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## ISRAEL DEFIES EGYPT'S BAN; WILL SEND SHIPS THROUGH GULF OF AKABA

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Israel defied Egypt today, asserting that it fully intended to use the Strait of Tiran leading to the Gulf of Akaba on which the southern Israel port of Elath is located.

In a statement by the Foreign Ministry, which was communicated to every maritime power represented by a diplomatic envoy in Israel, Israel replied to an Egyptian move yesterday which would limit shipping through the narrow water way to vessels which apply for permission to pass 72 hours in advance. Israel said it was determined to exercise, and to protect the exercise of, its right of free passage through this international channel at whatever time and by whatever method it saw fit.

The statement somberly noted that the issuance of the Egyptian regulations arrogating to Egypt the right of controlling traffic through the strait came only a few days after Egypt had accepted the appeal of the United Nations truce supervisor, Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, for a cease-fire along the Gaza border. This move calls into serious question the sincerity of Egypt's intentions to alleviate tension and to revert to strict observance of the armistice agreement, the Foreign Ministry underscored.

The statement pointed out that the new Egyptian regulations, issued by the Egyptian Ministry of War, are a "new and serious infringement of the rights of all countries to free and unhindered passage through an international channel. Acquiescence in them will aggravate the danger of incidents prejudicial to the peace and security of the area."

### Considers Egyptian Order a Violation of Armistice Agreement

"Insofar as the object of the regulations is to prevent access of merchant vessels to Elath they are in violation of Egypt's obligations under the armistice agreement, the United Nations Charter, various resolutions of the Security Council, particularly that of September 1, 1951, and the general principles of international law governing the freedom of the seas and passage through straits," the statement continued.

"Furthermore they are incompatible with the most explicit undertakings given by the Egyptian Government on January 28, 1950 in reply to inquiries made by the United States Government after Egypt's occupation of the islands of Tiran and Sanafir. On that occasion, the Egyptian Government stated:

" 'This occupation is not intended to prejudice in any manner innocent passage across the waters separating these two islands from the Egyptian coast of Sinai. It goes without saying that this passage, the only practicable one, is to remain free as in the past in conformity with practice and recognized principles of the law of nations. ' "

The Israel statement then noted that despite these undertakings and Security Council resolutions the Egyptian Government had several times illegally molested shipping through the strait and had recently holed the British freighter Anshun in an attempt to prevent its passage to the Gulf of Akaba. The new regulations, the Foreign Ministry declared, are a "blatant attempt" by Egypt to arrogate to itself rights to which it has no claim under international law and which Israel will not recognize.

Meanwhile, it was reported from London that Britain will make a formal protest to Egypt over the latter's new regulations demanding that vessels of all nations apply for permission 72 hours in advance to pass through the Strait of Tiran to the Gulf of Akaba.

## STATE DEPT. FAVORS PROPOSAL TO AID EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM NO. AFRICA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The State Department has expressed a generally favorable view and within a certain scope, willingness to consider, a proposal by chairman Francis E. Walter of the House Immigration Subcommittee for American support of the movement of North African Jews to Israel through the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration.

This was made known today by the Department in a letter replying to a communication sent by Rep. Walter earlier this month to Secretary of State Dulles. The text of the letter was not immediately available but informed sources revealed that the State Department's response to the Walter plan was, on the whole, favorable.

## SHARETT MEETS WITH U. N. TRUCE CHIEF; DISCUSS RECENT BORDER INCIDENTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Premier Moshe Sharett received UN truce chief Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns today and discussed with him the recent incidents along the Jordan and Lebanese frontiers. Mr. Sharett stressed the seriousness of the latest outbreaks and emphasized that the Arab states were duty bound to halt infiltration and marauding of their nationals in Israel.

Meanwhile, two homes and a barn were wrecked by landmines planted by infiltrators in the Alma settlement in Upper Galilee today. The infiltrators planted the mines on window sills where they were seen by inhabitants of the settlement this morning. The police were called, but four of five bombs exploded before the police arrived.

