and which engages in international arms deals for Israel. BEN NATHAN is the middle man for the government and acted in this case on instructions from Shimon PERES, Secretary General of the Ministry of Defense. KALA was told that the arms were bought for Latin American interests and bound for Haiti. You can add this destination to your probably fast growing list.

2. So far nobody in Israel seems to know (or wants to tell) where the arms were going. Certainly BEN-GURION and PERES, along with a few others, knew, but when I casually asked at a time when he was in a talkative mood, he professed to know no more than the general area, i.e., Latin America.

3. This event broke while Golda MEIR was in Ghana which, according to KALA's source, so infuriated her that she submitted her second resignation in as many months. It was refused, as was the first one which she sent to BEN-GURION after the planned Dayan-Peres arms trip to Germany ended in a fiasco. Mrs. MEIR considers this kind of behavior rank interference in the affairs of her ministry by PERES who is known to do a considerable amount of free-wheeling in France.

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SUBJECT **GENERAL** UNLON/Liaison
SPECIFIC Biographic Information on Arthur BEN NATHAN

Ben Natan, Asher aka

REFERENCES: IARL 1829, 7 Mar 50, para 1;
OFFW 21271, 13 June 50.

1. ^{in France} happened to overhear some of his social contacts mention the name of Mr. BEN NATHAN as the arms purchasing agent for the Israeli Government and questioned them about him. contacts had met BEN NATHAN in the house of and described him as around 50 years old, very lively and attractive, and fluent in every European language. BEN NATHAN and his wife, who also speaks many languages, were born in Central Europe, although the exact places are not known. It appears that his full name is ARTHUR BEN NATHAN.

2. During BEN NATHAN's frequent visits to Paris he often sees former Prime Minister BOURGES MAUGUERE and It was BEN NATHAN who arranged BOURGES MAUGUERE's present trip to Israel and he is reported to have been instrumental in the shipment of French planes with pilots to Israel before the attack on Egypt.

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Eastern diplomats are angry about the reports in the Israel press on Birobidjan and the intentions of the Soviet authorities to transfer Jews by force to this area. They do not disclaim the possibility that the Soviet authorities will try and encourage Jews to resettle there, and they admit that there is a Jewish problem in the USSR and other Communist countries. But most Russian Jews identify themselves with their homeland and hold high and important posts in the government, just like the American Jews. They admit however, that the problem is more serious in certain areas attached to Russia after World War II.

They point out that if Russia allowed large-scale emigration to Israel there would be a negative reaction from the UAR. Therefore the key to larger emigration is improvement in Israel-Arab relations.

The diplomats said further that the best way to improve relations with the USSR would be to refrain from anti-Soviet attacks. "We do not ask that the Israel press be pro-Soviet, but that it should report objectively".

Commenting on the recent books which have appeared in the Soviet Union on Israel, the diplomats said: "Everything in these publications is true and objective. They do not attack the Israel nation but its leaders."

PRESS RESTRICTIONS

Haboker editorial - December 8

The Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohen, who reportedly dislikes the press, has issued stringent instructions to District Attorneys and to the Inspector General of Police, to bring suits in every case of press intervention in court proceedings and revelation of the names of detainees. The purpose of these instructions is none other than to restrict the press, which is accustomed to getting information from the Police - including the names of detainees - and hence has often published these names before the detainee has actually been found guilty. Until now, the Attorney General never objected; why does he do so now? Probably because the ruling party did not like the publicity around Aharon Cohen - and this party has some influence on Mr. Haim Cohen.

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ROUNTREE IN BEIRUT TODAY

Maariv - December 8

Radio Beirut announced this morning that Rountree is expected there today and that from Beirut Rountree will go to Jerusalem and Amman. He will be in Cairo on December 12th, and from there will go to Baghdad.

BEN-NATHAN CANDIDATE FOR PERES' POST

Yediot Ahronot - December 8

The paper's military correspondent writes that Arthur Ben-Nathan, head of the Defense Ministry's mission in France, will probably be appointed Director General of that Ministry after Peres resigns next year.

Peres announced recently that he is going to resign his post as Director General of the Ministry of Defense in order to devote himself entirely to political activities. He is going to run for the Knesset and will be principal assistant to B.G., who will remain Minister of Defense also after the elections.

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Wednesday's meeting will be attended by Rabbi Unterman, the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, as well as by NRP MKs Dr. Burg, Rafael, and others. Delegations from Mapai and Mapam will bring greetings.

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ELECTORAL REFORM GIST OF THIS WEEK'S KNESSET DEBATES

Haaretz, Haboker, Lamerhav (Dec. 8):

Electoral reform will make up the gist of the Knesset's debates this week. Tomorrow the Knesset will start the debate on three motions concerned with a public referendum on the election system, the motions of Almogi (Mapai), Serlin (G.Z.) and Dr. Nir (Ahdut).

For the time being the question is only whether Almogi's and Serlin's motions are to be struck off the agenda or to be passed to committee to be prepared for the second reading. If Dr. Nir's motion is passed (submitting that referenda are unconstitutional) the other two motions will be voided in any case. For this reason Mapai has proposed to the Knesset Presidium to permit a debate on the three motions in a bloc, which may give them a chance of getting into the committee stage. Otherwise the motions will only be supported by the factions proposing them, although, according to Lamerhav, Mapai is still ready to support the G.Z. motion, despite the fact that the G.Z. have announced that they will not support Mapai's.

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ROKACH'S LETTER TO GOVRIN CONFIRMED
BY G.Z. EXECUTIVE.

Lamerhav (Dec. 7):

The paper's correspondent reports that the G.Z. Knesset faction issued a statement confirming that Rokach's letter to Mapai whip Govrin (that the G.Z. would not vote for Almogi's referendum motion) had been sent with the approval of the G.Z. executive. (See HDPR of Dec. 5 - page 3).

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EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS ON CHANCES OF IMMIGRATION

Haaretz's diplomatic correspondent Zeev Katz writes:

East European diplomats in Israel commented on B.G.'s remarks about the "second miracle of our generation" in his speech launching the "Immigration Loan" a few days ago. These diplomats said that statements about the "redemption of Jews from some countries" and all the propaganda in the press will not do the cause of immigration any good.

"It is natural," they said "that we attach great importance to such statements. It seems to us that Ben Gurion would not have made them if the Zionists had not had some success in this field. It is known, however, that in the USSR there are certain organizations who deal with movements which operate against the law and it is assumed that these organizations will attend to this matter as well."

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SUBJECT: Arthur BEN NATHAN
aka BEN NATHAN, Ascher
aka BEN NATHAN-COHEN, Asher
aka BEN ZWI, Arthur
aka PIER, Arthur
aka PIERNIKARZ, Arthur
aka PIERNIKAZ, Ascher

Subject known to have been Israeli Government Representative for INCODE in September 1955; Manager of INCODE, November 1955; 5 March 1956, Director. In January 1957 Subject went to Paris as the Israeli Representative for Europe for the Purchasing Mission of the Israeli Ministry of Defense. Subject has reportedly been replaced ^{recently} in Paris by Col. Isser PENN and is slated for the post of Directory General of the Israeli Ministry of Defense when Shimon PERES leaves this post.

Subject ~~is~~ has long background with Israeli Intelligence activities although he reportedly "retired" in 1951 ~~due~~ over some differences of opinions.

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NVAA 1540, 22 August 1957
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1. A review of Headquarters files on Israeli activity in Ethiopia, Eritrea and French Somaliland reveals that considerable confusion exists concerning the Industry and Commerce Development Company (INCODE) and the Israeli personnel connected with it. In an effort to clear up at least some of this confusion the Desk is compiling all data presently available to it on INCODE and pertinent Israeli personnel. This dispatch represents our effort to bring order out of steadily mounting confusion.

2. INCODE, Ltd. (often referred to as INCODA), an Israeli-controlled butchering, freezing and meat packing firm, appears to have been founded in 1952 with head offices in Switzerland and with branch offices in Tel Aviv, Asmara, Djibouti and Addis Ababa. The firm at this time was directed by Mr. Jacob PHEKIDOR, a former leader of the EBGUN ZVAI LEHMI. The firm's major activity consisted of the butchering, freezing and/or canning of East African meat for shipment to Israel. During the period 1952-54 INCODE managed to supply approximately 15% of Israel's total beef imports but found itself in more or less constant financial difficulties.

3. In the spring 1954 the Israeli government, represented by the Minister of Finance, formed a new company with the Tel Aviv office of INCODE, Ltd. specifically for the import and purchase of meat from Eritrea and Ethiopia. The Israeli government assumed control of 51% of the voting stock of the new organization with the remainder held by private Israeli investors. The new company prospered no better than its predecessor. The Israeli government found it necessary to invest additional capital and, due to the restrictions placed on the importation of East African meat into Europe under an FAO convention, became the sole market for INCODE's meat exports. The Israeli government imported the meat despite the FAO convention because the meat processing was carried out under the supervision of the Israeli Veterinary Service.

4. A spokesman for INCODE has stated that the primary motive of the Israeli government's partnership in the firm lies in the fact that all meat imports entering Israel are on consignment to the government through the office of the Food Controller in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. However, as the government has been the sole importer of meat since the founding of the State and as it has not seen fit to join in an importing company of this type before, it seems likely that the real motives behind the new firm were other than purely economic.

5. Recent newspaper articles indicate that INCODE has once again come under careful Israeli government scrutiny and that a new "regime" is taking over. An article in a Tel Aviv newspaper of 3 February 1958 reported that an agreement involving a "joint ownership-management" of INCODE was made between the Israeli government, the SHARON Company and Lt. Col. Yosef HAREL (See MEMO-69 for this man's connections with Israeli intelligence). The same newspaper, HAREL, reported on 13 February 1958 that representatives of the INCODE meat company had left for Ethiopia. These men were identified as Yehiel SHARON (aka KARON, aka Betty LISTIG), the Government's representative in the company's new management; Aerial SINAV (aka SHARON), production manager; Berysida YARONI, Administrative manager; and a number of kashrut personnel. An article from the Jerusalem Post of 9 October 1958 states that the first deliveries of meat from the reorganized INCODE Meat Company at Asmara are expected next month. The manager of the company is identified as Mr. Yosef HAREL (201-7575) who has announced that his company plans to slaughter about 4,000 head of cattle monthly.

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6. Key Israeli personnel having a connection with ENCODE at one time or other are as follows:

- a. Joseph Ben Moshe Hordecai ~~HAMBURGER~~-HAREL (201-7575) aka Joseph Israel ~~HAMBURGER~~-HAREL, aka Joseph Israel HAREL, aka Yosef HAREL. HAREL holds the rank of Lt. Col. in the Israeli Army and has been identified by COENWY as Israeli intelligence (See IRBW 69).
- b. (fnu) YARON, aka Yehiel YARON, aka Bobby LUSTIG. NVA 1640 of 22 August 1957 identifies LUSTIG as a senior official of ENCODE who, prior to his arrival in Ethiopia, had served as a department chief in the Israeli CID. As of August 1957 LUSTIG was a friend of JEREP, a self-confessed Israeli intelligence agent.
- c. Aerial ~~SDIAV~~ (SDIAV), possibly identical with E. ENAV (201-248964) (these may be entirely different men). The 13 February 1958 issue of HEBREU identifies Aerial SDIAV as the production manager of ENCODE. Asmara CONTEL G-8 of 18 November 1958 identifies Aerial ENAV as the "manager" of ENCODE and states that ENAV conferred for five hours on 12 November 1958 with Mr. Istvan ~~LUNGER~~ (201-215776) the Hungarian Commercial Attache in Khartoum.
- d. Benjamin ~~YARKONI~~. The 13 February 1958 issue of HEBREU, a Tel Aviv newspaper, identifies Benjamin YARKONI as "administrative manager" of ENCODE.
- e. Rahamin ~~TEGOR~~, aka (fnu) RUSSO. The 1958 Diplomatic List for Ethiopia identifies a Mr. Rahamin TEGOR as Vice Consul of the Israeli Consulate General in Addis Ababa. MRRA 130 of 18 September 1958 identifies a (fnu) RUSSO as Commercial Attache of the Israeli Consulate General in Addis Ababa who was formerly (about 1956) employed by ENCODE.
- f. DAVID ~~KAREN~~. Mr. KAREN visited Ethiopia in May 1957 to conduct an "economic reconnaissance" on the prospects of developing Israeli agricultural activities in that country. (Headquarters comment: This mission may have recommended that ENCODE be revitalized.)
- g. Heuben ~~ALONI~~. Chief, Land Department, Israeli Ministry of Agriculture. ALONI visited Ethiopia in late 1957 as a result of a series of recommendations made by KAREN.
- h. Gabriel ~~SCHERFELT~~. Member of the ALONI group.
- i. (fnu) ~~GILLAI~~. Member of the ALONI group.
- j. Arthur ~~BEN NATHAN~~, aka BEN NATHAN, Ascher, aka Asher BEN NATHAN-COHEN, aka Arthur BEN ZVI, aka Arthur PIER, aka Arthur ~~PIERNIKARZ~~, aka Ascher ~~PIERNIKAZ~~. Subject is known to have been connected with ENCODE in September 1955 as the Israeli Government Representative; in November 1955 as Manager, and in March 1956 as Director. In January 1957 Subject went to Paris as a member of the Purchasing Mission of the Israeli Ministry of Defense. Subject is presently being considered for the post of Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Defense. Subject has a long history of Israeli intelligence activity but reportedly "retired" in 1951 over some differences of opinion.

