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ISRAEL MAKES STRONG PLEA AT U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL; WANTS ACTION ON EGYPTIAN BLOCKADE

FLUSHING MEADOW, N.Y., July 26. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council debate on Israel's complaint against Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal opened today with a strong plea by Israel delegate Abba Eban for a speedy and positive Council action ordering a stop to the ban as an "aggressive" act against Israel.

Ambassador Eban assailed the contention lately being made by Egypt that Cairo was exercising belligerent rights in a situation where a "state of war" existed. Pointing out in the first instance that Egypt was pledged under the Suez Canal Convention of 1888 to keep the waterway "always free and open," he went on to concentrate his attack on the motion that a state of war existed between Egypt and Israel.

The Israel diplomat emphasized the unanimous interpretation of all U.N. officials concerned in them that the armistice agreements stopping belligerency between the two states amounted to a form of non-aggression pact, and declared that the war contention constituted "flagrant contradiction" of Egypt's obligations under the U.N. Charter, the armistice agreement and the Suez Canal Convention. He stressed, additionally, that the making of such an assertion by Egypt in itself represented a threat to the peace in the Middle East.

Quoting from Egyptian authorities themselves, including the late Prime Minister Mokrasly Pasha, that the Canal was an international waterway open to all states in peace or war, Mr. Eban made the point that Egypt's blockade rested on three "unfounded premises," namely: that neither Egypt nor the U.N. has ever recognized a formal state of war; that even if there had been, the Canal convention precluded Egypt from imposing such restrictions on Canal traffic; and thirdly, that no hostile act whatever is permitted Egypt by the armistice agreement.

U.N. Decision Depends on America's Stand on the Issue

In his 14-page address, Mr. Eban also laid bare the significance of the Egyptian ban on Israeli-bound goods through the Canal to world maritime interests. He reviewed for the Council the countless protests that had been made to Cairo by the maritime powers, including Britain and the United States, because of the interference with the movement of international ship traffic.

At the same time, he laid stress on the economic consequences of the blockade. He pointed out that the halting of oil tankers bound for Israel had greatly reduced the operations of the Haifa refinery, and he declared that there should be no right to jeopardize the security and well-being of a whole area of the globe. The Egyptian blockade, he said, basically interfered with the economic interests and prosperity of all peoples who depended on free trade communications. He concluded by calling on the Council to see to it that Egypt's "illegal" action was halted.

As the Council went through its opening session on the complaint, it was known that the United States intended to hear general Council discussion, and especially the Egyptian rebuttals to the Israeli claims, before taking any stand on the issue. Informed sources said that most other Council members tended toward a position of

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waiting to see how the American attitude would shape up. Britain, meanwhile, it was understood, had inclined toward a willingness to accept a compromise of its own draft resolution which was reported to have been strongly condemnatory of Egypt in its original form. That draft has not yet been made public.

Replying to Israel's complaint of his nation's blockade of Israel's goods at the Suez Canal, Egypt's United Nations delegate Mahmoud Fawzi Bey told the Security Council that objection to the Egyptian ban was "entirely unjust by either international law or international practice." Claiming the "right of self-preservation," Fawzi Bey promised his government's cooperation "in endeavoring to find a just and real solution" of the Canal dispute.

The Egyptian delegate termed his first speech to the Council a preliminary one and, limited himself to a number of legal technicalities involved in the case. He quoted profusely from international legal authorities, including Oppenheim, to establish the Egyptian contention that armistice agreements stop hostilities but do not end a legal state of war, and he claimed that Egypt was exercising belligerent rights in closing the Canal to traffic in Israel goods.

At the request of U.S. delegate Warren Austin the next Council session was delayed until next Wednesday, when Mr. Austin takes over the presidency of the Council from Sir Gladwyn Jebb, under the monthly rotation system.

#### STATE DEPARTMENT PLAN TO GIVE ISRAEL \$23,500,000 CRITICIZED BY Z.O.A. PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, July 26. (JTA) -- The proposal of the State Department to allocate \$23,500,000 to Israel is "a poor substitute" for the grant-in-aid bill now pending before Congress and calling for \$150,000,000 for Israel, Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, told a press conference here today. "Needless to say that the \$23,500,000 does not begin to meet Israel's requirements," he stressed.

Mr. Browdy announced that thus far \$67,000,000 of Israel Government bonds have been subscribed and \$27,000,000 in cash paid in. He reported that 40,000 American Jews have purchased Israel Government bonds and that the Z.O.A. efforts in various communities throughout the United States account for at least 75 percent of all the Israel Government bonds subscribed or paid for in the United States.

#### AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR SUPPORTS ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR \$150,000,000 GRANT FROM U.S.

WASHINGTON, July 26. (JTA) -- President William Green of the American Federation of Labor has informed A.F.L. unions of the desirability of the pending bill for \$150,000,000 grant-in-aid for Israel and his organization is lending its efforts in Washington to secure passage of the measure, it was learned today. An A.F.L. spokesman said a statement will be submitted on behalf of the bill by the A.F.L. to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Four Christian leaders joined in asking the House Foreign Affairs Committee to extend financial aid to Israel through the McCormack-Martin and Douglas-Taft bills authorizing \$150,000,000 in grants-in-aid to Israel. The four are: Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, honorary chairman and founder of the American Christian Palestine Committee; Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, co-chairman of the committee; Dr. Samuel Guy Inman, vice-chairman of the committee; and, Dr. Carl Herman Voss, chairman of its executive council.

U.N. BODIES ADOPT DECISIONS IN GENEVA ON STATUS OF REFUGEES AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

GENEVA, July 26. (JTA) -- The special United Nations conference meeting here to discuss the status of refugees and displaced persons concluded its 23-day session last night with the completion of a new international convention designed to protect the legal status of refugees. The pact will be opened for signature on Saturday.

