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DANISH FREIGHTER NEGOTIATES AKABA WATERWAY WITHOUT INTERFERENCE

ELATH, Israel, March 25. (JTA) -- The 3,500-ton Danish freighter Brigitte Toft passed through the Strait of Tiran today and dropped anchor in the Gulf of Akaba off this Israeli port as the town's inhabitants celebrated the successful outcome of what has been regarded as a test of freedom of passage of the gulf.

(The Moscow radio defended a blockade of Israeli shipping in the Gulf of Akaba. Broadcasts today asserted that "this gulf lies entirely within the territorial waters of Egypt and Saudi Arabia." The Soviet radio accused the Western Powers of "trying to deprive Egypt and Saudi Arabia of their lawful rights in this gulf."

Captain Hans Hardy Lolk reported that as he was clearing the strait he was signalled by an unidentified vessel which flew no flag but had an Arabic name on its bow, and ordered to identify his vessel. The Danish ship refused to comply, however, and continued on its way.

The freighter passed through the strait at 6 A.M. (Israel time) after riding at anchor all night in the southern approaches in order to make the passage of the shallow waters by daylight. It arrived off Elath this afternoon with Danish and Israeli flags flying. It will remain riding at anchor until the freighter Catherina Madre completes loading cargo at Elath's single jetty.

An Israel landing craft, bearing the Swedish Minister to Israel who is representing Danish interests, and newsmen and photographers, put out to meet the Brigitte Toft as all the inhabitants of the town flocked to the waterfront and cheered when the beflagged freighter slowly sailed into sight.

FAILURE OF CAIRO MISSION SEEN IN HAMMARSKJOLD'S PLAN TO RETURN TO U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 25. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold is planning to return directly to UN headquarters from Cairo by the end of this week, according to a highly authoritative United Nations source. This source said Mr. Hammarskjold is "not planning to visit any other place in the area"--thus ruling out for the time being any plans to visit Israel.

The Secretary General will carry on his conversations here in efforts to solve at least some of the Middle East problems which were included in his latest mission: the administration of the Gaza Strip; the retention of the UN Emergency Force both in Gaza and on the shores of the Gulf of Akaba; and the free use of the Suez Canal not only by Israel but also by the Western Powers, especially Britain and France, which do not want to pay all tolls to Egypt or to leave Egypt in full command of the canal's operation and upkeep.

On the basis of information thus far received here, Mr. Hammarskjold's mission to Cairo seems to have met with absolute failure in that he has not been able to obtain a single concession from Egypt's Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser regarding any one of the important issues. It is not known here whether Mr. Hammarskjold has even asked President Nasser the key question posed by Israel--whether Egypt continues to insist that it has "rights of belligerence" vis-a-vis Israel.

Best guesses by observers here are that, since the Secretary General has failed to get any concessions from Col. Nasser, and since all of his prestige is tied in with his efforts to obtain at least some settlements of the vital Middle East issues, he will, upon his return, turn full pressure against Israel in an effort to get concessions from the Jewish State. How successful he would be in such a move, if he undertook it, would be in turn dependent to a large degree on the degree of support or opposition he would get from the United States delegation.

A possible clue to Hammarskjold's feeling toward Israel was seen in a report reaching here today, purporting to have emanated from a UN source in Cairo, to the effect that Israel "is snubbing" the Secretary General by not "inviting" him to visit Jerusalem. Observers pointed out here that Nasser also did not invite Mr. Hammarskjold but that the latter went to Cairo on his own initiative; he could go to Jerusalem in the same way and he has always been welcomed by Israel Government officials.

DENY HAMMARSKJOLD DEMAND FOR STATIONING OF U.N. TROOPS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 25. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Ministry sources denied today receipt of any communication from United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold in Cairo, demanding that Israel agree to the stationing of United Nations forces on Israel territory.

Israel circles generally reflected today an increasing exasperation with Mr. Hammarskjold's soft handling of Nasser as compared to the insistent pressure put on Israel for more and more concessions. It was pointed out here today that it was not even certain that Mr. Hammarskjold had asked Nasser whether he still insists on belligerent rights in defiance of the Security Council rulings. Egypt's aggressive answer in the form of public announcements, however, it was pointed out, would leave little reason for any visit by Mr. Hammarskjold to Jerusalem at this stage.

Delegation of Jewish Leaders Sees Senators on Middle East Situation

WASHINGTON, March 25. (JTA) -- A delegation composed of members of the conference of presidents of 17 major national Jewish organizations visited leading Senators today to urge them to express concern over deteriorating conditions in the Middle East. The delegation pointed out that since Israel had withdrawn its troops to the armistice lines, Egypt has returned to the Gaza Strip, refuses to renounce belligerency and is threatening to continue barring Israel ships from the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba.

EISENHOWER'S ENVOY TO MID-EAST EXPECTED IN ISRAEL FOR AID TALKS

TEL AVIV, March 25. (JTA) -- James P. Richards, special envoy of President Eisenhower, is expected to arrive in Israel during the latter half of April, diplomatic circles said today. He is tentatively scheduled to remain in this country for several days for discussions with Israel Government leaders on the Eisenhower Doctrine.

