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ISRAEL'S COMPLAINT AGAINST EGYPT'S BLOCKADE OF SUZ CANAL EVOKES U.N. INTEREST

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 16. (JTA) -- Diplomats representing nations interested in Israel's complaint against Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal to Israel-bound shipping, were busy here today in behind-the-scenes discussions with members of the U.N. Security Council, before which the issue is expected to come this week. No date for the discussion at the Security Council has yet been set, but it probably will be Thursday.

It is expected that the majority of the 11-member Council will take a favorable stand on Israel's complaint. Seven votes are needed for any decision that the Council may take against Egypt. It is not expected that the Soviet representative will invoke the veto against whatever decision the Council may take.

American Press Condemns Egypt's Blockade of Suez Canal Against Israel

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA) -- Leading newspapers here today published editorials condemning Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal against ships bound for Israel. They point out that in refusing to allow free passage for such ships Egypt is violating the Suez Canal convention of 1888 and they urge the U.N. Security Council to discuss the issue.

Emphasizing that the Egyptian practice of stopping and searching ships passing through the Canal for materials destined for Israel has been "a subject of increased general annoyance" for the last two-and-a-half years, the New York Herald Tribune says:

"No vital Egyptian interest is at stake in this quasi-blockade of Israel. It has not seriously weakened the new state nor contributed to Egyptian security. But it has been a costly nuisance to world trade, a violation of the principle of free passage through the Suez Canal and an increasingly damaging interference with oil supplies in the whole Mediterranean region. To create so much disturbance for so little gain is neither legally sound nor practically wise on Egypt's part. Since repeated diplomatic protests have been unavailing, the Security Council must take action--unless Egypt takes counsel of common sense and calls off the belligerent customs men."

The New York Times points out that the Western nations "will condemn rigid, violent, xenophobic actions and policies" and that "they must be expected to insist that issues of such grave moment as the Suez Canal be settled with some feeling for the realities of the world struggle." The editorial stresses the fact that "the Near East is a crucial area for the democratic West and hence for the United States."

Israel Ambassador Discusses Egypt's Blockade with British Government

LONDON, July 16. (JTA) -- Ambassador Eliahu Elath of Israel today visited the British Foreign Office. It is believed that he discussed Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal against Israeli-bound ships.

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FAMILIES DEPORTED FROM BUDAPEST NOT PERMITTED TO TAKE THEIR BELONGINGS WITH THEM

**VIENNA, July 16. (JTA) --** Reports reaching Jewish groups here from Hungary reveal that three times weekly trains leave Budapest with Jewish and Christian deportees for unnamed destinations. Families are allowed to take with them 60 pounds of luggage. Their furniture and other belongings is being taken away in trucks "to be sent later by freight trains."

Upon arrival at the place of destination, the deportees are "housed" in stables without beds or cooking facilities. All able-bodied men and women are forced to work not less than 12 hours a day to earn their food. The aged and those who are unable to work are charged double for the food if they have money to buy it, the reports state.

AMERICAN AND ALLIED CITIZENS WILL BE REPAID IN U.S. FOR DAMAGES SUFFERED UNDER NAZIS

**WASHINGTON, July 16. (JTA) --** American and other Allied citizens who have suffered damages from the Nazis will be repaid from the \$335,000,000 worth of German property that has been taken over in the United States by the Government's Alien Property Office, it was stated here today.

About \$90,000,000 obtained from selling German assets in this country already has been turned over to the War Claims Commission to repay damages suffered in Nazi Germany by American individuals and business firms, as well as by citizens of Allied nations, it was revealed. It was pointed out that President Truman, in asking Congress last week to end the state of war between the United States and Germany, also asked for continuation of the power to seize German property here.

UNITY RESTORED IN ANGLO-JEWISH COMMUNITY; ISSUE OF RIGHT TO CERTIFY MARRIAGES SETTLED

**LONDON, July 16. (JTA) --** Unity was restored in the Anglo-Jewish community today when the Board of Deputies of British Jews adopted a resolution providing for the return of the representatives of Liberal synagogues who left the Board two years ago.

One of the major issues at stake in the dispute was the power of marriage secretaries of the Liberal synagogues to certify marriages. When the Orthodox representatives, who were in a majority on the Board, refused to grant the Liberal synagogues this right, the latter withdrew. Under the new agreement, Liberal synagogues will seek Parliamentary license to certify marriages, without the opposition of the Board.

The Jewish Defense Committee here, which is concerned with anti-defamation work in Britain, today reported that during June there had been some increase in the number of Fascist meetings in the country. Attendance at these meetings was small, the Committee said, adding that the speakers "introduced more anti-Semitism into their talks, hoping to compensate thereby for the apathy shown to their attacks on Communism and the Labor Government." There was no response to this technique, the report emphasized.

JORDAN AND SPAIN SIGN TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP; PACT OUTCOME OF ABDULLAH'S VISIT TO SPAIN

**LONDON, July 16. (JTA) --** The Governments of Jordan and Spain have signed a treaty of friendship, it was learned here today. The pact, whose text has not yet been released, is the outcome of a visit to Spain last year by Jordan's King Abdullah.

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ZIONIST LEADERS IN BRITAIN CHARGE Z.O.A. WITH INTERFERENCE IN ISRAEL PARTY POLITICS

LONDON, July 16. (JTA) -- Leaders of the British General Zionist party today criticized the Zionist Organization of America for "collecting signatures" to a petition calling for unity between the General Zionists and the Progressive Party in Israel. The British leaders were referring to a joint petition signed by the General Zionist parties of 16 countries.