## ZIONIST DELEGATION VISITS STATE DEPT.; SEEKS VIEWS ON DULLES STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A delegation of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs called at the State Department yesterday to seek further clarification of the recent Middle East policy statement by Secretary John Foster Dulles. In that statement, Mr. Dulles suggested that the United States and other countries might provide border guarantees for Israel and the Arab states after they had achieved a peace settlement.

The delegation met with John D. Jernigan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. The group consisted of Rabbi Philip Bernstein, chairman of the committee; Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Louis Segal, member of the Jewish Agency executive, and I. L. Kenen, executive director of the committee.

Moscow radio broadcasts, monitored here, are concentrating on presenting the Arab opposition to the Dulles statement. In one of its broadcasts, the Moscow radio quotes Cairo reports that the Palestine Arab Higher Committee has criticized the Dulles plan as designed "to destroy all vestiges of the rights of the refugees and to set the stage for the Jews to occupy Palestine by the millions." The Moscow radio also quotes the Cairo newspaper "Al Ahram" to the effect that the Secretary's plan would kill the United Nations resolutions on Palestine and contradict the Bandung resolutions on the Near East.

While presenting the Arab view on the Dulles statement, the Moscow radio and the Soviet news agency Tass refrain from indicating Israel's stand on the matter. Both Soviet organs also quote lengthily from Arab criticisms of the mission of Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy now in the Middle East seeking regional water cooperation. The Johnston trip is characterized as part of a "dangerous plan."

## ISRAEL SENDS STRONG DELEGATION TO UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Israel is sending what seems here to be a particularly strong delegation to the tenth General Assembly which convenes Sept. 20.

The list made public today by the Israel delegation showed that Abba S. Eban, Israel's Ambassador to Washington, will once again carry the double burden he has had in the last few years by heading his country's delegation to the General Assembly.

Others on the delegation will be David Hacohen, Israel Ambassador to Burma; Ishar Harari, a member of the Knesset; Gideon Raphael, Foreign Ministry counsellor on the Middle East and United Nations political affairs; Emil Najjar, director of the West European Department at the Foreign Ministry; Dr. Moshe Tov, head of the Foreign Ministry's Latin American Department; Dr. Giora Lotan, director of National Insurance; Mordecai R. Kidron; Arthur Liveran and Dr. Jacob Robinson.

Mr. Kidron is the Israel delegation's permanent deputy, frequently acting as head of the delegation in the absence of Mr. Eban. Mr. Liveran is also a member of the permanent delegation. Dr. Hacohen, Mr. Harari, Dr. Tov and Dr. Robinson were on Israel's delegation to the General Assembly last year.

## NEW FREIGHTER FOR ISRAEL LAUNCHED IN GERMANY; IS NAMED "ATHLIT"

HAMBURG, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A new Israel coastal freighter for the Mediterranean run was launched today at the Kremer shipyards in nearby Elmshorn, after the name of "Athlit" had been bestowed upon the 500-ton vessel by Susanne Saenger.

Her husband, Fritz Saenger, the editor-in-chief of the German "DPA" news agency, some years ago served as one of the principal backers of the German "Peace with Israel" movement. That group was instrumental in creating the moral climate for conclusion of the reparations pact, under which the new boat has been built. The "Athlit," a sister ship of the recently completed "Ashkalon," will be operated by the Zim-Shoham Lines.

The S.S. "Olga," a German freighter, has been placed on the Egyptian blacklist for having entered "several Israel harbors," it is announced by "Misr Press," privately-circulated news service of Arab affairs issued here in the German language. The obvious intent of the announcement is intimidation of other German shipowners.

## JAPAN PLANS TO OPEN LEGATION IN ISRAEL; DISCUSSES DETAILS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Kuni Yoshi, Japanese interim Charge d'Affaires in Israel, visited the Foreign Ministry today to discuss the opening of a Japanese legation in Israel.