7. It would appear extremely likely from the foregoing that ENCODE is being used as a cover for Israeli intelligence activities in the Horn of Africa. Continued Israeli government financial support in the face of steady losses together with positive identification of Israeli intelligence personnel on the firm's roster lend credence to this assumption.

8. Headquarters therefore requests continued reporting on all aspects of ENCODE activity in the Horn together with CE/CI information on all personnel (both Israeli and indigenous) in any way connected with ENCODE endeavours.

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<p>14.</p> <p>Review of Hqs files on Israeli IS activities in Ethiopia shows confusion existing concerning industry and Commerce Division Co. and the Israeli Personnel connected with it. INCODE, an Israel controlled butchering, freezing and meat packing firm was founded in 1952 with Hqs in Switzerland and branch offices elsewhere. East Africa meat mainly is prepared for shipment to Israel. From info based on review of file, it appears that INCODE is a cover for Israel IS activities in the Horn of Africa, especially since they have received continued financial support in the face of continued losses and in that many Israel IS personnel have been identified on the firms roster.</p> <p>Listing of key personnel connected with INCODE at one time or another included:</p> <p>BEN NATHAN, Arthur aka BEN NATHAN, Ascher Asher Ben Nathan-Cohen Arthur Ben Zwi Arthur Pier Arthur Piernikarz Ascher Piernikarz</p> <p>Subject was known to have been connected with INCODE Sept 55 as Israeli government representative, November 55 as manager, March 56 as Director. January 1957 he went to Paris as a member of the purchasing mission of the Israeli Ministry of Defense. He is presently under consideration for the post of Director General of the MCD. He has a long history of IIS activity but reportedly retired in 51 over differences of opinion. From info it appears that INCODE is a cover for IIS activities</p>					
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Head of the BRICHA in Austria (Vienna) 1947-48 or perhaps later.
Known at that time as Arthur.

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The director of the Israeli military intelligence service is a man named Asher ben Nathan, who holds the rank of section chief in the Israeli Defense Ministry. Nathan's former, European name is not known, but it is known that he was born in Vienna and still maintains many contacts in that city. A friend of Nathan's is Hugo H. Mendelsohn, journalist for Jedioth Chadashoth and a stringer for Der Mittag, Duesseldorf, and for the Abendzeitung, Munich. Mendelsohn lives in Jerusalem.

*Majors Chaim Herzog as of Apr. 61
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SUMMARY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
NAME: Asher BEN NATHAN

STATUS: Civilian
PRESENT POSITION: Director General, Ministry of Defense
PLACE OF BIRTH: Vienna, Austria
NATIONALITY: Israeli
RELIGION: Jewish
CHARACTER: Calm and poised.
PAST CAREER: Member of "Young Maccabi" since age 9. After Anschluss in Austria arrived in Israel as an illegal immigrant. 1944 was a member of one of the teams charged with safe arrival of Jewish immigrants to Palestine. Worked in

the Investigations Department in Haifa charged with interrogating immigrants from Eastern Europe to obtain information to assist parachuting Jews behind enemy lines in World War II. Connections with French date from period of illegal immigration of Jewish refugees moving from occupied France to Palestine. On event of War of Liberation was entrusted by Ben-Gurion to a "delicate mission." Upon proclamation of the State, created Reuven Shiloah, the Political Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Attended Institute Superieure d'Etudes Internationales at Geneva. Departed on a

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mission in Europe where he remained until 1951. Member of the Administrative Council of the Society "incode", a position which he considered of political importance to establish ties with Ethiopia, French Somaliland and other countries of Black Africa. July 1956 appointed Chief of Ministry of Defense Purchasing Mission in France but did not take up post until January 1957. In the spring of 1959 he returned to Israel where he became Director General of the Ministry of Defense.

COMMENT: BEN-NATHAN succeeded Shimon PERES as Chief of the Purchasing Mission in Paris and again as Director General of the Ministry of Defense when PERES became Deputy Minister of Defense.

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"It was just a usual, grey weekday, accidentally picked out among others. The Director General arrived at work as usual, at 8 o'clock. Some "heavy" files are already waiting on his desk. A glance at the calendar, a day full of meetings, debates, interviews. Where to start? First comes the Head of Afro-Asian Aid Department, a field of action which no longer constitutes a novelty, and which covers large areas in both continents, in which Israel has established close friendly relations with a whole series of states. These relations require constant supervision and development. They also create various problems with which the Defense Ministry is closely concerned; problems of Gadna, Mahal, instruction, etc.

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As a result of the C.e.S and Ben-Nathan's tour in some of the Far East states, new matters have to be taken up and discussed. Next: consultation with the Economic Control Department, on matters of supervision and efficiency in various fields of action. Then come the men from the Organization and Administration Section. Again efficiency is discussed. The work efficiency is reiterated on every level. That is, in fact, all the debates aim at.

At noon there is not always time to go home. You eat something in a hurry, and go on working. Or else, some VIP is invited for dinner, which involves ceremonies, protocol, official atmosphere.

Back to the office. A talk with Mr. Peres on Zahal's pensionaries; problems of discharged officers in the light of various public aspects. Last came the current files. A work day of 12 hours has not yet come to an end. At home you still have to prepare the Friday night lecture for journalists. This is a typical day, not an overcharged one. Sometimes the Director General has no less than seven meetings in the morning. One day in the week is devoted to the Defense Minister, for consultations within a limited frame; Prime Minister, Deputy-Defense Minister, C.e.S. and Deputy, and the Director General. In the capacity of Director General, he always takes part in meetings of the General Staff.

The Director General pulls quite a number of strings. He will pay attention to whatever problem is submitted to him, from the "big" ones, such as international dealings and transactions, to the "futile" affairs such as scholarships or other kinds of financial support to individuals. For each problem he will try to find the adequate solution, and always after thoroughly weighing and examining the matter. "Arthur knows how to deal with men," they say about him in the Ministry. From the driver and the typist and up to senior officials - they all agree that the Boss is a perfect gentleman.

Once, in the days of Late Disengeff, people used to say that in order to be mayor of a city, you first have to build it, as Disengeff had built Tel Aviv. It seems that now the same may be said about the State: In order to occupy a key position in the State, you ought to have built it, or at least been among those who did. Asher (Arthur) Ben-Nathan was among the pioneers who did not show off, did not appear in the headlines, did not hold speeches in public, but acted almost secretly, underground, behind the curtains. He is one of those who have become a legend in their lifetime. A mysterious legend, slightly romantic, audacious and not devoid of adventures, from the days of the "b'richa" (immigration of camp survivors through Vienna) up to the Jibeutti and Inkeda period and the Bat Galim ship.

Arthur, as the Director General is called in the office, belongs to the "Vienna Group" of top men, which include also Teddi Kelek, Ehud Avriel, Haim Ben-David. They have created a sort of personal "style", a "Vienna" style, which differs from the "Sabra", the East European, the German or the Anglo-Saxon ones. This style is not only based on good manners, culture and politeness which were once so typical for Vienna, but also on inner delicacy, optimism, good humor and smiles. All these features were largely influenced by the Viennese music, the waltzes, but also the literary creations of the Vienna doctrine, of Schnitzler, Zweig and last but not least - Herzl.

As a pupil in the Hebrew Gymnasium of Vienna, Arthur participated every year in the traditional procession of the town's Zionists to Herzl's tombstone in the Medeling quarter. This tradition, that had a considerable impact on the young generation, was only broken with the Nazi occupation of Austria. Arthur was a member of "Maccabi Hassair" already when he was still a student. This was the right wing among pioneer movements. He joined the "Kibbutzim and Kevutset Union" only in Israel, and from the political point of view became integrated in Mapai. Being tall and blond, of a "Nordic" and "Aryan" look, was not directly hit by the Nazis. In those days, the youth movement used to take long walks outside the town, to the romantic Vienna Woods, where Martin Buber used to speak to the enthusiastic youth.

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Then the moment of the "Aliyah" (emigration and immigration to Israel) came.

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It was, of course, the illegal Aliyah, (permits were extremely limited), and the immigrants managed to land in Casarea on the 29th of June, 1938, some three months after Austria had been occupied. The next day Arthur and his friends were transferred to Hadera for agricultural training. He went to work in the citrus groves, in the forest or wherever required to. A few years later the group established its permanent home in the kibbutz of Devrat, to which Arthur is still closely attached. During the Hadera period Arthur learned to know Erika, who is now his wife and mother of his two children.

Immigration to Israel was a frequent phenomenon in these days. Less so was the emigration from Israel. But Arthur has experience in it too, when in October 1945, he was ordered to leave in a small boat, together with other young men, for a rescue mission in Europe. The way to Italy and from there to Vienna was not easy. He started his journey in Brigade uniform, then with papers of an Austrian "refugee" who returns home. The task conferred on him consisted mainly of looking for war criminals (Nazis). The problem was how to reach them. Together with five friends, he left for Graz, which at that time was under British occupation, in a Brigade car. The car had an accident and they had to carry on by foot to Vienna. The problem arose when he had to cross the border between the British and Russian zones. His papers provoked the suspicion of the Soviet guard. However, a British sergeant, impressed with Arthur's good English, helped him to jump on the Vienna bound train when it was already leaving the quay.

In Vienna he immediately started the hunt for Nazi criminals. His first target was Adolf Eichman. A photo of Eichman, found by one of Arthur's friends, later on helped in identifying him and catching him.

The most important chapter started when Arthur was appointed commander of the "Berichak" (immigration through Vienna). He had to pass more than 200,000 Jewish refugees, Holocaust survivors, from Poland, Russia, Rumania, Hungary, etc. to the temporary camps in Germany or to immigration bases in Italy. This period is wrapped with a haze of legend. It was said then that there are four Occupying Powers in Austria, and the fifth is the "Berichak" Command. All intelligence services tried to detect this mysterious Arthur, who then appeared as a journalist under the name of Arthur Feiler, and represented two Palestinian newspapers and one telegraphic agency. He often had exciting scoops, which he did not invent, but actually created, as, for instance, when he organized demonstrations of Vienna Jews near the headquarters of the Anglo-American Erez Israel Committee. At the same period, Arthur's wife acted for the Jewish Agency as UNRRA representative in Austria, and Arthur often acted as her driver, for purposes of camouflage. Once he crossed over to Germany with papers of a prisoner's escort, whereas the prisoner was no other than Arthur himself. The most suspicious of all were, of course, the Russians, who were disturbed by the very idea of conveying Jews outside the Iron Curtain.

His price would be too high if they managed to get hold of him. And indeed, he was caught once, and...released. Years later, when Arthur was already Director General, of the Defence Ministry, a strange character showed up in his office, wearing a green cap and raising the secretary's suspicion; the man claimed he was among the "Berichak" men and had received an order to kill Arthur. The secretary was about to alert the Security Officer, when the fellow introduced himself as an ex-NKVD man and told that at the time, the Soviet authorities had ordered him to liquidate the "Berichak" commander at any cost. "Don't you remember me?" the man now asked.

Once a British journalist addressed Arthur. "Do you happen to know who was this mysterious Arthur who was in charge of the Jewish REF Refugees activity?" "I would like to make his acquaintance myself," Arthur replied, keeping his mysterious smile. This smile also won him the label of "Sphinx." This Sphinx one day entered the "Royal Menceau" Hotel in Paris, where David Ben-Gurion was in

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exile and acted as the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive. It was in the year 1946, and Arthur came to report on the "B'richal" activities. His report was straight to the point, without superfluous dramatization. Ben-Gurion was impressed by it, and a year later he asked the kibbutz Devrat to free Arthur of his duties in the kibbutz, and took him to his Tel Aviv office (in the Red House). There he spent his time up to the establishment of the State of Israel, when he was called to serve in the Political Department of the Foreign Office and was sent on some secret mission to France.

At the end of the mission he was granted study vacations and went to Geneva, where he studied political science, international law and economics, and was the pupil of the old Professor Rapard, former member of the League of Nations' Mandate Commission, and a personal friend of President Weizsman. Then came the period of Africa - Djibouti, Ethiopia, the Inkoda Company and Bat Galim (ship). Everything else is silence.

And Paris again - at the head of the Defence Ministry Delegation, with all the responsibility involved in this important task of procurement and relations with the top of the French Army. From there - to the top of the Defence Ministry, first as Acting Director General, and then up to the present moment, as Director General.

"It is a pleasure to work with him," say his assistants, who talk of him with real admiration, mentioning his enormous working capacity, his quick grasp even in most complicated matters, his extraordinary power of persuasion, his common sense, the way he evades honor, his great gift of knowing how to handle people. He has wide horizons and his fields of interest are vast; music, art, literature, languages, sport. He plays tennis whenever he has got the time for it, he likes to play musical instruments, and when he was in Teheran recently, he used the opportunity to do some skiing.

On New Year's Eve, Arthur brings his wishes to all the Ministry employees personally. On this day he "travels" several kilometers, without omitting any of the employees. He drinks a toast with all of them and never forgets to go over to the disabled club, in order to wish them a happy new year.

In the Supply Section he one day met a producer who came to discuss a matter concerning his business. When Arthur learned the man was producing sights (for guns), he said, "I hope your intentions are good, indeed." (In Hebrew the same word means "intentions" and "sights.")

The traditional tour of all the offices in the big building takes some 20 hours of walk, by foot. This tour may illustrate his entire way of working. Many hours combined with excellent work conditions and relations.

Comment: As indicated in this article, BEN NATHAN is a highly respected individual not only by the IDF, but by the Attache Corps as well.

