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INDIA BACKS EGYPT ON BARRING ISRAELI SHIPPING FROM CANAL

LONDON, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Some uneasiness was manifest in Israel diplomatic circles today about the prospects of securing free transit through the Suez Canal for Israel shipping or shipping proceeding to or from Israel ports as an outcome of the 22-nation conference now in progress here.

Whatever the intentions of the American and Indian drafts before the conference as regards freedom of navigation for Israel shipping, observers here believe that the Indians fully support the Egyptian position that the issue is one for the International Court to decide, whereas the Western Powers would "expect" any statement of free passage for all to include Israel.

Krishna Menon, head of the Indian delegation, in addressing the conference yesterday, referred to alleged infringements of the Suez Canal Convention by Egypt and suggested that, if there were any doubts about this question, it should be referred to the International Court of Justice for a decision which Egypt should be asked to accept.

India thus went far to support the position Egypt took at the time of the September 1951 Security Council resolution. The Egyptians then argued that under Article Ten of the Convention, they were justified in restricting passage of Israel vessels.

Under Mr. Menon's proposals now, any claim that the stoppage of Israel ships was a violation of the 1888 Convention would be taken to the international tribunal for a decision as to the meaning of Article Ten which sets out the right of Egypt to take measures for its self-defense. This argument was rejected by the Western Powers during the 1951 debate in the Security Council.

EXPECT NEW UN APPROACH TO EASE TENSION ON JORDAN-ISRAEL BORDER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- A high-level United Nations approach to Jordan and Israel to secure abatement of the present tense border situation was forecast here today in connection with the Middle East visit of Andrew Cordier, executive assistant to UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

Mr. Cordier arrived in Beirut today. He is to visit Amman, the Jordanian capital, tomorrow and Jerusalem on Friday. Major Gen. E. L. M. Burns, the UN truce supervision chief, unexpectedly flew to Beirut to confer with him today. Mr. Cordier's visit was originally of an administrative nature and unconnected with the truce supervision organization.

Israel refused today to attend an emergency session of the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission called for tomorrow and protested that the action of Col. J. L. Castonguay, of Canada, chairman of the commission, in calling the meeting was "unprecedented."

The call followed a complaint by Jordan that Israel tanks had approached within six kilometers of the defensive zone. An Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman described the incident as a "technical lapse."

(In Amman, Jordanians claimed that two Israeli soldiers had been killed in a clash on Jordan territory near Jenin. The Arabs claimed a 30-man Israel force had violated the frontier.)

The Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman said that in the past, Israel requests for emergency meetings on complaints "incomparably more serious" had been rejected. Israel, he said, is still awaiting United Nations action against Jordan for non-compliance with fundamental provisions of the armistice agreement which are much more serious than the technical breach alleged in the Jordan complaint.

The new development followed within 24 hours a decision by the Mixed Armistice Commission sharply condemning Jordan for last week's bus ambush in the Arava area of the Negev, near the Jordanian frontier. The attack cost the lives of four persons--including a woman and three Israel soldiers--and wounded eight persons, of whom three are in serious condition. The attack, according to the Commission, was "unprovoked," and was carried out by "a force of approximately 15 aggressors who had crossed the demarcation line from Jordan-controlled territory into Israel."

SIMULATED AIR-RAID TESTS TEL AVIV'S CIVIL DEFENSES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Jet planes dived and screamed here overhead in a simulated air attack this morning, part of a civil defense drill embracing this city and its environs.

Air raid sirens sounded their warnings as the planes came down to rooftop level. All traffic was halted, while all civilians except several thousand civil defense wardens were sent to air-raid shelters.

As the mock air raid presumably knocked out water and electricity supplies, utility workers quickly hooked up emergency tap lines. Meanwhile, medical aides helped evacuate presumed wounded from buildings which had been marked as suffering "direct hits," while firemen turned on their hose to extinguish mock flames.

After two hours, quiet came to the city and normal activities were resumed. Civil defense leaders declared today's drill to be one of the most successful tests of the kind yet conducted.

LAST-MINUTE EFFORTS MADE TO DEFEAT REPUBLICAN PLANK ON ISRAEL

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Anti-Israel elements made a last-minute effort here today to block adoption by the Republican national convention of a draft platform plank on Israel submitted to it by its resolutions committee. The platform was scheduled for adoption by the convention tonight.

The fight against the plank was led by Alfred Lilienthal, spokesman for the so-called "National Committee for Security and Justice in the Middle East," who complained that the Republican draft was little better, in his viewpoint, than the Democratic platform adopted in Chicago last week. The Democratic platform promised defensive arms to Israel, but the Republican draft made no reference to arms.