## U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS FUNDS TO ORT FOR ACTIVITIES IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The International Cooperation Administration agreed today to allocate \$50,000 to the American ORT Federation toward the establishment of an extensive vocational school program among immigrant youth in Israel. Announcement of the signing of the agreement was made by Dr. William Haber, American ORT Federation president.

The government funds would be used to purchase tools and machines to equip five trade schools which are to be organized by the ORT organization in Israel, Dr. Haber stated. This will be the first step toward creating a network of ten such special schools with an eventual capacity of 1,000 students annually. ORT is the principal agency providing vocational training to Jews overseas, maintaining over 300 schools and workshops in nineteen countries.

Under the agreement with the International Cooperation Administration, the full amount of \$50,000 will go for equipment of the new training centers. The U.S. mission in Israel will also lend its technical personnel and aid wherever needed. Buildings and funds for operation of the five additional schools are to be obtained by ORT from the Israel Government, local municipalities and community sources.

Dr. Haber expressed the gratitude of ORT to the U.S. Government for providing the basic funds to stimulate creation of the special schools. He welcomed the grant as establishing a significant precedent for the utilization by the U.S. Government of the "know-how" of voluntary agencies in its overseas technical aid programs. ORT now maintains 34 trade schools in 17 cities and towns of Israel with an annual enrollment of 4,300.

## GERMANY PLEDGES CARE FOR MEMORIALS OF FRENCH VICTIMS OF NAZISM

BONN, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- West Germany has undertaken to preserve the memorials, monuments and cemeteries hallowed to the memory of French victims of Nazism, Jews and non-Jews, who died in Germany during the war.

A Franco-German agreement now entering into force lists by name 54 such cemeteries, eleven monuments - including the one at Belsen - and two memorials, the crematoria in the former concentration camps of Flossenbuerg and of Dachau. It provides for the return to France of the bodies of Frenchmen who were deported to Germany during the war and died there. To finance search work by a special French commission, the exhumation of the bodies and their transfer to France, one million marks a year will be made available for the next three years.

An important section of the agreement grants former French deportees, or family members of a French deportation victim, free second-class railroad travel once a year to visit camps and cemeteries. The number of such pilgrims, who will be selected by the French authorities, has been limited to two thousand annually.

The number of Jews directly affected by the agreement is not large, since most Jews deported from France were shipped to the death camps of Poland rather than to Germany proper. There is some hope, however, that the agreement may set a pattern. Observers here particularly welcome the West German Government's assurance that memorials such as the Dachau crematorium will not be interfered with. Only a few weeks ago, it is recalled, Bavaria's Deputy Minister-President and Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Josef Baumgartner, exclaimed in a public meeting at Dachau that "the crematorium must go."

## SIX PERSONS TO GO ON TRIAL IN HOLLAND FOR KIDNAPPING JEWISH ORPHAN

THE HAGUE, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Six persons arrested for the kidnapping of Anneke Beekman, 14-year-old Jewish war orphan spirited away after a Dutch court had ordered her returned to the Jewish community, will go on trial before an Amsterdam court Sept. 23, it was learned here today. The girl, taken from Holland to a Belgian convent and then removed just as police came to recover her, has still not been found.

The defendants include the Catholic foster mother, who had the child baptized; a former prioress of a convent at Bussum, near Amsterdam; a former prioress of the Belgian convent at Valmeer, near Liege, where the girl was last known to be, and an ex-priest who helped take the girl across the border into Belgium two years ago.

## HUNGARIAN JEWISH LEADER WINS \$100,000 LIBEL SUIT AGAINST NEWSPAPER

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Bela Fabian, one-time Hungarian Jewish community leader and a member of the Hungarian Government-in-exile, won a \$100,000 libel suit yesterday against the Hungarian language newspaper "Egyleti Elet."

Dr. Fabian charged that the newspaper had libelled him in two articles, published in December 1949 and January 1950, which described him as a "traitor to Jewry" and conveyed the impression that he had served as a foreman of forced laborers at the Nazi Buchenwald camp where he was a prisoner. Dr. Fabian was a member of the Hungarian Parliament for 17 years.