Israel will be allocated a share in the President's special \$260,000,000 fund, these sources said, "as required for her needs to fight Communism." It was emphasized that the resumption of regular American economic aid to Israel was not connected with the Richards visit.

Gerald M. Straus, acting director of the American operations mission in Israel, began today a round of talks with Israel officials to ascertain the principal requirements of the American aid program when it is reactivated.

When Washington finally gives the green light for resumption of aid to Israel, it should be possible to reactivate the grant-in-aid for development purposes and long-term loans for purchase of surplus foods within a brief period. Resumption of technical aid would take longer as some 60 American experts formerly stationed here are now scattered on temporary assignment over three continents.

OLLENHAUER, ENDING ISRAEL VISIT, ASKS ISRAEL-GERMAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

JERUSALEM, March 25. (JTA) -- Erich Ollenhauer, leader of the German Social Democratic Party, winding up a visit to Israel today, said that the time was ripe for establishment of normal relations between Germany and Israel. He said there are discussions within the German Government about the date for establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel. He declined to say whether the Israel Government had already requested this.

ELEVEN ISRAELI SOLDIERS GO ON TRIAL IN CURFEW KILLING OF 47 ARABS

JERUSALEM, March 25. (JTA) -- Eleven officers and men of the Israel border police went on trial here today before a military court on charges of slaying 47 Arab villagers on October 29 in enforcement of a curfew order on the eve of the Sinai operation. Principal defendants are Major S. Malinski, who was accused of giving illegal orders which led to the slaying and Lieutenant G. Dehan, who killed three villagers himself while his men killed 44 in Kfar Kassem. The prosecutor called their actions "deliberate murder" and insisted that they must bear responsibility for the action.

EUROPEAN-NORTH AFRICAN PARLEY PLANS BROADER AID-TO-ISRAEL PROGRAM

PARIS, March 25. (JTA) -- The two-day European-North African conference for aid to Israel attended by 300 delegates from 17 countries closed here in the early hours of the morning following the adoption of a program designed to broaden the base of the Keren Hayesod, fund-raising arm of the Zionist movement, in the communities.

Additionally, the conference thanked the Government of France for the support it had given Israel in its "critical hour." Conference delegates were received today by Foreign Minister Christian Pineau and a representative delegation will be given an audience tomorrow by President Rene Coty.

NORWAY TO SEEK EXTENSION OF GERMAN INDEMNIFICATION TO FOREIGN NATIONALS

OSLO, March 25. (JTA) -- The Norwegian Government will raise again with the West German Government the extension of German indemnification legislation to nationals of other countries who had been persecuted by the Nazis on racial, religious or political grounds, Foreign Minister Halvard Lange disclosed today.

The West German Government has rejected a proposal by eight nations - including Norway - that an intergovernmental committee be set up to study possibilities of remedying the situation whereby these Nazi victims are excluded from German compensation legislation. The Bonn authorities suggested that needy persons excluded from the benefits of this legislation be aided by charitable measures in which the Germans would participate.

Mr. Lange, when he reported this to the Norwegian Parliament, said that the German position was "unacceptable."

GERMAN COURT REJECTS PLEA TO FREE NAZI STERILIZATION 'EXPERIMENTER'

BONN, March 25. (JTA) -- The district court at Kiel has rejected a petition for release from pre-trial imprisonment filed by Carl Clauberg, the Nazi gynecologist, who carried out sterilization experiments on Jewish women prisoners in the Auschwitz concentration camp. Clauberg is appealing the decision to the Penal Senate of the Schleswig Superior Court.

No date has yet been set for his trial on charges of "inflicting heavy bodily injury while in the exercise of an official function" in at least 170 cases. In four other cases so far, he is accused of "inflicting bodily injury of a nature that death ensued." The taking of testimony by deposition is continuing in at least a dozen countries.

EDUCATION QUOTAS ON SOVIET JEWS WOULD AFFECT SCIENTISTS, ISRAELI SAYS

TEL AVIV, March 25. (JTA) -- An Israeli scientist who recently visited Moscow to attend a conference of macromolecular chemists, reported today to his associates at the Weizmann Institute that introduction of a numerus clausus for Jews in Soviet science, as recently advocated by some Soviet officials, would seriously affect the Jews in Soviet science.

Prof. Aharon Katzir said there were 24,000 Jews in scientific positions in the Soviet Union out of a total of 223,000 although there were only three and a half million Jews in a total population of over 200,000,000.

JEWISH CONGREGATIONS IN POLAND STUDY AID TO ISRAEL-BOUND EMIGRANTS

LONDON, March 25. (JTA) -- Problems of assisting Jewish repatriates from the Soviet Union and Jewish emigrants to Israel were discussed at Warsaw at a meeting of the Federation of Jewish Religious Congregations in Poland, the Warsaw Radio reported today.

It was reported at the conference that in Warsaw alone there are 1,500 Jewish repatriates, some of them housed in a rest home of the Social and Cultural Association of Polish Jews at Srodoborow, near Warsaw. Most of them, however, are staying at Red Cross hostels, at huts at Wlochy, and on the premises of the Jewish religious congregation in Warsaw.

