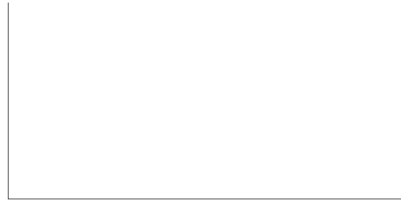


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Sudan pol tried for aiding

'CIA' airlift

SUDAN'S former vice president went on trial in Khartoum at the weekend for allegedly taking \$2 million in bribes to let the CIA airlift hundreds of black Jews out of his country.

Maj. Gen. Omar el Tayeb, who also was chief of the Sudanese Secret Service when he was arrested in April, faces death or life in prison if convicted.

Several hundred Falaches — black Jews — were flown from the Sudan to Israel earlier this year.

The Falaches had fled from Ethiopia, where they faced almost certain death from starvation and disease.

The government charges that el Tayeb helped plan the so-called "Operation Moses" airlift with the help of the American embassy in Khartoum.

Prosecutors allege the secret plan was hatched during a meeting in

Washington between el Tayeb and CIA chief William Casey.

The prosecution says el Tayeb acted after \$2 million in bribes from "Zionist organizations in Geneva" were put into a London bank account for him.

El Tayeb denies the charges, but four of his officers — all were granted immunity — are testifying against him.

The trial, which began Saturday, is being held under strict security because officials fear "foreign influences" may try to disrupt it or even attempt to free el Tayeb.

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres last week told President Reagan in Washington that he was grateful for U.S. help in the rescue mission.

Peres said Reagan "got tears in his eyes" when he was told that many of those rescued were in poor health and on the brink of death when they arrived in Israel.

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