The Lilienthal group said that, while the Republicans had omitted mention of arms, they erred in using phraseology which was too "pro-Israel." Lilienthal told a press conference that, although some members of Congress had assisted in keeping mention of arms for Israel out of the platform draft, they were unwilling to take the convention floor tonight to oppose adoption of the draft plank.

Lilienthal identified these members of Congress as Sen. Arthur Watkins, of Utah; Sen. H. Alexander Smith, of New Jersey, and Rep. Frances Bolton, of Ohio. It was reported that Sen. William Jenner of Indiana had considered taking the floor to oppose adoption of the Israel plank but it was feared by the anti-Zionists that his extremist views might react against their cause.

Lilienthal also told the press that Sen. Ralph Flanders of Vermont had told him he would seek bipartisan agreement between President Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic candidate, after the convention to keep the Israel arms issue out of politics.

As the delegates prepared to meet in the third convention session today, it was generally felt that a floor fight on the Israel plank would not occur. Many of the Republicans critical of the plank and desirous of a friendlier demonstration toward the Arabs, said that, despite their personal feelings, they wished to preserve party harmony and party unity.

Pro-Israel elements, however, were prepared for any eventuality. Attorney-General Jacob Javits of New York said he would be alert to any anti-Israel maneuver and ready to speak and act against it.

CELLER HITS DULLES ON ARAB DISCRIMINATION MOVES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York accused Secretary of State Dulles today of not only dodging the issue of alleged Arab discrimination against American Jews but also of excusing the Arab behavior.

In a statement issued by his office, Rep. Celler said the Secretary's pledge to take "formal diplomatic action" to curb Arab discrimination against American Jews is "meaningless in the Arab setting." He said "standing alone, it will not give equality to our citizenry in those countries."

Secretary Dulles wrote to the B'nai B'rith last week pledging diplomatic action aimed at ending discrimination against U.S. citizens in the Arab states. He said U.S. envoys were directed to "emphasize the equality of all Americans."

Mr. Celler asserted that "instead of implementing the Senate resolution and the congressional declaration, he dodges both. He even offers excuses for these Arab outrages. One would think that he was seeking to defend the Arab action."

The Senate, by formal resolution, opposed Arab discrimination against Americans of Jewish faith and American business firms owned by Jews.

SHAPIRA TELLS MIZRACHI NO NEED TO FEAR REFORM MOVEMENT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Religious Jewry in Israel does not need to fear the Reform movement, Minister of Religion Moshe Shapira declared today in a speech before the second national conference of the Poale Mizrahi Women Workers' Association.

Mr. Shapira, a leader of the 'Religious bloc' in the Government coalition, referred to current attempts to establish a Reform temple in Israel and said that the Reform movement had no footing in this country.

The cabinet member stressed that religious Jewry must give a hand to the important task of strengthening Israel and to the ingathering of the exiles. He said that Israel's security was rapidly increasing and described the Army as strengthened and alerted.

"The day is near," he declared, "when Israel's enemies will have to think twice before attacking Israel."

SHARETT TO HEAD MAPAI DELEGATION TO ASIAN SOCIALIST PARLEY

LONDON, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Ex-Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett is expected to lead an Israeli delegation composed of members of the Mapai Party to the second conference of Asian Socialist parties which will open in Bombay on Nov. 1. Dr. S. Levenberg reported last night at the British Labor Party's annual summer school session.

One hundred and fifty Socialist and trades union leaders will attend the conference. A delegation from the Socialist International, which will include Hugh Gaitskill, leader of the British Labor Party, will also be present.

NEW STEEL BRIDGE OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN UPPER GALILEE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- One of the largest steel bridges in Israel has been opened to traffic over the Jordan River, near Kibbutz Amir in Upper Galilee. Parts for the bridge were fabricated in Germany, but were assembled in this country. The bridge has a capacity of over 140 tons.

APPEAL TO SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS TO MOBILIZE FOR ISRAEL

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The South African Zionist Federation concluded its biennial conference here today with an appeal to South African Jewry to "fulfill its responsibility to Israel" by rallying to the support of the Jewish State and by "mobilizing the fullest measure of devotion and strength for its well-being and security."

The parley adopted a resolution paying tribute to the South African Government for the "friendship and understanding consistently shown toward Israel and the Zionist movement." Another resolution urged chambers of commerce throughout the Union to "resist Arab pressure towards discrimination against Jewish citizens."

The conference voted to launch the next United Israel Appeal in February and ratified measures to stimulate South African-Israel trade, and emigration to Israel. It approved plans for youth volunteer services for a year or two in the Israel border settlements.

Israel Dunskey was unanimously reelected as chairman of the Federation. The new executive will comprise seven General Zionists, six Zionist-Socialists, five Revisionists, three Mizrahi and four non-party Zionists.

