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abandoned Lavi project seem like "a drop in the bucket," according to senior military sources. They believe that Israel should not get involved in another project that could end in total failure and that the defense establishment must carry out thorough checks before making a final decision about participation in the project.

Israel has been invited to participate in the "Arrow" anti-tactical ballistic missile project, which is part of the SDI program, known popularly as "Star Wars."

According to administration figures based on Israeli estimates, the cost of the develop-

ment stage of the project will be some \$420 million.

Jews in the Arab World

About 40,000 Jews now live in the entire Arab world, compared to more than one million before the State of Israel was established in 1948. About 25,000 Jews live in Morocco, where they enjoy "peace and freedom," 45,000 Jews live in Syria, where they are "oppressed and their movement is limited," and the rest live in small Jewish communities throughout the Arab world.

The Jews in Syria are not oppressed as before, but the reality is that their freedom of

movement within the country is still limited, and most important, they are not allowed to leave the country at all. For all practical purposes there is no Jewish community in Iraq today. There are about 200 individual Jews in all Iraq who chose to stay there for personal reasons, mainly intermarriage. The Jewish community there was the oldest in the world, with a tradition spanning 2,600 years.

More Jews left and were expelled from the Arab countries than the 600,000 Palestinian refugees who lost their homes and fled from Israel in 1948. What really happened in reality is an exchange of popula-

tion between Jews of Arab countries and Palestinian refugees.

Egypt to Distance Itself from Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Egyptian Foreign Ministry has secretly instructed its embassies around the world not to invite Israeli diplomats in various countries to festive Egyptian events, according to Al-Mustaqbal, a Paris-based, Arab-language weekly.

The development comes in the aftermath of Egypt's resumption of diplomatic relations with nine Arab countries.

The weekly also quoted Jordanian Foreign Minister Taher Al-Masri as saying that the Arab summit decision permitting member countries to renew relations with Egypt is designed to cut Egypt off from the Camp David accords with Israel.

Pre-Historic Human Bones Unearthed

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Human bones dating back some 8,000 years were found recently at the site of an ancient submerged village on the Mediterranean seabed offshore from the town of Atlit.

The marine archaeologists spotted the bones after a storm that cleared away layers of sand that had covered them. They were reported in an "excellent state of preservation."

Examination of one of the skeletons detected signs that the person suffered from an ear infection common among sea divers. If this is proven

correct, it would be the first evidence that human beings dived for fish in pre-historic times.

The village itself, under 46 feet of water, was discovered four years ago. It is believed to have met its fate at the end of the last Ice Age, when rising waters flooded the coastal plane.

Tid-Bits

BONN (JTA) — A court in Oldenberg has banned the "Horst-Wessel Lied," a marching song of the Nazi SA associated with violence against Jews. The court overruled a lower court decision in Lingen that allowed the tune to be performed with the original lyrics.

VIENNA (JTA) — Syrians who served in the German army during World War II have demanded that the U.S. place them on its "watch list" so that they can demonstrate their solidarity with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim.

The Syrian branch of the Oesterreichischer Kameradschaftsbund, Austria's largest veterans organization, sent a petition to the organization's headquarters in Vienna. It said that since they had been soldiers in the Wehrmacht, like Waldheim, they want to share his lot.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Poland and Czechoslovakia have given permission to Israeli commercial planes to fly through their airspace, lifting a ban imposed when those countries broke diplomatic relations with Israel during the 1967 Six-Day War.

Vandals Strike Jewish Sites in Chicago and New York

(JTA)

Vandals struck Jewish sites in two major metropolitan areas on the 49th anniversary of Kristallnacht, when hundreds of synagogues and Jewish-owned businesses were destroyed in Austria and Germany.

Chicago police investigated what appeared to be an organized attack on Jewish-owned shops along the 2900 block of Devon St. and in the city's Albany Park neighborhood, and on three synagogues in the predominantly Jewish West Rogers Park area.

The Chicago attack seemed to represent a deliberate attempt to mimic Kristallnacht. Storefront windows were smashed and swastikas were drawn on the walls of Congregation KINS and Temple Beth El. Both synagogues also had windows and glass doors smashed. This was the first act of anti-Jewish vandalism recorded by the Chicago chapter of ADL since the

Holocaust monument in Skokie was defaced on June 1.

In Yonkers, N.Y. the Midchester Jewish Community Center was defaced. Swastikas in gray spray paint and the slogan "Heil Hitler" covered the front, sides and entrance of the building, including a decorative menorah sculpture adorning the front wall.

Office staff at Midchester, a synagogue and community center, said they could remember no similar event there. About 200 persons, including local priests and pastors, attended an interfaith service at the synagogue to protest the anti-Semitic defacement and show neighborhood solidarity.

'Skinhead' Arrested in Chicago Vandalism

A 22-year-old Chicago man with links to at least two neo-Nazi groups was arraigned and charged with breaking windows and painting swastikas on the walls of a Jewish

meat market.

William G. Leinberger said that he damaged the Jewish-owned business on Chicago's north side during the night of Nov. 9-10, the 39th anniversary of Kristallnacht. He is a member of the Chicago-area "skinheads," youth gangs who preach violence against Jews, blacks and other minority groups.

Despite Leinberger's arrest, police are actively continuing their investigation of the "Kristallnacht" vandalism. Damage inflicted on 11 Jewish and Korean-owned businesses and three synagogues indicates that more than one person was involved.

According to an ADL report issued in October, "Shaved for Battle: Skinheads Target America's Youth," the most active of the white supremacist "skinhead" groups operate in the Chicago area, and are distinguished by their shaved heads and punk rock clothing.

Jim Dale Named National Chairman Sabra Society

Jim Dale, the Tony Award-winning actor/singer now starring in the hit Broadway musical, "Me and My Girl," will serve as 1988 National Chairman of the Sabra Society, an honor society of the Israel Bond Organization's New Leadership Division.

Previous National Chairmen of the Sabra Society include Robert Klein, Rita Moreno, Liv Ullmann, Jane Alexander, Elliott Gould, Marvin Hamlisch, Gabe Kaplan and Mike Burstyn.

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