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Asher Ben-Natan, Director-General of the Ministry of Defense,
left Israel for Europe on 12 January. He will visit a number of
countries on behalf of his ministry.

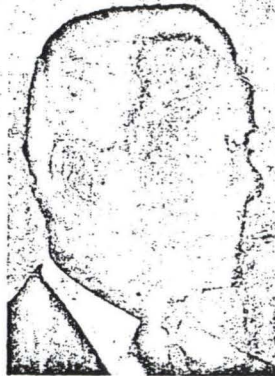
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GERMANY AND ISRAEL APPOINT AMBASSADORS

ROLF PAULS

Rolf Friedemann Pauls was born in the Turingian town of Eckartsberg in August, 1915. His father was a Protestant clergyman. Between 1925 and 1934, Pauls was a pupil at the ancient Naumburg Cathedral school. For his last two years there he was chairman of the school's literary society, and



among his favourite authors were Gerhard Hauptmann, Thomas Mann and Stefan Zweig.

His father's attitude towards Hitler and the rise of Nazism required no "correction" after the war. He was active in the Wittenburg circle, an organisation opposed to the pro-Nazi German Christian movement. Pauls junior refused to join the Hitler youth on the pretext that he was busy with his school-leaving examinations.

In 1934, Pauls "opted out" of German society by joining the Reichswehr, though his real ambition was to become a historian. During the war he was injured and lost his left arm. In July 1945, he returned to civilian life on being released from an American P.O.W. camp. In 1948, he entered the civil service and set out once more on a peace time career. He studied law in Hamburg and gained his doctorate two years later.

Between 1949 and 1951, Pauls was liaison officer between the Chancellor's

office and the Allied High Commission. He began his diplomatic career in Luxembourg in 1952. He went to Washington in 1956 where he was counsellor and then head of the German embassy's political section. In 1963, he was in Athens where he served as the Ambassador's assistant.

For three years, from June 1952 to the end of 1955, Pauls worked closely with Professor Hallstein, West German Foreign Minister and co-author of the Hallstein Doctrine. After 1963 he was deputy director of the Foreign Ministry's aid and development department, an experience which should stand him in good stead when dealing with the economic relations between Federal Germany and the State of Israel.

ASHER BENATAN

From the beginning, Asher Benatan was the only real candidate as Israel's first ambassador to Bonn. "Arthur" (as he has been known for many years) is an unusual combination of mildness and determination, diplomacy and decision. He was born in Vienna, and at the age of nine joined the Zionist Youth Movement of Maccabi Hatzair. With the *Anschluss* in 1938 he illegally reached the shores of Mandatory Palestine and established with his Viennese friends the Kibbutz of Dovrat.

Mobilised by the Hagana in 1944, he worked in the depot that interrogated the immigrants from Eastern Europe, in order to supply the necessary information for the Jewish parachutists to be dropped behind enemy lines. In August, 1945, he joined the organisation responsible for the transfer of the remnants of European Jewry to Palestine, leaving the country under the nose of the Royal Navy in a 70-ton fishing boat. He reached his native Vienna where he headed a semi-official half-British, half-American organisation, whose members wore the initials CAJR on their uniforms, which stood for "Committee of Assistance for Jewish Refugees."

Quick and determined, he succeeded in persuading the French and American authorities in Austria to clear the way for his transports. This was

mainly achieved by means of his journalist's card bearing the name Arthur Pear, and since then he has been widely known to this very day as "Arthur."

In 1947, Benatan came back to his Kibbutz. With the establishment of the State in 1948 he was sent to Europe on behalf of the Foreign Ministry. From 1951 to 1953 he studied in



Geneva at the Institute for International Studies. Back in Israel he was appointed Director of the Inkoda Company, operating in Ethiopia.

In July, 1956, Shimon Peres chose Benatan to replace Joseph Nahmias (later Inspector-General of Police and now Ambassador in Rio) as Head of the Defence Ministry's Purchasing Mission in Paris. But in view of subsequent events, Benatan took over his new post only in January, 1957, and in the meantime acted as main liaison officer between Paris and Jerusalem during the crucial second half of 1956.

In Paris, between 1957 and 1959, Benatan was responsible for Ministry of Defence activities in Western Europe which brought him into constant touch with Western Germany.

The life of Israel's ambassador to Germany has been a chain of acts of courage and proof of international diplomatic skill. Israel could hardly find a more suitable man for this most delicate of its diplomatic posts.

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Enclosed herewith are two newspaper "profiles" of Asher BEN-NATHAN, recently designated as Israel Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. The first--and most informative-- of these studies of the former Director-General of the Ministry of Defense is written by Shmuel SEGEV, Military Correspondent of MAARIV, while the second is an unsigned article in the March 12 edition of the JERUSALEM POST.

It should be noted that Mr. Ben-Nathan speaks German, English, and Hebrew fluently. He is married and he and his wife Erika have two children.

FOR THE AMBASSADOR:

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MAARIV, June 25, 1965 - "Profile of Ben-Nathan"

Shmuel Segev presents a profile of Ben-Nathan, noting that he was to have been parachuted into Germany in World War II in the uniform of an American officer, and will now go to Germany "in a top hat." In a certain respect Ben-Nathan's history symbolizes the tragic link between Israel and Germany in recent decades. When he was 13, and the Nazis' purpose in Austria became clear, during the Anschluss, he left his home in Vienna and came to Palestine on a small Betar ship. He joined the Zrain group undergoing agricultural training at Ein Harod. When the reports of the holocaust reached Palestine, "Artur" was called up to help save the survivors. The plan for parachuting into Germany was called off, and he was roped in by Gideon Rafael, collecting data on the Nazi war criminals; this material was used at the Nuremberg trials, and by Ben-Nathan himself when he sought after Eichmann and other Nazis after the war.

He returned to Vienna in 1945 (seven years after he had left it for Palestine), in a small boat which sailed from Palestine, and passing as Artur Fier, the correspondent of HATZOFEH. He began organizing the Breikha ("flight" evacuation of Jewish survivors of the camps - A.H.) in Austria. During the next two years over 100,000 people passed through his hands and settled in Palestine. This operation brought him up against the Western occupation authorities in Austria, and several times he was nearly arrested or deported. But he always managed to get out of these tight spots, inter alia by passing himself off as his wife's chauffeur (she worked for UNRWA).

Often he had to use a daring approach. When the Anglo-American Commission visited the camps, he organized demonstrations by the Jewish inmates, acting on orders from the Haganah. He called on the Austrian Foreign Minister at the time, Gruber, and demanded the file with the record of Eichmann's secret talks with the Mufti of Jerusalem on the extermination of 500,000 Hungarian Jews. When Gruber claimed he didn't know where the file was, "Artur" gave him its number and told him where it was kept. He also obtained from Vera Eichmann the only existing photograph of her husband, which was used by the Israeli security services and served to identify him when he was tracked down in the Argentine.

When he finished his duties in Vienna, Reuven Shiloah appointed him "Liaison Officer with International Bodies." He helped to form the Political Department (the embryo Foreign Ministry - A.H.) and visited Western Europe on its behalf. In 1951 he took two years leave in order to study at the Institute of International Affairs in Geneva. In 1953 he became the manager of the Incote meat-packing plant in Eritrea - "more for the political possibilities

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than for the professional angle." At this period the Bat Galim operation was planned from Eritrea--the ill-fated attempt to send an Israeli ship through the Suez Canal.

He stayed in Eritrea until the middle of 1956. After the Suez Canal was nationalized, he was called upon to join a Defense Ministry mission to Europe, under Yosef Nahmias. These were the days of intensive arms purchases, and Ben-Nathan spent most of his time shuttling up and down between Paris and Tel Aviv.

But he obtained the best training for his coming post in West Germany when he was made head of the Defense Ministry mission in Europe in 1957. He established contacts with diplomats and security officials in Western Europe, including Germany. This experience also stood him in good stead later, when he became Director General of the Defense Ministry. In this capacity he also came into contact with Afro-Asian affairs and visited the Far East together with the then Chief of Staff, Zvi Tsur.

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THE outgoing Director-General of the Defence Ministry could do well writing or selling the rights to his memoirs. He has done a variety of jobs and has travelled widely and adventurously in the 21 years of his public career.

"But please remember to keep me respectable" Asher Ben-Nathan, known to all as "Arthur," says with a smile.

Mr. Ben-Nathan's quest for "respectability" emanates from his latest assignment. His country found an even harder nut to crack than the defence job he handled for the last five years: Representative to Bonn? Ambassador? Consul? Head of Reparations Mission? In a private capacity? It's all in the wind.

Mr. Ben-Nathan, born in Vienna in 1921, is a graduate of the Hebrew Hayut Secondary School there. He came here in 1938 and helped found the settlement group which later established Kibbutz Dovrat in Lower Galilee.

By that time Ben-Nathan was already busy interrogating immigrants (1944) on conditions inside Nazi-occupied Europe — initially to provide additional information for parachutists dropped into Europe and later to accumulate evidence on Nazi war crimes.

Immediately after the war Ben-Nathan, at that time with an unruly mustache and leather jacket in the best emissary style, went to Europe to head the "Bricha," the "underground railway" of illegal immigration.

Legendary name
"Arthur" became almost a legend in Europe. It was also his code name. Nobody imagined that the young journalist by the name of Arthur Pier representing "Hakoker" and "Hatzofe" of Tel Aviv was the real "Arthur" the British were so anxiously looking for.

"After the war we behaved as if we, members of Mosad Ha'aliya, were the fifth Occupation Power. And in a sense we were, doing pretty much as we pleased." In Vienna after the war, a note signed by Arthur would get you through all four Allied occupation zones of the Austrian capital.

In summer 1947 Mr. Ben-Nathan



ASHER BEN-NATHAN

was ordered to return home and spent the year as a special aide to the former chairman of the Jewish Agency, David Ben-Gurion.

Different appointments followed in rapid succession, including an assignment to the Foreign Ministry, "sabbatical years" spent studying at the Geneva Institute for International Studies (1951-53) and terms in East Africa and as Head of the Defence Ministry mission in Paris, and finally the appointment as Acting Director-General of the Ministry of Defence in 1959, when Mr. Shimon Peres became Deputy Minister of Defence. The following year Mr. Ben-Nathan became Director-General and served in that capacity until last week.

"It's a job I can't really say much about. Naturally I have my reasons for leaving the Ministry," he says. "But I cannot criticize nor comment on the past, present or future. All I can say is that it was a very tense job. No highlights. Just tense all the time."

There is one thing he wishes to add: the Defence Ministry is a much maligned department.

"I want to say that it is an exemplary establishment. Relations between its employees, and the general moral standard of its manpower force, are beyond reproach. This is not meant to imply that standards are lower in the other ministries. But it is of particular importance to achieve such level in a ministry entrusted with the heavy responsibility of ensuring our future survival."

ISRAEL

SEEKING THE NEW GERMANY

BENATAN ON THE PROBLEMS OF AN AMBASSADOR

from Amos Ben-Vered

Jerusalem:

There is none of the evasiveness often associated with diplomats about Asher Benatan, Israel's Ambassador Designate to the Federal German Republic, who is due to take up his post in Bonn next week. Tall and silver-haired, though only 42, cigar-smoking Benatan answered my questions either forthrightly or not at all. There were no half-hearted answers.

"My task will be not only to represent Israel in Germany, but also to try and explain the points of view of the government to which I shall be accredited to my government at home," he said in reply to my question. He referred to the view that an ambassador should be both the representative of the government despatching him and of the government receiving him.

"One of the ambassador's tasks is to promote a dialogue between two countries." He placed the stress on *dialogue*. "Unless each side understands the arguments and points of view of the other, the mutual relations will take the form of a conversation between two deaf people. This applies to the relationship between peoples as well as between states."

"Illegal immigrant": Benatan left his native Austria when he was 17 and joined a kibbutz in Palestine before he was drafted for national, and later, Civil Service. He arrived—as did so many Jews in the pre-State period—on a tiny immigrants' ship as an "illegal immigrant".

"Won't your German cultural background be a disadvantage in Germany, since you will after all be representing Israel?" I asked.

This was not quite accurate. Benatan pointed out, explaining he had attended a Jewish Secondary School in Vienna where Hebrew was taught as a major subject. As for the German language, so far from being a handicap, he thought "a knowledge of the local language is useful, if not a primary requisite for a diplomat who wants to understand the country in which he is serving."

Changed circumstances: Benatan has

twice visited Germany—once in the period 1945-47 when he was organising illegal immigration through Austria to Palestine, which was then still under the British mandate. The second time in the 1957-59 period, when he represented the Israel Defence Ministry in Europe and dealt among other things with the procurement of arms.

On both occasions he found little time to study the country. "But now I will undoubtedly spend some of my time outside the capital, getting acquainted with Germans of all walks of life."

My question what he would do first when he arrived, drew a bland look from Benatan and elicited an equally bland reply. "I shall present my Letters of Accreditation to the President of the Bundesrat (who serves as Acting President during Lübke's absence) and will then meet the personalities prescribed by protocol."

Understanding the demonstrations: "I would not demonstrate against Pauls in Israel," Benatan said in answer to my next question, "but in a democratic state demonstrations of this kind are not forbidden." After some reflection he added: "I do not justify these demonstrations, but so long as they are not simply exploitation of genuine emotions for party political ends, I can understand them as manifestations of personal bitterness."

Before the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and Germany had been decided on, Benatan had already been offered a job in Germany as head of the "Israel Purchasing Mission" in Cologne. But he considers his new post more of a challenge, he says. For relations with Germany must now be viewed in the context of those with other countries and especially with those of the Arab world.