In a statement, they declared that they believe that "unity inside General Zionism can be preserved if no meddling and pernicious interference takes place with party politics in both sections of the Israel General Zionists." They claimed that "the General Zionist bodies throughout the world who have become signatories to the Z.O.A. round-robin are being misled by the one-sided and not always truthful presentation of news by the Z.O.A."

A special meeting of the British Mapai Party today rejected the idea of merging all Zionist parties in each country outside Israel into a single, overall Zionist body. The executive explained that it felt that such a system would be difficult to organize here.

The executive agreed to the need for unified control of the national funds, under the supervision of the Jewish Agency. It stressed the need for retention of the system of selling shekels, but suggested that the present system for voting for World Zionist Congress delegates be modified.

ELECTIONS TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS CAUSE SPLIT IN THE RANKS OF AUSTRIAN ZIONISTS

VIENNA, July 16. (JTA) -- A split has developed in the Austrian Zionist movement following the repudiation by the General Zionists of an agreement to suspend elections for delegates to the World Zionist Congress and, instead, to send one delegate each representing the General Zionists, Mapai, Mapam and Mizrahi of Austria.

The General Zionists subsequently called for elections and were supported in this matter by the World Zionist Executive. The others boycotted the elections with the result that all four seats were assigned to the General Zionists. The other parties intend to send one delegate each to the Congress and to appeal to the Congress praesidium to limit the General Zionists to one delegate.

GENERAL ZIONISTS IN FRANCE EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH GENERAL ZIONISTS IN ISRAEL

PARIS, July 16. (JTA) -- A conference of General Zionists of France and North Africa this week-end adopted a resolution expressing solidarity with the General Zionist Party of Israel.

The parley, which was attended by 60 delegates, also demanded the liquidation of the Jewish Agency as a "superfluous institution." It suggested that the Agency's functions be taken over by the World Zionist Organization, which should be given a special status by the Government of Israel.

ZIONISTS IN WASHINGTON SPLIT ON B.O.A. RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ISRAELI ZIONISTS

WASHINGTON, July 16. (JTA) -- A motion that "the Louis D. Brandeis Zionist District of Washington, D.C., in conformity with the traditional policy of the Zionist Organization of America, is against interference in the internal political affairs of Israel, and against identification with any political party in Israel," received a tie vote in the executive committee of the District. Mr. Joseph Andelman, president of the Brandeis District, broke the tie with a vote cast in opposition to the resolution. The motion was presented in connection with the Z.O.A. decision to support the General Zionists in Israel adopted last month at the Atlantic City convention.

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HEBREW SEAL OF THE PERIOD OF PROPHET AMOS DISCOVERED IN SAMARIA; BROUGHT TO CANADA

MONTREAL, July 16. (JTA) -- A seal of approximately the period of the Prophet Amos and which carries the image of a winged griffin, inscribed with the name of the Hebrew owner, was brought here by Rev. Dr. R.B.Y. Scott, professor of Old Testament in the Faculty of Divinity, McGill University, who carried on studies under the auspices of the American School of Oriental Research in the Arab sector of Jerusalem and Jordan.

The seal was found at Samaria, formerly the capital of Northern Israel. Besides the seal, Dr. Scott brought back a bronze dagger blade, found in a cave near Hebron, and two juglets from the Israelite period, which were used to dip out oil or wine from larger containers. The objects will be exhibited later on in the Museum of Biblical Antiquities here.

HIAS WILL CONTINUE SERVICES TO JEWS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR U.S. IMMIGRATION AS DP'S

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA) -- HIAS will continue its services in Germany, Austria and Italy to Jews who are not eligible for U.S. immigration under the DP Act, Isaac L. Asofsky, executive director of the organization, reported today upon his return from Germany and Israel to the United States. He said that a blueprint for the continuance of the services was drawn up by him during his stay in Germany.

About 10,000 of the remaining DP Jews are eligible to immigrate to the U.S. during the life of the extended DP Act, Mr. Asofsky estimated. He said that in order to care for the thousands of other Jewish DP's, most of whom are now applying for immigration to Australia and Canada, a special bureau has been set up in the headquarters in Munich.

Mr. Asofsky also reported that in Israel he signed pacts with three leading groups of the country for the operation of a network of 40 immigrant shelters to provide lodging and food for single men and women only. He explained that reception camps in Israel primarily care for family units, and that the shelters which will operate in conjunction with the Histadrut, the Progressive Party, and Mizrahi Labor Party, will provide temporary shelter for at least 10,000 single men and women each year.

COMMERCIAL PACT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND FINLAND EXTENDED; INVOLVES \$6,000,000 TRADE

STOCKHOLM, July 16. (JTA) -- Abraham Nissan, Israeli envoy to the Scandinavian countries, has signed an exchange of letters with the Finnish Foreign Minister providing for an extension of trade between Finland and Israel, it was reported here from Helsinki.

The agreement provides for an additional \$1,000,000 trade, bringing this year's total to \$6,000,000. While in Helsinki, the Israel envoy attended the opening session of the annual congress of the Scandinavian Jewish Youth Union.

An Israeli police official has arrived in Stockholm to study Swedish penal methods and administration. He is Rami Salmon, director of the Israel Ministry of Police, who is making a two-month tour of Europe studying prison methods and systems for possible adaptation to Israeli requirements.