The International Law Commission of the United Nations, also meeting here, completed a draft code of "offenses against peace and security of mankind" which will be submitted to the next U.N. General Assembly. The code stipulates that individuals are responsible for crimes committed even when acting under orders or in the course of prosecution of war.

Considered as crimes against humanity under the proposed code are: Acts intended to destroy wholly or partly religious, ethnical, racial or national groups; "inhuman acts" against civilian populations, including persecutions and deportations when such acts are committed in connection with other offenses defined by the code; acts constituting a conspiracy or incitement to do any of the aforementioned things.

U.S. COMMISSIONER FOR BAVARIA TELLS CHIEF RABBI HE MUST BE TRIED BY GERMAN COURT

MUNICH, July 26. (JTA) -- George N. Shuster, American Commissioner for Bavaria, was today reported to have told Bavarian Chief Rabbi Aaron Ohrenstein that he could not be tried by an American court on charges of being involved in restitution irregularities.

The report added that the Commissioner told Rabbi Ohrenstein that he "must be satisfied with German court proceedings." Rabbi Ohrenstein recently asked for an official inquiry into his activities following rumors linking him with Dr. Philip Auerbach, former Bavarian restitution director, who is charged with financial irregularities while in office.

Meanwhile, it was reported that Auerbach's trial would open in August and that the preliminary phases of the proceedings would be completed before the middle of August. It is considered likely that Rabbi Ohrenstein will be charged at the same time.

LOS ANGELES MINISTER URGED TO APOLOGIZE FOR BROADCASTING ANTI-SEMITIC FALSEHOOD

LOS ANGELES, July 26. (JTA) -- Rev. James W. Fifield Jr., minister of the First Congregational Church and leader of "Spiritual Mobilization," was severely criticized here for a radio broadcast in which he stated "it was a matter of historical record that Benjamin Franklin denounced the Jews at the Constitutional Convention in 1789."

A demand that he should publicly apologize for spreading anti-Jewish fraud was addressed to Rev. Fifield by I. Benjamin, Los Angeles member of the national commission of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. "Anyone professing a familiarity with America and its history would know, from the most cursory examination of the public record of Benjamin Franklin, that this speech could not be genuine," Mr. Benjamin said.

Expressing "terrible shock" that Rev. Fifield could give credence to a proved forgery, the Anti-Defamation League leader called his attention to articles and statements by the Saturday Evening Post, the Franklin Institute, and Liberty magazine, all of which carefully documented the fact that this alleged "speech" by Benjamin Franklin was originally made up in its entirety to serve anti-Semitic purposes. The Post termed it "a stupid lie" and its authors "clumsy forgers." It was Nazi Propaganda Minister Josef Goebbels who invented this "speech" as part of his campaign against the Jews.

U.S. GROUPS SIGN CONTRACT INITIATING CONSTRUCTION OF \$3,500,000 PAPER MILL IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 26. (JTA) -- Israel's industrialization program was given new impetus today with the signature of a contract initiating construction there of a \$3,500,000 paper mill which will be the first in the Middle East to produce printing and writing paper as well as Kraft multi-wall bag paper.

Start of the project to launch a paper industry in Israel as a means of helping to offset the current world-wide shortage of paper products was announced by its two major sponsors, the Palestine Economic Corporation and the Mazer family of the Hudson Pulp and Paper Company, both of New York.

Plans for the mill, scheduled to be placed in construction this Fall and to be in operation by 1953, were jointly outlined by Robert Szold, chairman of the Board of the Palestine Economic Corporation, and Joseph M. Mazer, treasurer of Hudson Pulp and Paper Company. The Palestine Economic Corporation has been active for the past 25 years in pioneering the development of Israel through the establishment of new industries. The Mazer family has been identified with the paper industry for then 50 years.

Mr. Szold and Mr. Mazer said the new Israeli mill will be owned and operated by the American Israeli Paper Mills, Ltd. The latter, an Israeli Corporation with headquarters at Tel Aviv, was organized early this year by P.E.C. and the Mazer family. Paper manufacturers and merchants in the United States, Israel, South America, Europe, and Australia, also are participating in the project, Mr. Szold said.

The American Israeli mill is initially designed for the production of printing paper, multi-wall bag paper, semi-fine writing paper and tablet paper, with an annual capacity of approximately 12,000 tons. Exclusive of newspaper and tissue papers, it is estimated that the new plant's output will meet 60 percent of the country's current over-all annual paper requirements. At present, Israel imports all paper. It is estimated that domestic production of 12,000 tons per year will mean an annual saving for Israel of up to \$1,000,000 in foreign exchange.

J.D.C. REPORTS OPENING OF FOUR NEW INSTITUTIONS FOR "HARD CORE" IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 26. (JTA) -- Malben, the institution for the care of the aged, ill and "hard core" immigrant cases in Israel, has opened four new institutions in the last few days, Moses A. Beckelman, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, today told a party of newspapermen touring the Malben centers. He said that the four new institutions will eventually care for 800 persons.

MAURICE GORDON LIVERMAN, B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT IN ENGLAND, KILLED IN CRASH

LONDON, July 26. (JTA) -- Maurice Gordon Liverman, Jewish leader and chairman of the Stoke-Newington magistrate's bench, was killed last night when his car collided with a bus near Brighton. His wife, who was with him in the car, was taken to a hospital.

Liverman was for many years treasurer of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and chairman of its defense committee. He was also a member of the Anglo-Jewish Association and president of the Grand Council of the B'nai B'rith in London. Funeral services will take place on Sunday.