He recognises the importance of Germany as a major member state of such organisations as the European Economic Community, Nato, the O.E.C.D. and others, and it is these considerations, first and foremost, that govern his task.

An open mind: But, of course, there is the question of making contact with the German people and not only with the Government in Bonn. This, Benatan expects, can only be done by establishing closer links with Germany's younger generation.

He declined to answer when I asked him when the negotiations with the German Government on economic aid to Israel would get under way. "This has been laid down in the exchange of letters between Eshkol and Erhard."

Benatan (who at the end of World War II assisted Gideon Raphael of the Jewish



BENATAN AND HIS WIFE
No confusion

Agency in preparing war crimes documentation which was used in the Nuremberg trials) said he approached his present task with an open mind. Of course this is a different Germany," he said. "The Federal Republic is not the Third Reich. Recognition of this simple fact in itself sufficient to prevent confusion."

Benatan is a widely-travelled man. He has spent two years in Geneva studying International Relations. He served for three years in East Africa, where he was Director of an Israeli firm and then head of the Purchasing Mission in Paris. As until last year he was Director-General of the Israel Defence Ministry.

POPULATION DISPERSAL IS VITAL

DEVELOPING THE DEVELOPMENT AREAS

from Amos Ben-Vered

Jerusalem:

The plan to realise one of the long-standing objectives of the Israel government, dispersing the country's population, published last week, is one of a series of important documents and decisions the importance of which is overlooked in the election fever which has seized the country.

The plan is the outcome of years of deliberations in interdepartmental and ministerial committees, with the participation of experts. Nonetheless it was treated here last week as only another aspect of the election campaign.

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Ben Nathan

27 May 1966

Dear []

My apologies for taking so long in sending you the
article and translation of the piece by KESHET on "ARTHUR"
Ben Nathan (present Israeli Ambassador to Bonn) which you
asked for during your visit.

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ARTHUR THE BEAUTIFUL BY SYLVIE KESNET

Until a year ago many people thought of him only as of Arthur the Beautiful. Men mentioned his name with friendly disrespect, women with a sigh. Both agreed that the past Director General of the Ministry of Defense, now Israeli Ambassador in Bonn, is a good looking, elegant, silent somewhat pompous man who will do excellently for decorating a cocktail party.

But now everybody says he is doing far better than anyone expected. Certainly he appears freer, more energetic, more popular. People say admiringly that he is the most photographed and most interviewed man in Germany, that at every event the television lenses are directed longer at him than at anyone else, that he is being run after and asked for autographs,

They say that he is giving the Germans complexes, because he is blonder, taller, colder and bluer eyed than other Germans. That he is proud, That he has no "galuth" complexes. That for the Germans he presents the Israeli superman in Hollywood style. That he is a diplomatic James Bond.

In the first stage of the present negotiations with Germany he even dumbfounded his Israeli colleagues. He proved to be aggressive, cold, matter of fact and secure in his direct approach strategy. Unlike his predecessor, Reparations Mission Director Felix Shinnar, he didn't bargain and argue emotively. Unlike him, he does not drive around in a Mercedes but in an impressive D Citroen. He proudly wears the Legion of Honor Ribbon which he received from the former French Ambassador in Israel. When Mr. Bourdeillette gave him the medal, there was a slight problem. Bourdeillette, who is a small man, was supposed to kiss Ben Nathan on both cheeks, as is the custom. This meant that he had to step on tiptoe. The occasion therefore passed without kissing.

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"His boiling point lies at 150%," they say, "he just doesn't come to a boil." If you know him well you may notice that when he is nervous, he frowns and his right ear trembles a little. After the first stage of negotiations with the Germans, it was said that he doesn't use his nerves at all, only the nerves of his opponents. He is capable to say the rudest things in a quiet voice, in excellent German, with a Viennese accent. They say that West German President Luebke has complained to journalists that Ben Nathan gave a rude answer when he said that the Germans have already paid enough.

Between one tiring meeting and the other he would invite the members of the delegation for ping pong: Treasury against Foreign Ministry. With negligent elegance he would hand out blue match boxes with his initials.

Well dressed, 45 years old, he is proud of his appearance. He is elegant to a point. "In the winter he looks even better than in the summer," friends in Israel say with feminine jealousy. "Because he puts on more clothes. But in Europe that problem settles itself." For a Viennese and student of the Peretz Chayot High School he is unemotional. He is introvert, a little shy, and does not spark continental charm. He is a poor speaker and knows it. He is not too exact - there even are moments when he is lazy. He doesn't like to work on files. He plays by ear. He works off tension by racing like mad in his car. He plays tennis and ping pong and swims. Is a great expert on wine and French cooking. Smokes cigars and is a pleasant host at small events. His manners are unexceptional. He is the perfect gentleman.

He does not use Sabra slang - doesn't thump people on the back - doesn't laugh out loud. At the Ministry of Defense he issued orders that he was not to be called Mr. Ben Nathan but only Arthur, even by the man who brings around the tea. His wife, however, calls him Usher.

For his secretaries he always brings back little gifts from abroad. At the same time he makes a point of preserving a certain distance.

He didn't get excited when nearly all German papers wrote that he looks more like a German than their Ambassador Pauls. He prefers not to talk about his active part in the Nazi hunt after the 2nd World War. If Golda's attempts to put obstacles in the way of his appointment went on his nerves, he tried to conceal it and almost succeeded. Whenever an Israeli gossip columnist writes that he looks so much like German film star Kurt Juergens he pretends to be annoyed but actually enjoys it very much. Now the time has come when he has his revenge on the gentiles. Everybody tells Kurt Juergens that he looks just like Botshafter Ben Nathan.

ארטור היפה

מאת מילכי קשת

בקנאה נשית. כי הוא מתלבש יותר. אבל באירופה הנשית מסתדרת.

כיוצאי הנדק הנימסיה מרץ חיות — הוא וינאי יבש. הוא מופנם. רתור. ביישן כלשהו. ואיננו מתוץ גיצות של שארם קונטיננטלי. הוא נהאם גרוע. ויחד זאת הוא איננו ריקן ביותר. חודשים בו שהוא עצלו. אפילו. אין הוא אהב לעבור על חיקים. הוא מגן לפי השמינית את המחת המסביר בו הוא נהג להשיג בדחירה מפורטת בסכנותיו. הוא משחק טניס. פינג'טונג. שוחה מבין גדול ביינוט ובעולותן צרפתי. מעשן סיגרים. ומארח נעים באר רועים קטנים. נימסיו הם ללא דר פ. ג'נטלמן מושלם.

הוא איננו שמתם בסלאנג צברי. לא טופח על גבים. לא צוחק בקול רם. במשורר הכשתון אטר על כולם לקראת לו פו. בן-נתן. רק ארתור. אפילו למחלק ההנהיגה וכותב זה אשתו. לעומת זאת. קוראה לו אר שיר. למסירות אית מביא המדי אירו מוכרת קשת. במסירותיו. אך יחד עם זאת דאג לשמור על ריחוק מן מושג.

הוא לא התרגש כאשר כתבו כמי עם כל העתונות הגרמניים שהוא נראה יותר גרמני מהגרמני שלחם פאולס. והנה הציף שלא לדבר על חלקו הפעיל בציוד נאצים אחרי מלחמת העולם השנייה. אם נגרסו קצת עצביו מן העתה כאשר ניסתה גול'דה להציב לי מכשולים בדרך למיר וייה. דאג וכמעט הצליח להסתיר זאת כל פעם שרכיילאית ישראלית מסוימת ויהיה כותבת עליו בבית מוסדות שהוא כל כך דומה לכוכב הנרכני קרטי יורגנס. והיא מעמדת פנים שהדבר חורר לו. אבל נהנה מכך מאד. חנה באה שעת נקפתו בגימיק. כולם אוסרים לקרש יודג'נס שהוא דומה לבוטשפטר בן-נתן.



בן-נתן

הגישה הישירה שלא בקדמה מנהל משלחת השילומים. סליקט שנערך לא תמקח ההתחבך ברבנות. ש' לא מכהה אין הוא נוסע במרצדס. כי אם ברא. אם סיטוריאן שחורה מרשימת. הוא עוזב בבואה על דש מקסורנו את אות מסדר לגיון זכר בד שקילב משגריה הקודם של צרפת בישראל. בורדיאנס. כאשר העניק לו את האות. התעוררה לר' נע בעיית. בורדיאנס נמך הקומה צריך היה לנשק לבן-נתן על שתי לחייו. כנהוג לשם כך היה עליו להתרומם על בהונת רגליו. ואי רדע עבר. אישוא. ללא גישוק.

מונזרים על קופסת גפרורים

נקודת הרחיתה שלו היא 150 מעלות. אומרים עליו. הוא פשוט לא מתבשל. אלה המיטיבים להכיר רו יכילים להבחין כשהוא עצבני. בקמיטת מצה. וברעדה קלה באונו הימנית. אחרי השלב הראשון של המשא ומתן עם הגרמנים. סיפרו עליו שהוא איננו משתמש כלל ב'עצביו. רק בעצביהם של יריביו. הוא מסוגל לומר את הדברים ה' בוטים בחתר בעול שקט. בגרמנית נמרצת עם ניב וינאי. מספרים ש' נשיא גרמניה המערבית. היינריך ליבקא התלונן עליו באונו עתר נאים ש'וא השיב לו בגסות כאשר אמר לו שהגרמנים שלמו כבר מסי סיק.

בין ישיבה מיינעת לשנית. היה מופץ את חברי המשלחה לטחק בביתו פינג'טונג. אנשי האוצר ננד אנשי משרד החוץ. ומחלק להם. ברישול אלגנטי קופסות גפרורים כחולות הנרשאות את ראשי התיבות של שמו. הגבר ההודו בן ה-45. נאח בחי' צנוניותו. הוא אלגנטי מאד בלבשו. בחורף הוא עזר יותר יפה מאשר בקיץ. אמרו עליו בארץ יחידים

עד לפני שנה היה בעיני רבים ארתור היפה בלבד. גברים הוכירו את שמו בולזול חביב. נשים. באנ' חת. אלה ואלו הסכיפו שמנכיל משרד הבטחון לשעבר. וכיום שג' ריר ישראל בבון. הוא גבר יפה. אלגנטי. שתקן. פוטופווי משתו ומ' הוזה קישוט. יוצא מן הכלל למסי' בוח קוקסיל.

כיום. אומרים כולם: כל הכבוד. לא תאמנו עליי. הוא עושה עבודה יפה. הוא מתגלה פתאום כאדם חוש' שי יותר. תקיף יותר. פוטופוארי יותר. מספרים בהתפעלות שהוא כ' יום הגבר המצולם והמרואיין ביותר בגרמניה. שבכל אירוע מתעכבת מצלמת הטלוויזיה עליו יותר מכל אחד אחר. שרצים אחריו ומבקשים אוטוגרפים.

שהוא מקשלקס את הגרמנים. ששום שהוא יותר בלונג'י. יותר גבוה. יותר קרייז'י יותר. יותר לוח מעשרה גרמנים אחרים. שהוא באה שאין לו הסככים גלוחים. שהוא מייצג בעיני הגרמנים. אח

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NEW ALLIANCES IN THE ARAB WORLD

HATZOFEH (National Religious Party), heading its editorial "Warring Blocs in the Arab World," writes: "The recent talks between the Turkish and Iraqi heads of Government... seem to transcend their officially declared framework and provide an opening for closer relations between the two neighbouring countries and cooperation even in certain aspects of foreign policy. Moreover, this bilateral cooperation will probably be expanded in the near future and become a tripartite alliance with Iran... This new bloc that is taking shape seems to be clearly directed against the 'socialist revolutionary' bloc of Cairo and Damascus, especially after the latest pro-Nasserist revolt in Iraq, the strings of which led directly to Cairo."

THE HARRY TRUMAN PEACE CENTRE

SHE'ARIM (Poalei Agudat Israel) welcomes the foundation of the Harry Truman Peace Centre as "a praiseworthy effort to create a centre of studies, on a world-wide scale, which will concentrate all thoughts, lectures, debates and discussions on the magic word - peace." The paper categorically rejects the opposition voiced by certain leftist circles to the naming of the Centre after Harry Truman, on the ground that he was allegedly linked with acts of war and aggression. "It is true that President Truman stood up, at the time, as a brave fighter against the aggressors who endangered world peace," the paper says. "But his very capacity to sturdily oppose the warmongers without flinching gives him the right to carry with pride the good tidings of peace," She'arim declares.

THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH

KOL HA'AM (Communist) takes Mr. Asher Ben-Nathan, Israel's Ambassador in West Germany, to task for stepping out in defence of Dr. Pauls's "anti-Israeli statements" at the Trade Fair. "Ben Nathan's statements, extolling Bonn and defending its disgraceful representative, are too serious to be passed over in silence by the Israeli public and Government," Kol Ha'am declares. "Mr. Ben Nathan believes that 'Israel's interests might suffer' from any criticism of Bonn on our part and from a firmer approach on behalf of Israel's interests and honour," the paper goes on to say. "Any Government with any self-respect... should condemn Dr. Pauls's provocative speech and also put Ambassador Ben-Nathan in his place."

HA'ARETZ (non-party) declares that the Government's bill to amend the Hours of Work and Rest Law are a violation of the principle of the status quo in matters of religion. In a second editorial Ha'aretz discusses China's opposition to the convening of the Geneva conference on Vietnam.

DAVAR (Histadrut) calls for the gradual reform of the Tenants Protection Law on the lines of the Ravah Committee's recommendations.