EX-NAZIS REVEALED AS STILL HOLDING HIGH WEST GERMAN POSTS

BERLIN, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- While one ex-Nazi here was fined \$1,400 and ordered deprived of his pension rights for his anti-Jewish activities during the Hitler regime, 25 officials were disclosed here today as holding executive posts in spite of their Nazi records.

Of the 25, one is Hans Lehmann, who was one of the six highest-ranking officers in command of Hitler's Storm Troops under the Nazi regime. It was disclosed today that Lehmann is now an inspector on the staff of the West German War Graves Commission, touring abroad to supervise the upkeep of German military cemeteries. He was never "denazified" because he had refused to appear before the denazification board which, just the same, fined him \$350.

The 24 other former Nazis, all officials in the Criminal Police department of North Rhine Westphalia, held leading ranks in the Nazi SS. Their employment now in executive positions has been confirmed by Hubert Biernath, North Rhine Westphalia's Minister of the Interior.

The ex-Nazi who drew the heavy fine from this city's denazification board is Herbert Heinsch, who had been the Nazi Party's plant boss at the Modbit electrical works under Hitler. It was disclosed at his hearing that he had beaten a 60-year-old German laborer because the latter had told a friend that "Jews are human beings too."

TO CONSTRUCT NEW JEWISH HOSPITAL IN HAMBURG

HAMBURG, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Construction of a new, 100-bed clinical building was begun here this week by the old Jewish Hospital, an institution founded in the 18th Century.

At the same time, the hospital's board of trustees announced the appointment of Dr. Julian Kalitzki as chief physician. A well-known physician here before the Hitler regime, Dr. Kalitzki spent the years between 1933 and 1954 in Palestine and Israel. From the time Dr. Kalitzki left in 1933 until his appointment this week, the chief medical post at the Jewish Hospital has been held by non-Jews.

CAPEHART CONDEMNS ARAB DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AMERICAN JEWS

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 21 (JTA) -- Senator Homer Capehart, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told representatives of the Indiana Jewish Community Relations Council here that Arab discrimination against American Jews was "a damnable situation." He promised to do all in his power to eliminate acquiescence in this practice by the American government.

RETIRED ADMIRAL SEEKS TO AROUSE WHITE COUNCILS AGAINST JEWS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. Aug. 21 (JTA) -- An attempt to arouse anti-Jewish sentiment in the South by charging that the Jews are responsible for the fight to end segregation was made here last night by a retired admiral in an inflammatory speech before a White Citizens Council rally.

The speaker, John G. Crommelin, who retired from the Navy as a Rear Admiral in 1949 after a public reprimand, told the roaring crowd that the anti-segregation fight was sparked by (Justice) "Felix Frankfurter, a Jew, Arthur Spanger, a Zionist Jew, and Senator Herbert Lehman, a Marxist Jew." The speaker did not identify "Spanger" further.

"Don't you know it's their kind of people behind this whole mess?" Crommelin shouted at his audience of 300.

Pleading for retention of the clause in the Alabama constitution on segregation, he exclaimed, "We've got to keep this last frontier of the real Anglo-Saxon race + and if I am wrong, my name's Finkelstein."

CAROLINA RABBIS URGE ENFORCEMENT OF DESEGREGATION DECISION

WILMINGTON, N. C. Aug. 21. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for "speedy implementation" in this state of the U. S. Supreme Court's desegregation decision was adopted at the fifth annual Educational and Leadership Institute of the North Carolina Association of Rabbis held at Little Switzerland, near here.

The rabbinical group also voted a series of measures to extend Jewish education and to raise its standards, including establishment of a statewide Bureau of Jewish Education.

Other resolutions called for establishment of a court of arbitration to help settle congregational and rabbinical disputes in the state and reaffirmed support of the "circuit-riding rabbi" project.

LOS ANGELES BOARD ISSUES PLEA FOR JEWISH TEACHERS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The Bureau of Jewish Education reported today that it had sent out 15,900 letters to individuals active in education and social work in an attempt to recruit 700 teachers needed to staff the city's Jewish Sunday schools. The Jewish education system here faces a critical teacher shortage this fall.

DEBORAH BARON, LITHUANIAN JEWISH WRITER, DIES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Deborah Baron, who won the Bialik Prize for her short stories descriptive of life in Lithuania and Palestine, died here last night at the age of 69 after a long illness.

Born near Minsk, she emigrated to Palestine in 1911 and joined the staff of a Hebrew workers' party weekly. She was exiled to Alexandria by the Turkish Government in 1915.

In 1931, she translated into Hebrew Gustave Flaubert's "Madame Bovary." Two collections of her work have been published, entitled "Sippurim" (Tales) and "Ketanot" (Minor Things). It was for the latter collection, published in 1933, that she was awarded the literary prize which bears the name of the Hebrew poet Chaim Nachman Bialik.