### JEWISH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SEEKS TO COPE WITH TEACHER SHORTAGE

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- A National Roll Call designed to meet the mounting needs of Jewish education in this country has been launched by the American Association for Jewish Education, it was announced today by Philip W. Lown, president of the Association.

Reaching out into communities from coast to coast, the National Roll Call will alert local leadership to its specific responsibilities in the area of Jewish communal work; and will enlist popular support for the intensification program of the Association. Top priority in this program, Mr. Lown pointed out, attaches to an all-out effort to cope with the problem of teacher shortage that has developed in recent years.

### BOSTON JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES STARTS \$5,055,000 DRIVE FOR THIS YEAR

BOSTON, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Marking the 60th anniversary of organized Jewish philanthropy on a community basis from Boston, the Associated Jewish Philanthropies here began its 1955-56 campaign for \$5,055,000. The principal speaker was General Robert Cutler, prominent Boston banker, who recently was named by President Eisenhower as consultant to the National Security Council.

General Cutler told 800 workers that "there is no substitute for the active participation and interest of the individual citizens in fund-raising campaigns. Charity, as we know it in America today, is not a mere handout or a governmental dole. It has the durable quality of freedom," he said. It has its origin in a religious injunction of great antiquity. There is a ruggedness, a stability, an eternal quality in this concept of charity."

### JEWISH WELFARE BOARD OPENS CENTER FOR U. S. SERVICEMEN IN GERMANY

KAISERSLAUTERN, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- The only Servicemen's Center in Germany sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board opened today in this city, which is the hub of the greatest concentration of American military strength in Germany.

General Miles Reber, Commanding General of the Western Area Command, cut the tape across the doorway of the building, a commodious villa where the late General Patton lived for a time during the war. Its facilities include a lounge and a dining room, music room, voice-recording room, game room and dark room as well as a writing room and a library. Outdoors, a large garden and a luxurious patio overlooking the city beckon to visitors.

Army and Air Force wives, who are organized into a "Jewish Women's Group," served as hostesses during the housewarming reception. The number of Jewish GI's and officers assigned in this area is estimated to run to 1,500.

### 650 RABBIS CALL UPON AMERICAN JEWS TO AFFILIATE WITH Z. O. A.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- More than 650 rabbis of the three branches of American Judaism - Orthodox, Conservative and Reform - from all parts of the country signed a call addressed to American Jewry urging "our fellow American Jews to identify themselves with the program and activities of the Zionist Organization of America, and through such Zionist affiliation, to ensure Israel's development and Jewish survival."

"We must organize public opinion, strengthen America-Israel friendship, mobilize economic support for Israel, conduct an intensive program of Zionist education, rally Jewish youth under the Zionist banner, and strengthen the cultural and spiritual bridge between Israel and American Jewry," the rabbis' appeal said.

The call, which was made public by Mortimer May, president of the ZOA, points out that "Israel's increasing isolation in this eighth year of her independence is a cause for the most profound concern throughout the free world. Confronted by the constant threat of renewed Arab aggression, assailed by totalitarian rulers, and not yet included in the security arrangements of her friends in the West, Israel urgently needs our fullest support," the call said.

### JUDGE LAZANSKY, NOTED JEWISH LEADER, DIES; WAS ACTIVE IN MANY GROUPS

NEW YORK, Sept. 13. (JTA) -- Edward Lazansky, former presiding justice of the Appellate Division, second highest court in New York State, and for many years a civic and Jewish leader, died in Southampton, Long Island, yesterday. He was 82.

Statements mourning Judge Lazansky's death were issued today by the American Jewish Committee, of which he had been a vice-president and executive member; Joint Distribution Committee, of which he was an executive member and in which he served 40 years; Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, of which he was an associate chairman, and the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn, of which he had been a founder and chairman.

Judge Lazansky was an honorary member of the Catholic Lawyers Guild, was active in the Boy Scout movement for a quarter of a century and served on the Mayor's Committee on Unity and a number of different municipal commissions devoted to studying and attempting to ameliorate racial conflicts in New York.