LAMERHAV (Ahdut Ha'avoda) calls for stricter safety regulations for tractors.

HAYOM (independent) objects to the establishment of factions within the Herut movement. In a second editorial, the paper discusses the failure of the effort to hold a public debate between East and West German representatives.

HAMODIA (Agudat Israel) discusses the election of the religious councils and other problems of religious legislation.

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) severely criticizes the Government regulation forbidding the publication of details about the meetings of the Cabinet Defence Committee. OMER (Histadrut) welcomes the plans for mutual assistance by youth and calls for their extension to include efforts to improve relations between Jewish and Arab youth.

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Ben-Nathan protests against one-sided criticism
Abba Eban's reference to Paul's speech - editorials

BEN-NATHAN PROTESTS AGAINST ONE-SIDED CRITICISM

Amos Illin, HAARETZ correspondent, reports that Israel's Ambassador to Bonn, Mr. Arthur Ben-Nathan, who is at present in Israel on a private visit, yesterday vigorously protested against unfair, one-sided criticism levelled in Israel against West Germany, against the uncompromising attitude of wide circles, and against the readiness to see only the negative sides of Germany while ignoring many positive sides. The Ambassador claimed that those phenomena, although understandable against the background of the past, show a measure of injustice against those Germans who prove by their deeds that they are worthy of belonging to cultural mankind. Moreover, the Ambassador believes — and he apparently reported to the Government to that effect — that if such one-sided criticism continues and if continuous intolerance is shown towards everything German merely because it is German, it will eventually harm the moral credit which Israel is enjoying in Germany and will damage essential national interests in the economic and political sphere. The Ambassador referred in particular to various expressions of public opinion, articles in the press, the refusal of Israeli students to get in contact with German students, the prohibition of showing certain German films, and even to certain "official expressions."

ABBA EBAN'S REFERENCE TO PAULS' SPEECH

The HAARETZ Political correspondent writes that what Foreign Minister Abba Eban said at the Government session about the style of the press criticizing Germany was said with reference to one particular publication in one particular paper, political circles explained yesterday. The subject matter in question is a proposal, made by Haim Hefer, that the West German Ambassador should go to the devil," published in YEDIOT. The LAMERHAV editorial is surprised at the unprecedented criticism of the Israeli press by the Foreign Minister. It is the privilege of the Government to react mildly or not at all to Pauls' speech at the Tel Aviv Fair, which was broadcast by the German Television. However, the Government has no right to interfere with the freedom of the press. "Representatives of certain countries, with which our relations are less complicated than those with Germany, have learned to understand that the Government of Israel is not responsible for what is written in the Israeli press, and cannot dictate its views or opinions."

The HAARETZ editorial, writing about the developments inside the Herut party, says that the opposition leaders achieved much more than they had hoped for. The "court revolution" had not been directed so much against Begin as against a number of veteran functionaries who had been leading the party for years without ever bringing it to the regime. The power struggle has delivered the party an internal shock, and it is not yet clear whether the party will be able to overcome it. While Ben Eliezer, Landau and Schofman — the original targets of the uprising — announced that they were not prepared to serve in the new executive, any more than Mr. Begin himself, Mr. Meridor promised to invite Shmuel Tamir to join it, whom Begin had only two days before called "a spoiled child, having tantrums, who ought to be taught a lesson." These dramatic events testify to the crises that befell all traditional party frameworks in Israel and that did not spare Herut.

A heavy ideological mortgage is making it tough for Herut to find its way to the electorate. Anachronisms are like iron fetters around its ankles preventing a merger with the Liberals or Rafi, and are arousing deep suspicions among the general public in the spheres of internal and external politics, religions and economics. The extremism of Herut on the German question not only repels many voters who are afraid to lose their compensation; it is also no practical basis for a rational policy.

The adherence of Herut to the principle of the integrity of the homeland arouses among the public the apprehension that the leaders of Herut, if and when they do come to power, would endanger the existing achievements for the sake of

of an adventurous campaign in Trans-Jordan. Are Messrs Tamir, Shostak and Tayer ready to prepare the ground inside Herut for an ideological revision, similar to that which made the British Conservatives give up the Empire or which induced the German Social-Democrats to forego Marxism. Their task will not be an easy one.

The DAVAR editorial, though admitting the need to curtail occasionally the freedom of the press by prohibiting the publication of information which, in the interest of the security of the State, is best kept secret, takes exception to a permanent curtailment of that freedom. It is well known that there is censorship in Israel, which is authorized to prevent the publication of certain news. As a rule, what the censor has not prohibited, may be published. According to the new regulation, however, any publication of news relating to "consultations, decisions and sessions of the Ministerial Committee for Security Matters" is prohibited, unless its publication is explicitly permitted by the Competent Authority. This is not just a change of wording. There is a profound difference between the conception that the citizen is permitted to do everything that has not been explicitly prohibited, and the conception that he is not allowed to do anything that has not been explicitly permitted. The new regulation creates the impression that it is trying to prevent harm to the security of the State without undue administrative exertion. The onus of responsibility has been shifted from the censor to the publisher. There is no justification in suppressing the freedom of the press indefinitely for administrative exigencies. If there are complaints throughout the country about leakages from sessions of the Government and its committees, they had better be stopped at the source, instead of putting the blame for "espionage," punishable by 15 years of imprisonment, on the publisher.

GROWING NUMBER OF SYRIAN INFILTRATIONS INTO ISRAEL TERRITORY

The Military Correspondent of HAARETZ reports that the number of infiltrations into Israel territory along the Israel-Syria border by Syrian soldiers and civilians has lately increased. Although on the whole a marked easing of tension has recently been felt to be prevailing among the Syrian Units stationed along the border, the number of infiltrations by Syrians into Israel territory has substantially increased. On the one hand it seems that the new regime in Damascus is doing everything in order not to get involved along the border with Israel. The possibility cannot be ruled out that this attitude derives partly from advice given (to the Syrians) by the Soviets, who are apprehensive that a Syrian involvement might topple the new regime, with whose assistance the Russians hope to penetrate deeper into the Middle East. This attitude was recently felt in a clear manner, when for the first time in years the Syrians did not open fire on Israeli agricultural workers who worked the parts of land known as "booster." As a result of this attitude, Israel has also eased its stand, but it seems that Israel's readiness to ease the tension is misunderstood by the Syrians, especially along the border. It is assumed that the increasing number of infiltrations are the result of this situation.

DIVERSION WORK CONTINUES

In the meantime the Syrian work along the diversion line of the Jordan is being continued according to plan and even a certain intensification is being felt in comparison with the work carried out a few months ago. Whereas a few months ago the only two to three Syrian tractors worked along the diversion line, six to eight tractors can now be seen in that area. These work in the sector southeast of Kurazim.

AFTERNOON PRESS

" YEDIOT reports that Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Joseph Sisco, is expected to arrive for a short visit to Israel on Thursday. During that visit he is scheduled to meet with Mr. Abba Eban and other senior officials of the Foreign Ministry.

* MAARIV reports that the Foreign Office in Jerusalem said that until yesterday nothing had been known about any correspondence between Mr. Harry Truman and Mr. Habib Bourguiba. The matter started with the initiative of Mr. Truman and the sponsors of the Peace Center.

YEDIOT reports that the news editor of "KOL ISRAEL," Mr. Vardi Ben Yaacov, demands a clarification from the Administration of the Broadcasting Service, after the alleged pressure that was brought to bear on him by the Foreign Ministry. The news about Bourguiba's message of good wishes to Mr. Harry Truman (published in today's JERUSALEM POST) was broadcast in the 7 p.m. news bulletin by "KOL ISRAEL". When the editor wanted to repeat the broadcast at 8:30 an official from the Foreign Ministry phoned him and asked him to omit the news because the broadcast is likely to "harm Mr. Bourguiba." The news item was eventually suppressed by the decision of Dr. Hoffman, Acting Director of the Broadcasting Service, and Mr. Ben Yaacov has lodged a complaint, saying: "There is no point in returning to the days of fear and hysteria, which disturbed the work and caused embarrassment to those doing their faithful duty and harm to the State." Mr. Ben Yaacov will also demand a clarification of the affair in the Journalists' Association of Israel.

YEDIOT reports that the resignation of Isser Harel from his post as Adviser to the Prime Minister will apparently be brought up at today's session of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee. One of the Gahal representatives will ask Mr. Eshkol, who will take part at the session, for clarification. The Prime Minister is expected to reply very briefly, but it is not anticipated that Mr. Harel will be requested to appear before the committee.

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On June 30, 1966, the occasion of "German Day" at the Tel Aviv Trade Fair, West German Ambassador Dr. Rolf PAULS delivered a speech that provoked widespread press comment, most of which was critical, followed by conciliatory statements by Foreign Minister Abba EBAN and the Israeli Ambassador to Bonn, Asher BEN-NATHAN. The prime targets of the press were statements by Dr. Pauls to the effect that: 1) West Germany has already regained a position of honor in the international community and thus was no longer in need of any special dispensation; 2) some Israelis were unfortunately prone to stirring up the past "for political reasons," and 3) the quality of Israeli-West German relations would largely depend on Israel's attitude to certain key problems such as that of the Oder-Neisse Line.

Although clearly situated within the context of a full and frank admission of Germany's special obligations toward Israel and of her understanding of Israeli sensitivities regarding Germany and Germans, these remarks were nevertheless interpreted by most of the press as offensive, if not insulting, to the memories of the Jewish victims of Nazi Germany. In the eyes of the organs of the three religious parties (Hatzofeh, Shearin and Hamodia) the German Ambassador's remarks were respectively described as "depressing," "insolent," and "enough to anger every Jew and make his blood boil." According to Lamerhay and Al Hamishmar, mouthpieces for left-wing and anti-German Coalition partners Abdut Avoda and Mapam, Dr. Pauls' insistence that despite disturbing signs of Nazi revival in Germany,

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Germany had regained a respected international position merely confirmed that there has not yet been any real normalization of relations between Israel and Germany. A more extreme sentiment was expressed by a columnist in mass-circulation Yediot Aharonot (independent) who suggested that the West German diplomat should "go to h-ll." Even the normally pro-BEN-GURION newspaper Haaretz (independent) queried the wisdom of the speech. Thus, while admitting its strict propriety on the grounds that Israeli diplomats in general, and Ambassador Ben-Nathan in particular, often deliver themselves of critical remarks, Haaretz found Dr. Pauls "altogether too sure of himself" in speaking about Germany's return to an honored place in the international community. In any case, Israel is not the place to express such an opinion. An editorial in the Jerusalem Post similarly questioned the prudence of the speech.

Apparently not at all daunted by the reaction of the press, Dr. Pauls allowed himself the liberty of further comment on July 5 in the form of an interview given to Yediot Aharonot. Speaking aboard a ship in Haifa harbor just prior to departing on home leave, he told the reporter that he considered the speech to have been moderate and balanced. He pointed out that, far from declaring that the past should be forgotten, he had explicitly stated that the Jewish people could not be asked to forget the past and that the Germans should not be asked to do so. What he had done was express some criticism. After all, "full diplomatic relations mean full mutual rights, including that of criticism. Criticism is not Israel's exclusive right, and you will have to get used to it." On the whole, he felt that the results of his first year in Israel could be described as positive.

While no official Government statement of comment was issued at any time on the subject, initial "unofficial" comments of "dismay" were carried in many papers. This trend was substantially changed on July 10 when Mr. Eban reportedly complained to the Cabinet that the Israeli press had treated the German envoy in a discourteous fashion. Admitting that certain of Dr. Pauls' remarks constituted legitimate grounds for criticism, he allegedly suggested that the press criticism be "expressed in conformity with the rules of courtesy and moderation customary towards diplomatic relations." According to the Jerusalem Correspondent of Yediot Aharonot, there was a direct link between Mr. Eban's task and efforts being made by Israel to establish some relationship with the European Common Market.

A far-more outspoken voice in favor of Israel-German rapprochement in general, and of Dr. Pauls' freedom of expression in particular, was that of Ambassador Ben-Nathan, currently in Israel on personal business. At a press conference on July 11 Mr. Ben-Nathan vigorously protested against unfair, one-sided criticism levelled in Israel against West Germany and against/widespread tendency to see only the negative side of Germany while ignoring many positive features. Such an attitude is unjust to worthy Germans, and, if allowed to continue, is liable to harm the moral credit which Israel currently enjoys in Germany and will damage essential national interests in the economic and political spheres. The Israeli Ambassador was particularly critical of the cold treatment given

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German students in Israel. As far as Dr. Pauls was concerned, his Israeli counterpart declared that "if I can criticize over German TV trials of Nazi criminals, then Dr. Pauls may for once air his views."

COMMENT: Pauls' deputy at the German Embassy in Tel Aviv told the DCM recently that the Embassy had expected some reaction from the Israeli press and public to the Ambassador's remarks but had underestimated its intensity. He added that the need for such a speech by Pauls had arisen, in the German Government's estimate, because of what it considers to be frequent upbraiding from the lecture platform by Ben-Nathan in Germany; such a relationship should be a two-way-street, they feel. Our only reaction to this is that the German Embassy has so far proved itself to be staffed with intelligent, personable, hard-working men who are doing a full, efficient job in the face of innumerable difficulties. There has, however, been a recent personnel change which may in this case have proved important — the veteran First Secretary in charge of relations with the press, Wilhelm S. HONDRICH, left the diplomatic service to take a job in Germany, and his replacement Dr. Herbert LIMMER, arrived at the time of Pauls' statement. Moreover, the heavy tasks facing the small staff of German officers daily have so far kept them too occupied to permit the type of contacts with various areas of Israeli life, and consultations with members of other foreign missions, which over a period of time build "feel" for the local situation into any Embassy's operations. The kind of things Pauls has said may be relatively innocuous in many other contexts, but they certainly represent a meaningful, if small, departure from the "turn-the-other cheek" public posture exhibited by the Germany Embassy up to relatively recently in Israel. Perhaps some of this can be traced to the contretemps experienced at the time of Adenauer's visit (A-973, May 17, 1966), which brought out some of the more subterranean feelings in even top Israeli leaders, as well as the steel in Ambassador Pauls' character.