A special kitchen for the repatriates will be opened at the Wlochy huts. The government has been approached on assistance to the repatriates. The question of Passover observance and matzoth supplies was discussed by Dr. Aleksander Lieber at the Federation meeting.

SABBATH OBSERVING SHOPKEEPERS TO GET ASSIST FROM DUTCH GOVERNMENT

THE HAGUE, March 25. (JTA) -- Jewish shopkeepers who keep their stores closed on the Sabbath will be permitted to keep them open longer on Sunday, under a new bill the Netherlands Cabinet is preparing for submission to Parliament. The measure proposes that Jews who do not sell their wares on Saturday may keep their shops open from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Sundays.

JEWISH STATE THEATRE OF POLAND OPENS ENGAGEMENT IN LONDON

LONDON, March 25. (JTA) -- The Jewish State Theatre of Poland opened a three-week engagement here tonight with the presentation of "Meir Ezofowicz," a drama of Jewish emancipation in Poland in the 19th century. The troupe will also present Jacob Godrin's "Mirele Efros" and an adaptation of Sholem Aleichem's "Tevye der Milchigeh."

After the premiere, the company was honored at a reception given by the British Section of the World Jewish Congress. Present at the reception were leaders of the British Jewish community, Polish diplomats and Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath.

CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION HITS BARRING OF JEWS FROM DHARHAN BASE

WASHINGTON, March 25. (JTA) -- The annual report of the American Civil Liberties Union today sharply criticized the U.S. Government policy of screening U.S. citizens to bar Jews from service at the U.S. airbase at Dharhan, Saudi Arabia.

The ACLU declared that the government is in violation of the principle of separation of Church and State. Another government, the ACLU said, has the sovereign right to exclude civilians it does not desire, but it is "a very different matter for the authority of the armed services of this country to engage in screening of U.S. citizens."

EXPANSION OF JEWISH EDUCATION BEYOND CHILD'S LEVEL URGED AT PARLEY

NEW YORK, March 25. (JTA) -- A "radical and imaginative overhaul" of the American Jewish school curriculum in the light of what he called the realities of the present, inadequate Jewish religious education being provided Jewish children, was urged here today by David Rudavsky, president of the National Council for Jewish Education. He spoke at the closing session of a two-day General Assembly of the Synagogue Council of America held at Columbia University.

Although there has been an increase in Jewish school enrollment, "we must not delude ourselves in the belief that we can succeed in giving our children the bare essentials of a Jewish education in the few years of their elementary Jewish schooling," Dr. Rudavsky said. "We must rely and insist on several years of continued study beyond the Bar Mitzvah."

Pointing out that children with only pre-Bar Mitzvah education are equipped for their adult lives with only "juvenile notions of Judaism," the educator urged the building of a secondary Jewish education system and the popularization of the study of Hebrew in the public high schools. "It is high time," he added, "that not only Orthodox but Conservative and even Reform section in Jewry should establish Jewish day schools."

In a paper on "Religious Revival and Jewish Family Life," Sidney Aronson, faculty member of the Brooklyn College department of sociology and anthropology, said that "it might not be inaccurate to say that one of the reasons for the current religious revival accompanied by increased synagogue affiliation and identification is the need for the family to have some support."

ROGOSIN ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF \$20 MILLION RAYON PLANT IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 25. (JTA) -- The forthcoming establishment of a \$20 million rayon plant in Israel, the largest American-financed industry in the Jewish State, was announced here tonight by Israel Rogosin, industrialist and philanthropist. Mr. Rogosin's announcement was made at a dinner given in his honor by the State of Israel on the occasion of his 70th birthday. The hosts were Israel Ambassador and Mrs. Abba Eban.

At the same time, Mr. Rogosin announced contributions totalling \$4 million to a group of research and educational institutions in the United States and Israel, in the form of stock in the rayon plant. The schools are Brandeis University, Jewish Theological Seminary and Yeshiva University, of the U.S., and Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute, Technion Bar-Ilan University, Boys Town Jerusalem and the Ozar Torah Sephardic schools of Israel.

Mr. Rogosin will personally invest \$6 million in the rayon plant, the Israel Government will underwrite \$7 million and a group of private individuals and institutions will supply the remaining \$7 million. About half the plant's production will go into the export market, providing a source of hard currency for Israel.

CLEVELAND TEMPLE MARKS 40 YEARS OF SERVICE BY DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

CLEVELAND, March 25. (JTA) -- A thanksgiving service was held at the Temple here yesterday to commemorate the completion of 40 years of service to the congregation by its spiritual leader, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

The service was elected to The Temple's spiritual leadership in 1917. At the time, its membership numbered 725 families; the present membership totals 2,450 families and is the largest in the United States.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS TO HONOR HARRY L. LURIE

NEW YORK, March 25. (JTA) -- Establishment of annual educational and research fellowships in communal service in honor of Harry L. Lurie, former executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, was announced today by Herbert R. Abeles, Council president. An initial fund of \$10,000 has been set up to finance the fellowships for the first three years. Mr. Lurie was executive director of the Council from 1935 to 1954 and then served as consultant until he retired this month.