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It will be recalled from the communication under reference that in the wake of the local criticism stirred up by a recent address of West German Ambassador Dr. Rolf PAULS the voice of the Israeli Ambassador to Bonn, Mr. Asher BEN-NATHAN (currently in Israel on personal business), was heard in outspoken defense of the idea of Israel-German rapprochement in general, and of Dr. Pauls' freedom of speech, in particular. A rather clear and detailed exposition of Ben-Nathan's position was recently carried in the form of an interview (see enclosure) in mass-circulation Maariv (independent). Among the more striking points he made are the following:

1. Ben-Nathan would like to see Israel-German relations develop in such a fashion that the Germans would continue to remember their moral debt to Israel, without at the same time being subject to constant Israeli reminder "day and night", and the Israelis would realize that a new generation has come into being in Germany, and that West German-Israel relations are a "matter of mutuality."
2. While the Germans greatly regret Israel's stand on the Oder-Neisse border, they understand the motivation and don't press the problem. "All they ask is that we should not keep harping on that subject..."
3. In Ben-Nathan's opinion, the influence of the right-wing National-Partei Deutschlands (NDP) is limited, and it encounters strong

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opposition since the Germans are well aware of the dangers of anti-Semitism.

4. Those Israelis who suggest the establishment of diplomatic relations with East Germany are unfamiliar with the situation in East Germany and with the insulting posture it holds towards Israel.

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Asher Ben-Nathan, Israeli Ambassador in Bonn
Interviewed by Raphael Bashan

Maariv, July 22, 1966

Question: Mr. Ben-Nathan, have you come to Israel in order to correct the bad impression which the speech of the German Ambassador Rolf Pauls made?

Answer: I have come on home leave which was planned some time ago. I was on board ship in mid-sea when Pauls made his speech. Particulars of it I only learned when I arrived at Haifa.

Q: Did you then interrupt your leave?

A: Officially I did not. My place of work is at the Israel Embassy in Bonn, not here.

Q: Did the speech of Ambassador Pauls surprise you?

A: To some extent perhaps. On the whole I would say that one ought to leave the judgment of his speech to history--not to hysteria!

Q: Don't you think that Dr. Pauls exaggerated somewhat?

A: I would prefer to add no more to what I said on that subject.

Q: How do you regard your task as Israeli Ambassador in Germany? Is there anything special in it? How does it differ from representation in another country?

A: There is still something special in our relations with Germany. From the beginning I was received there in a way different from that to which any other Ambassador is used. The very appearance of an Israeli Ambassador in Germany has perhaps again brought to the consciousness of the Germans that which is special in the relations of the two countries, and has given food for thought to many people. We have to remember that for many years we had a representation in Germany, and Dr. Pinhas Shinaar had the personal rank of Ambassador, but the symbolism inherent in the actual opening of an Embassy has created special interest among the general public. The press, radio, and television have shown great interest in the Ambassador himself, and public opinion wanted to know who is that first Ambassador that Israel has sent to Germany. Without actually entering into any comparison, this situation is perhaps similar to the one that may exist, from the point of view of public interest, when the first Israeli Ambassador is accredited to Damascus after peace has been established between us and the Arabs.

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Q: What about the rumors according to which you behave with the Germans with "a soft hand" and in rather an appeasing manner?

A: So far I have only heard the opposite! Whoever said that I am too appeasing towards the Germans belongs to a group of unstable persons, I would say, those who do not speak out of knowledge but, to put it mildly, out of malice. I for one do not think that one always has to speak strongly with the Germans, but at public appearances I say exactly what I think, even if the things are hard, sometimes. And I assume that among those listening there are always those^{who} do not particularly like what I have to say. A short time ago I spoke at the inauguration meeting of the "German-Israel Association" in Berlin, and there I said that in Germany one occasionally uses such terms as "forgetting" and "forgiving", while it is still impossible to forget, and that I advise them not to forget either! Gentlemen, I said, you cannot pull out leaves from the book of history, and there is nothing to talk about forgiving. What one can try to do is build a bridge of mutual understanding for the future. Among the audience there were some religious notables sitting, to whom the concept of "forgiving" has a special meaning. What I said was not pleasant for them at all, but I said it just the same"

When Germans ask me about our attitude to the border problem Oder-Neisse, I explain to them the stand of the Government of Israel, which one does not enjoy hearing about in Germany, although there are many important politicians of all parties in Germany, who have openly declared that the border Oder-Neisse is the border of Germany, and that at the peace conference there will be room for a formal concession on that subject in a general settlement. I have to point out that what worries the Germans much more is the problem of reunification of Germany.

Q: What is the opinion of the Germans about our attitude to the question of the Oder-Neisse border?

A: They have with deep regret taken due notice of our stand on that subject, they even understand the motivation that brought us to that, and they don't press us on that subject. All they ask is that we should not keep harping on that subject, because our attitude is quite clear to them.

Q: Is the assumption true, that the German Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder is hostile to the State of Israel?

A: That is not true! Mr. Schroeder is a man who is concerned first and foremost with the interests of Germany--and that is legitimate.

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Q: What is the position regarding relations between the Bonn Government and the Arab countries?

A: The position today is that the Arabs who severed relations with Bonn have to renew them, and only then will the conditions be discussed. It seems to me that to the extent that the Arabs will obtain a better political price, they will perhaps be willing to forego a high economic price.

Q: For instance?

A: Let us assume that for one reason or another a crisis may develop between us and the Bonn Government. That would be an opening for the Arabs to renew contact with Bonn at a somewhat lower price.

Q: How do we know that a renewal of German-Arab relations will not come in one way or another at our expense?

A: Chancellor Erhard himself said repeatedly that relations with the Arabs have nothing to do with relations between Israel and Germany. We claim and argue that all the time. We have no objections to the renewal of German relations with the Arab countries. We do not interfere in the affairs of other countries. All we want is that such relations should not be at our expense.

Q: What is your opinion about the idea entertained in certain circles in Israel that we ought to recognize also East Germany and establish relations with her?

A: That would be the worst thing to do. If we look into East Germany's relations to us, what do we find? Only insults and accusations and denunciations of the worst kind. There has not been a head of an East European State who expressed himself against Israel in such a vilifying manner as Walter Ulbricht! In East Germany there are the same Germans as in West Germany. Perhaps in the Government there no former Nazis have been discovered, but the people are the same and it must be measured with the same yardstick as to their good and their bad sides. Whoever speaks of East Germany had better check the subject thoroughly. Sometimes one speaks here about German militarism. If I recoiled from the show of German militarism, it was when I saw soldiers of the East German Army marching in goose-step in the best Wehrmacht tradition! More than once have I read in East German newspapers praise and hail to the Prussian military tradition!

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Q: We hear from time to time increasing number of revelations of anti-Semitism and about neo-Nazi parties which are gaining in strength in regional elections. How does that fit into the image of "the other Germany?"

A: I presume you mean first of all the NPD (National Partei Deutschlands). This is a nationalist party who claims that they are not Neo-Nazis. They even went to the trouble of sending me an invitation to their annual convention. It seems to me that about one-third of their members are veteran Nazis, but their true voice is not heard at public meetings in the big cities out of fear of arrest, only at small gatherings in villages. The NPD stresses in its propaganda that not only the Germans committed atrocities during the war, but other peoples as well, and demands that "the lost territory" be returned to Germany. In my opinion their influence is small and they encounter strong opposition. Recently most neo-Nazi organizations were united in the framework of the NPD. Their organ, the "Deutsche Soldatenzeitung", publishes strong anti-German articles quoted from the Israeli press, with the intention of proving: "You see! Not only we are extremist in our attitude!" In the Bundestag it has several times been proposed to outlaw the NPD and its paper, but as long as both are cautious in their expressions they will apparently continue to exist. As regards anti-Semitism: There are fascist movements in other Western States, and they are openly engaged in anti-Semitic propaganda. The Germans themselves are aware of that phenomenon, and the German Ministry of Interior publishes from time to time reports on such revelations. There are people who, instead of regarding such reports as a positive sign, have pointed out that they are proof of the continued existence of neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic movements in Germany. The NPD itself has understood the danger of such reports for its future existence and its paper came out with a sharp attack on the Minister of Interior.

Q: You have repeatedly stressed the point that we ought to receive German youth delegations with a smile of welcome. Are we actually under any obligation for the education of German youth? Why do you regard it as our duty?

A: It is not a question of duty. The Germans themselves want to send their youth to us, to see a democratic country. It is in our interest to meet and to talk with these young people, for in the long run we must be interested in the education of the new democratic generation in Germany.

Q: When will the meeting between Erhard and Eshkol take place?

A: Maybe this year.

Q: On German soil?

A: No!

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Q: In what direction would you like to see Israel's relations with Germany develop in the years to come?

A: I would like to see sober relations. Let's put it this way: The Germans must understand their moral debt to us, without our reminding them day and night. I would like to see them giving us support in all vitally important matters that concern us. At the same time I would like us to realize the difference between the old Germany and the new generation and the people of goodwill which they have in fact proved, that we should realize that a new generation has come into being in Germany, and that we should understand that relations are a matter of mutuality.

Q: Mr. Ben-Nathan: Isn't there a danger than an Ambassador who remains for a long time in a certain country, may become that country's Ambassador, and in the case of Germany, may become unwittingly a Germanophile?

A: Tell me, does every Ambassador who remains for a long time in Israel become automatically a philosemite?

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2. ALSO HAS DECIDED TO COOPERATE WITH ISRAELIS IN LATIN AMERICA ON SELECTIVE BASIS IN DEVELOPMENT AID ACTIVITIES. EACH CASE OF MUTUAL ACTIVITY IS TO BE APPROVED BY QRPLUTO-2 PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Sam BRAUN
Born: 1 October 1920, Lodz

1. Subject is a stateless Pole now living in West Berlin where he is engaged in East-West trade using the following as at least partial cover for these activities: Cuban Commercial Development Corporation Ltd. He has reportedly also dealt in illegal arms deliveries.

2. The West Berlin police records show eight convictions for shady business practices from 1950 to 1958. He is an associate of Berlin's most "dangerous and amoral characters in the underworld of syring and illegal trade".

3. His mother now lives in Israel; he has friends and other relatives in the United States.

4. He spent World War II in a concentration camp. By 1965, he began developing high-level contacts among the Soviets, starting with INTOURIST. In 1966, he began a fairly large scale business program with PRUDINTORG involving food stuffs. Later that year, he was in contact with PAVLOV, Chief of the Soviet Trade Mission in East Berlin, and STARSHIMOV. In 1967, he began serious negotiations with these and other Soviets, making several trips to Moscow. These talks concerned Subject's role in fronting for the establishment of a new Soviet Mission building in West Berlin. He has since been visited on a number of occasions in his apartment in West Berlin by the Soviet Ambassador to the DDR, ABRASIMOV. He is also in contact with LAGUTIN, Lawyer for Soviet property deals, who was formerly in the Embassy in Bonn. He is "probably KGB".

5. He is reported to have returned from Moscow in January 1968 in order to sponsor a large Israeli Relief Reception in West

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Berlin in honor of Israeli Ambassador BEN NATHAN. He is alleged to have been received by ESHKOL during a recent trip to Israel. (EGEA-85782)

6. Berlin has been requested to provide overt evidence of the reception described above to furnish us with a basis for querying the [] in low key fashion.

7. See report from BOB on how they found out about the above-mentioned reception.

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1. A survey of the local press in the last week of January revealed no mention of the reception given at the Jewish Community Center in West Berlin on 27 January 1968 for Israeli Ambassador Ben Nathan. The latter's presence in West Berlin was reported however in newspaper articles which we are forwarding herewith as Attachment A.

2. Our information regarding the reception was based on three independent reports. According to our sources, Samuel BRAUN sponsored it. The purpose of the reception was reportedly a fund raising drive for Israel. Invitations to the reception were extended to local well to do Jewish residents. None of our sources, Identity 1 and Identity 2, attended the reception.

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„Früchte der Arbeit und des Zorns“

Israels Botschafter Asher Ben Natan auf der Grünen Woche

Israels Botschafter in der Bundesrepublik, Asher Ben Natan, sagte gestern auf der „Grünen Woche“: „Wir freuen uns, hier die Früchte unserer Arbeit zeigen zu können, in einem Jahr, in dem wir auch die Früchte unseres Zorns gezeigt haben.“ Der Botschafter sprach auf einem Empfang anlässlich der Beteiligung Israels an der großen Schau der internationalen Landwirtschaft. Ben Natan vertrat die Ansicht, daß sich die Agrarexporte seines Landes in die Bundesrepublik noch weiter erhöhen lassen, während es auf der anderen Seite für die deutschen Ausfuhr nach Israel ebenfalls Möglichkeiten für eine Ausweitung gebe. Allerdings trat der Botschafter dafür ein, daß bei Apfelsinimporten der EWG alle Länder des Mittelmeerraumes gleich behandelt werden müßten.

Er betonte, man könne die Haltung Italiens gegenüber der Konkurrenz wohl verstehen, aber es wäre nicht gerecht, wenn einer der Staaten Vorteile vor den übrigen habe. Der Botschafter kündigte an, daß Israel sich u. a. bemühen werde, die Lieferungen an Frühgemüse und Frühobst nach Deutschland zu intensivieren.

Israel ist zum siebentstenmal mit einem eigenen Stand auf der „Grünen Woche“ vertreten. Gezeigt werden alle wichtigen Exportgüter der Landwirtschaft, des Gartenbaus und der Nahrungsmittelindustrie des Landes. Attraktion ist diesmal eine in der Mitte des Standes aufgebauete Arche Noah mit vielen großen und kleinen Stofftieren und der

Aufschrift „Eintritt nur in Paaren“. Das Schiff soll für Reisen nach Israel werben.

Zum erstenmal hat die deutsche Landwirtschaft am Wochenende in Berlin ihren Buchpreis verliehen. Auf einem Empfang des Präsidiums des Deutschen Bauernverbandes zeichnete die Stiftung „Buchpreis der deutschen Landwirtschaft“ Dr. Heinz Haushofer mit dem ersten Preis von 10 000 DM für sein Buch „Die deutsche Landwirtschaft im technischen Zeitalter“ aus. Preise von je 5000 DM wurden an Prof. Dr. Konrad Meyer und Dr. Rudolf Schnieders für das Buch „Ordnung im ländlichen Raum“ und der Bildband „Porträt des Dorfes — gestern, heute, morgen“ verliehen.

Für einen guten Zweck getrunken wurde gestern auf der Grünen Woche im Palais am Funkturm. Die Aktion „Berlin hilft“ zugunsten der Aktion „Brot für die Welt“ veranstaltete unter der Schirmherrschaft des Regierenden Bürgermeisters eine Probe burgundischer Weine. Die sehr gut besuchte und einen stattlichen Erlös einbrachte.

Einen optischen Vorgeschmack auf das heute beginnende Reit- und Springturnier in der Deutschlandhalle konnten die Besucher einer Matinee im Ufa-Pavillon am Kurfürstendamm gewinnen. Der farbige Dokumentarfilm „Lipizzaner“, der u. a. mit Unterstützung des österreichischen Bundesministeriums für Land- und Forstwirtschaft hergestellt wurde, fand Beifall. wt

Aus Briefen an die Lokalredaktion:

LSD nimmt Spannungen bewußt auf

In der WELT vom 25. Januar heißt es auf Seite 11 unter der Überschrift „Exzenator gehört zum Komitee der 100“ über eine Pressekonferenz des LSD u. a.: „Der LSD habe nichts dagegen, als ‚links‘ bezeichnet zu werden, doch lehnt er revolutionäres Gebaren strikt ab.“

Das ist unrichtig wiedergegeben. Abgesehen davon, daß wir derart unpräzise und verniedlichende Begriffe nicht verwenden, sind wir der Auffassung, daß revolutionäre Gewalt in der Dritten Welt ein Mittel zur Befreiung der Unterdrückten darstellt.

In einer hochindustrialisierten Gesellschaft wie der unsrigen mit ihrer perfektionierten Machtausübung durch den Staatsapparat ist die revolutionäre Gewalt kein taugliches Mittel zur Veränderung, da infolge der Manipulation der Beherrschten keine Massenbasis für den Aufstand bewußter Demokraten zu erreichen ist und der Kampf einer revolutionären Minderheit ein unverhältnismäßiges Maß an Opfern fordern oder — in dem unwahrscheinlichen Falle des Gelingens — in eine Erziehungs-diktatur einmünden würde.

Der LSD nimmt die Spannung zwischen außer- und inner-institutioneller Arbeit bzw. Opposition bewußt auf, d. h. auf der einen Seite durch gewaltlose direkte Aktionen und Demonstrationen zur Aufmerksamkeit und Information der Öffentlichkeit beitragen, andererseits durch unsere Vertreter in den Parteien und anderen gesellschaftlichen Organisationen politisches Problem-Bewußtsein zu bilden.

Dieter Omels,
Liberaler Studentenbund
Deutschlands, Berlin 61

FIL-Konvent hat nur

11.1.68, 10.00 Uhr, 10.00 Uhr

anschießen sollte, wird eine Klage vor dem Verwaltungsgericht unvermeidlich sein. Das Bundesverwaltungsgericht hat bereits durch Urteil vom 11. 11. 1966 — VII C 103.65 — entschieden, daß Mensuren fechtende Verbindungen, die sich — wie wir — zur freiheitlichen demokratischen Ordnung bekennen, nicht benachteiligt werden dürfen.

Der Convent des Corps Lusatia
Leipzig zu Berlin, Berlin 33

Spielbank ist unnötig

Ihrer Notiz „Fragen nach der Spielbank“ (DIE WELT vom 13. 1.) müssen wir zu unserer Überraschung entnehmen, daß die Kreise, die an der Spielbank in Westberlin interessiert sind, ihre Pläne nicht aufgegeben haben. Wir machen uns hier Stimmen, gerade auch aus der jungen Generation, zu eigen, die schon seinerzeit festgestellt haben, daß eine solche Spielbank für Westberlin unnötig ist und die Begründungen dafür „dürftig und billig“ sind. Aus sittlichem Verantwortungsgefühl heraus, insbesondere auch im Interesse unserer Jugend wenden wir uns daher energisch gegen solche Pläne, gegen deren Realisierung nicht nur ethische, sondern auch psychohygienische Faktoren sprechen.

Deutscher Bund für naturgemäße
Lebens- und Heilweise (Naturheil-
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Das Publikum kam auf seine Kosten

Erste Landesjugendmeisterschaft im Tanzen war ein Erfolg

Sie waren gestern einmal ganz unter sich: die bewährten, oft umjubelten kleinen Akteure der Bühnenprogramme großer Tanzturniere. In der Sporthalle am Sachsendamm fand die erste Berliner Landesjugendmeisterschaft im



In vorbildlicher Formation

Generalprobe der Lipizzaner in der Deutschlandhalle für die heute beginnenden Vorführungen im Rahmen des Internationalen Reit- und Springturniers. Foto: berlin-bild

Berliner Film premiere

Filmtheater Berlin

Die sieben Masken des Judoka

Der Aufklärungsflug eines amerikanischen Piloten im Auftrag des CIA wird zu einem gefährlichen Abenteuer nicht nur für die unmittelbar Beteiligten, sondern auch für Verwandte und Freunde, ja selbst für ganz Fernstehende. Überfälle, Foltern, Entführungen, Schlägereien und Messerstechereien jagen sich. Die Geheimorganisation „Schwarzer Drache“ plant eine weltweite Katastrophe. Kann sie verhindert werden?

Die Hauptrollen dieses turbulenten Films unter der Regie von Maurice Labro spielen Helga Dörche, Mary Ireland, Masha Tolo und Maria Mühl.

tes in der Tasche. Sie geht am 16. März in Hannover über das Parkett.

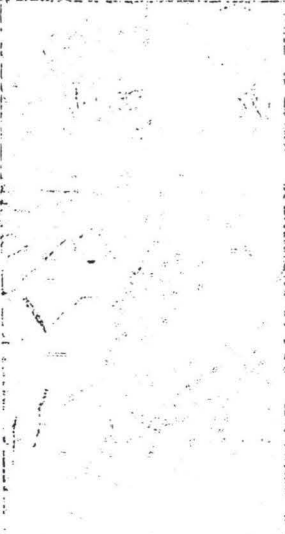
Die schöne große Halle verlockte zugleich weitere Nachwuchskämpfe zu veranstalten. Ausschließlich von der Tanzsport-Keller bestreift, von der

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Heute sollen die Vorräte ergänzt werden

Die Werbe- und Verkaufsschlacht am Funkturm erreichte gestern ihren ersten Höhepunkt: Bereits in den Nachmittagsstunden hatte der 100.000. Besucher die Drehkreuze der „Grünen Woche“ passiert. Seit der Eröffnung der internationalen Landwirtschaftsschau am Freitag haben bisher 119.000 Besucher die Ausstellung gesehen. Die diesjährige „Internationale Grüne Woche“ übertrifft ihre Vorgängerinnen noch an kostspieligem Aufwand und kommerziellem Wettbewerbseifer. Waffeln sind die kulinarischen Genüsse aus 37 Ländern der Welt. Häufig ist offenbar jedoch der Appetit der Berliner unterschätzt worden: Bei einigen Ausstellern gingen gestern die Vorräte aus. Im Laufe des heutigen Tages sollen die aufgetretenen Lücken wieder geschlossen werden. Von den ausländischen Ausstellern zeigten sich nach Mitteilung der Ausstellungsleitung vor allem Großbritannien, Israel, Dänemark und Frankreich besonders erfreut über das starke Interesse der Besucher an ihren Ständen.



UM DEN BART GEGANGEN: Bundespräsident Lübke besuchte am Wochenende die Ausstellungshallen unter dem Funkturm.



DER ARCHE NOAH auf der Grünen Woche stellte gestern Israels Botschafter in der Bundesrepublik, Asher Ben Nafhan, einen Besuch ab. „Wir freuen uns, hier die Früchte unserer Arbeit zeigen zu können, in einem Jahr, in dem wir auf die Früchte unseres Zorns gereicht haben.“ Wie der Botschafter angekündigt, will sich Israel diesmal auch an der Industrieausstellung sowie an der Durchreise beteiligen. Foto: Biedert



PASST HAARGENAU: Außenminister Brandt bei einer selbstinszenierten Kostprobe am Israeli-Stand. Leider waren die hübschen Hostesse-Kappen, die von den Mädchen im Kibbuz getragen werden, unverkäuflich.

Nach Tunesien eingeladen

► Bundesernährungsminister Höcherl, der sich anlässlich der Internationalen Grünen Woche in Berlin aufhält, ist am Sonntagnachmittag mit seinem tunesischen Kollegen Ben Osman zu einer Aussprache zusammengetroffen. Bei der Unterredung sind vor allem deutsche Entwicklungsprojekte in Tunesien erörtert worden. Wie ein Sprecher des Ernährungsministeriums bestätigte, ist Höcherl von Osman eingeladen worden, im Sommer Tunesien zu besuchen. (AP)

Post auf das dreifache „Lottchen“



GANZ NUCHTERN muß man sein, um diese drei jungen Damen auseinander zu halten: Gabriele, Martina und Charlotte sind die drei hübschen Töchter vom „Wein-Wirt“ auf der Grünen Woche. Mit nicht als 150 Bergen ist er einer der größten Winzerlandbesitzer im Bundesgebiet. Die Berge zwischen Rhein und Nahe sind über eil Gemeinden verstreut, 50 Sorten umläßt das Angebot. Die Wirts-Töchter – übrigens keine Drillings, wenn auch im Abstand von zwei Jahren jeweils im Wonnemonat Mai geboren – betätigen sich nur nebenbei als Mundchen. Die Jüngste ist im Hauptberuf Sekretärin, Martina studiert Philosophie, und die Älteste hat es schon zum „rer. pol.“ gebracht.

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Sehen die Gilde Woche (S. 6)

Fluggastgebühr gilt nicht für Berlin

Von einer Fluggastgebühr in Höhe von drei DM, die auf Wunsch der Verkehrsflughäfen vom 1. April an eingeführt werden soll, wird Berlin nicht betroffen. Das teilte Staatssekretär Börner vom Bundesverkehrsministerium gestern mit. Bisher sei auch noch nicht entschieden, ob dem Antrag der Verkehrsflughäfen stattgegeben wird.

Polizei auf Uni-Gelände

Ohne besondere Genehmigung darf die spanische Polizei das Gelände der Universität Madrid und die Räume aller Fakultäten betreten. Die Regierung begründete diesen Schritt mit den anhaltenden regierungsfeindlichen Unruhen unter der Studentenschaft.

Studium verkürzen!

Das Hochschulstudium sollte in der Bundesrepublik normalerweise nicht länger als drei bis vier Jahre dauern, damit die Studenten früher in die berufliche Praxis gehen könnten. Das empfahl Bundesforschungsminister Stoltenberg gestern in einem Interview mit der „Rheinischen Post“.

Agentenring zerschlagen

Unter dem Verdacht landesverräterischer Beziehungen sind am Wochenende in Baden-Württemberg mehrere Personen verhaftet worden. Das bestätigte gestern die Bundesanwaltschaft in Karlsruhe. Einzelheiten wurden im Interesse der Ermittlungen nicht bekanntgegeben.

Cholch freigesprochen

Von der Anklage des Raubmordes an der 24 Jahre alten Hausbesitzerin Hedwig Cohn aus Tiergarten sprach gestern das Schwurgericht den 53jährigen Bruno Cholch aus Mangel an Beweisen frei. Zahlreiche Indizien, die für seine Täterschaft sprachen, reichten nach Ansicht des Schwurgerichts nicht für eine Verurteilung aus. Cholch hatte den Mord von Anfang an bestritten. (Auszügl. Bericht auf der Seite 3.)

Suharto besucht Bonn

Der amtierende indonesische Staatspräsident General Suharto kommt Ende März oder Anfang April in die Bundesrepublik. Er wird von Außenminister Malik begleitet. Suharto besucht außerdem mehrere westeuropäische Länder und Jugoslawien.

Verstärkungen nach Norden

Wegen des umfangreichen kommunistischen Aufmarsches wurden 10 000 US-Soldaten in die Nordprovinzen Südvietnams verlegt. Sie verstärken die 5000 Mann der US-Marine-Infanterie, die sich bereits im Gebiet des Stützpunktes Khe Sanh befinden. (Siehe auch Seite 12.)

Für die 60 Seeleute des israelischen U-Bootes „Dakar“ gibt es kaum noch eine Chance. Trotz internationaler Suche mit Flugzeugen und Schiffen, trotz einer Funkmeldung, die man gestern auf der Notfrequenz aufgefangen haben will, fehlt von dem Schiff im Raum südwestlich von Zypern jede Spur. Am Donnerstag war der letzte Funkspruch des U-Bootes in Haifa aufgenommen worden.

Fachleute haben gestern demontiert, daß ein Seebeben im Mittelmeer die Ursache für das doppelte U-Boot-Unfallereignis sein könnte. Auch Anwendung von Gewalt durch ein drittes Land sei ausgeschlossen.

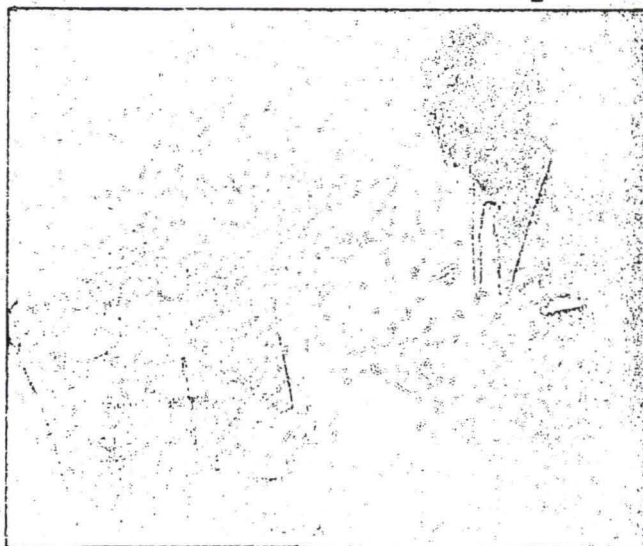
Israels Botschafter sprach in der FU

Elgauer Bericht

Berlin, 30. Jan.

Der Botschafter Israels in der Bundesrepublik, Asher Ben Natan, erklärte gestern abend vor etwa 1000 Studenten und Professoren in der FU, sein Land sei zu einem gemeinsamen Gespräch mit den Deutschen bereit. „Unser Ziel ist Zusammenarbeit“, sagte der Botschafter, „auch im Hinblick auf das Verhältnis zu dem arabischen Nachbarn. Der Feind der Araber ist nicht Israel, sondern Armut, Not und Rückständigkeit.“ Linksextreme Studentenvertreter unterbrachen Ben Natan mehrfach durch Mißfallenskundgebungen.

Barnard beim Papst



Eine Privataudienz gewährte gestern in Rom Papst Paul VI. dem südafrikanischen Herzchirurgen Prof. Christian Barnard, dem als erstem Arzt eine Herzverpflanzung gelang. Der Papst versicherte dem Chirurgen, daß er dafür gebetet habe, daß Barnards Operation der Menschheit von Nutzen sein möge. (Auszügl. Bericht letzte Seite.)

AP-Photofax

Lipizzaner

Die prachtvollen Schimmel der Wiener Hofreitschule sind bis zum Sonntag vielbewundener Mittelpunkt landhöll. Diese Zucht odior Pfer

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Von unsrem nach Freiburg entsandten Korrespondenten Harald O. Hermann

Freiburg, 30. Jan.

Eine eindringliche Warnung vor Richtungskämpfen in der FDP und eine klare Absage an die Befürworter einer Anerkennung der Zone kennzeichnete gestern auf dem Parteitag der Freien Demokraten in Freiburg die Abschiedsrede des bisherigen Bundesvorsitzenden Erich Mende. „Wir dürfen uns nicht in völlig unnötige und der Bevölkerung draußen nichtssagende Richtungskämpfe verwickeln lassen.“

Sowohl Beifalls- als auch Mißfallenskundgebungen gab es, als Mende feststellte, daß das Grundgesetz im Zusammenhang mit dem Verbotsurteil des Bundesverfassungsgerichts gegen die KPd die völkerrechtliche Anerkennung eines zweiten souveränen deutschen

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Reports dated from 1949 through 1961 from sources of varying reliability indicate that Asher (BEN) NATHAN, born 15 February 1918, was a high level Israeli intelligence officer.

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SUBJECT: ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTION RALLY

1. CONGEN HAS LEARNED FROM GUENTER MUELLER, MDB AND SPD CANDIDATE FROM MUNICH-SOUTH THAT HIS CSU OPPONENT DR. ERICH RIEDL HAS INVITED ISRAELI AMBASSADOR ASHER BEN NATAN TO HOLD A LECTURE IN MUNICH ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25 UNDER RIEDL'S SPONSORSHIP. THIS INFORMATION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY AN INVITATION RECEIVED BY THE CONGEN TO ATTEND A LECTURE BY BEN NATAN. THE INVITATION HAS THE CSU SYMBOL AT THE TOP, AND WAS ISSUED IN THE NAME OF MUNICH (DEPUTY) MAYOR STEINKOHL (CSU), AND KARL SCHOEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CSU DISTRICT-MUNICH. THE INVITATION READS IN PART "UPON THE INVITATION OF THE CSU BUNDESTAG CANDIDATE FOR MUNICH-SOUTH, DR. ERICH RIEDL, HIS EXCELLENCE THE AMBASSADOR FROM ISRAEL, ASHER BEN NATAN WILL COME TO THE BAVARIAN CAPITAL FOR A LECTURE PERFORMANCE."

2. MUELLER FULLY INTENDS TO EXPLOIT THE INCIDENT FOR ALL ITS WORTH. HE HAS ALREADY NOTIFIED THE PRESS THAT HE WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE 25TH. ADDITIONALLY, HE PLANS TO SUBMIT AN OFFICIAL PROTEST TO FORMIN BRANDT, TO THE CSU HEAD-QUARTERS, TO THE ISRAELI EMBASSY, TO RIEDL AND TO "CLOSE FRIENDS" IN THE MAPAI PARTY IN ISRAEL. MULLER BELIEVES THAT THE INCIDENT

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ASHER BEN NATHAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - ISRAEL

On October 16, 1969, a review of the files of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Central Office, revealed one Arrival and Departure Form for captioned subject which contained the following information.

Citizenship:	Israeli
Passport:	Number 6952
Birth Data:	Born February 15, 1921, at Vienna, Austria
United States Address:	Embassy of Israel, Washington, D.C. (WDC)
Permanent Residence:	89 University Street, Tel Aviv, Israel
Visa Information:	A-1 Visa issued February 18, 1969, at Bonn, Germany, for the duration of status
Travel Information:	Admitted by INS, New York, on February 20, 1969, via Lufthansa Airline, flight number 412, boarded at Cologne, Germany, and departed New York on March 10, 1969, on German Airlines, flight 403, destined for Cologne, Germany

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AMBASSADOR'S RETURN--Israel's ambassador to West Germany, Asher Ben-Nathan, returned yesterday at the conclusion of 4 years of service in Bonn. He said he sees no cooling in relations between Israel and the federal government and that Bonn is basically friendly to Israel. (Jerusalem Domestic Hebrew 0500 GMT 31 Dec 69 M)

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USIA	NSA	CIA		The following information on Asher Ben Natan is submitted in reply to referenced airgram.							
	3			Asher Ben Natan, named Ambassador to France in August 1970, has been referred to on occasion as a living legend. He has had a varied career in intelligence and diplomacy. Just prior to his present assignment he served as Israel's first Ambassador to West Germany.							
SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION				Ben Natan was born in Vienna on February 15, 1921. There he attended the Hebrew Hayut Secondary School. At the age of nine he joined the Maccabi Hatzair youth movement and at 18 left in a small boat for Palestine with other members of the organization. He settled first in Ein Harod, where he received agricultural training. He later moved to Davrat in Lower Galilee. At the outbreak of World War II he joined the Haganah. Ben Natan worked with the information service of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency in 1944. In that capacity he gathered intelligence information from East European immigrants.							
POST ROUTING				In October 1945 Ben Natan returned to Europe with several other young men in a small boat. His mission was two-fold: to look for Nazi war criminals and to help Jewish refugees immigrate to Palestine. Disguised as an English journalist, Ben Natan traveled under the name of Arthur Feier. In post-war Europe the mysterious "Arthur" became							
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Ben Natan returned to Israel in 1947 and lived for a time on a kibbutz. When statehood was declared, he became responsible for the formation of the Political Division of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. In 1948-49 he served as the Political Department's representative in Europe. He attended the College of International Relations in Geneva from 1951 to 1953. Upon his return to Israel he was named to the Administrative Council of Incode, a meat packing company operating in Africa. He used the position to establish ties between Israel and the states of sub-Saharan Africa.

Ben Natan became chief of the Defense Ministry mission in Europe in 1957. Stationed in Paris, he clandestinely purchased arms from both the French and West Germans. Ben Natan was named acting director general of the Ministry of Defense in June 1959 and director general of the Ministry in February 1960. From July 1965 to December 1969 he served as Ambassador to Bonn. He was quite popular with the Germans. On various occasions he was heckled by radical student groups and Arab residents of West Germany.

The tall, silver-haired Ambassador is considered a perfect gentleman who has a talent for interpersonal relations. He has an enormous capacity for work, a quick grasp of detail and great powers of persuasion. Ben Natan enjoys music, art, literature and sports (tennis and skiing). His wife, Erika, was born in Vienna. In the late 1940's she worked with the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. The Ben Natan's have two children. Ben Natan smokes cigars. He speaks fluent Hebrew, English and German.

The Department would appreciate any information which may become available during Natan's assignment in France.

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[Excerpts] President George Pompidou said today that the differences of opinion between France and Israel are over the method to be adopted in solving the Middle East problem. He said all the countries in the area have the right to live in peace within secure and recognized borders, but they must renounce territories conquered by force. Pompidou was speaking upon receiving the credentials of our new ambassador in Paris, Asher Ben-Natan.

He added that there are close ties between France and Israel on the basis of mutual understanding and interests. Pompidou said: We stress the right of every country in the area to live in peace within secure and recognized borders and defended from threats and violent activities.

Ben-Natan said the viewpoints are sometimes different, and there are differences in examining the problems, but there is also a tradition of cooperation between Israel and France.

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Asher BEN-NATAN

Political Adviser to
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Following a varied career in intelligence and diplomacy, Asher Ben-Natan (pronounced ben-nahTAHN) was named political adviser to the Minister of Defense in December 1975. As such he represents the Ministry in political forums and deals with its special foreign contacts in coordination with the Foreign Ministry. Ben-Natan had previously served as Ambassador to France since 1970. He came to that post after the imposition of the French arms embargo-- a period of deteriorating Franco-Israeli relations. Ben-Natan did not have good rapport with the French Government. As early as 1972 the French were expressing their dissatisfaction with him, and one high-level French official remarked at that time that relations between the two countries would improve if Israel changed Ambassadors.

Early Life And Career

Asher Ben-Natan was born on 15 February 1921 in Vienna. There he attended the Hebrew Hayut Secondary School. At the age of 18 he left for Palestine with other members of the organization. He settled first in Ein Harod, where he received agricultural training. He later joined a group of pioneers who set up their own kibbutz at Davrat in Lower Galilee. At the outbreak of World War II he joined *Haganah* (the Jewish underground). Ben-Natan worked with the information service of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency in 1944. In that capacity he gathered intelligence information from East European immigrants.

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In 1957 Ben-Natan became chief of the Defense Ministry mission in Europe, stationed in Paris. He was named acting director general of the Ministry of Defense in June 1959 and director general in February 1960. From July 1965 to December 1969 he served as Israel's first Ambassador to West Germany. Ben-Natan was "tough" in dealing with the Germans. Six months after his arrival in Bonn he told a German audience that he was aware of anti-Semitism in Germany, although it was cleverly camouflaged, and that he did not believe that the new generation of Germans was totally different from its elders. At one time he refused to meet the mayor of Würzburg because of his Nazi past. On the other hand, Ben-Natan vigorously protested against unfair, one-sided criticism leveled in Israel against Germany and against the widespread tendency to see only the negative side of Germany while ignoring many positive features. On various occasions Ben-Natan was heckled by radical student groups and Arab residents of West Germany.

Personal Data

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Asher BEN-NATAN
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Political Adviser to
the Defense Minister
(since December 1975)

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Mr. Ben-Natan

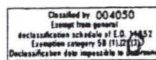


Following a varied career in diplomacy and defense, Asher Ben-Natan has become one of the most trusted advisers to Defense Minister and Labor Party (LP) head Shimon Peres. He is responsible for preparing summaries of political and intelligence material for the Minister and is a close personal friend of Peres as well. Ben-Natan is likely to have a high-level post should Peres form the next government; one observer has flatly predicted that he will be the next Ambassador to the United States. Although Ben-Natan's views on international issues are not well known, he has in the past been associated with the hardline RAFI (Israel Workers' List) faction of the LP.

Born in Vienna, Ben-Natan emigrated to Palestine in 1939 and joined Haganah at the outbreak of World War II. From 1944 until 1947 he was deeply involved in efforts to facilitate emigration of Jews from Europe to Palestine; during that time he lived for long periods in Europe. He was also connected with the investigation and apprehension of Nazi war criminals, and he gathered evidence that later helped lead to the arrest of Adolf Eichmann.

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