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## DULLES AGAIN RECOGNIZES ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO USE SUEZ, AKABA ROUTES

WASHINGTON, April 2. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dulles today recognized anew Israel's right to passage through the Suez and Akaba waterways. He also condemned the use of the Gaza Strip as a fedayeen base.

Dulles told a press conference he was not aware of being officially advised by Israel of any plan to send a ship through the Suez Canal. He held that the exclusive emphasis of the Israel Government had been on the Akaba Strait and the Gaza Strip. He claimed that Premier Ben Gurion's letter to President Eisenhower did not mention the Suez Canal. Dulles said he nevertheless believes every country has a right to use the canal. He said this view was reflected by the United States vote at the United Nations Security Council in 1951. The United States, he said, continues to adhere to this view.

He said the United States feels that UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold made considerable progress on Gaza, toward tranquility, but indicated the question of Egyptian belligerency was still in abeyance.

A questioner wanted to know if continued Egyptian use of belligerent rights would indicate a lack of respect for the opinion of mankind. Dulles said he could not speak for all mankind, but expressed the belief that American public opinion was opposed to the use of Gaza as a base for raids on Israel.

## AUSTRALIAN MINISTER OFFERS PROGRAM TO SOLVE ARAB-ISRAEL PROBLEM

CANBERRA, Australia, April 2. (JTA) -- Richard Casey, Australia's Minister for External Affairs, told Parliament today that a "realistic beginning" must be made toward a solution of the Arab-Israel problem, and offered a five-point program toward that end. He proposed:

A mutual pledge of non-belligerency by Israel and the Arab states; the creation of demilitarized zones along the Israel borders which could be occupied, if necessary, by United Nations troops for appreciable periods; recognition and respect of Israel's right of passage through the Strait of Tiran and the Suez Canal; an effort at resettlement of the Arab refugees, and development projects--including irrigation--to assist in resettling the refugees.

## EBAN SEES NO OBSTACLE TO RESUMPTION OF U.S. ECONOMIC AID

WASHINGTON, April 2. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban called on Christian A. Herter, Under Secretary of State, today in an effort to speed up resumption of U.S. Government economic aid to Israel.

The aid program has been suspended since hostilities erupted late last October.

Eban said he discussed the Middle East situation generally and also tried to "accelerate" progress on aid resumption. So far, negotiations have been on a lower official level. Today Eban said he found no obstacle to resuming aid. This was taken to indicate that the matter might now be considered at higher levels.

Tomorrow, Eban said, he will call on the head of the U.S. Export-Import bank to discuss Israel's long-pending application for a \$75,000,000 for development of water resources. A decision on this application has been held up since the outbreak of hostilities in the Sinai Peninsula.

## Ben Gurion Welcomes Lifting of U.S. Travel Ban to Israel

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion, who yesterday chided the United States Government for its delay in lifting the ban on travel of American citizens to Israel, welcomed today the State Department's ending of these restrictions. Announcement of the State Department move was made last night in Washington.

In a formal statement, Mr. Ben Gurion expressed the hope that "many Americans will come to the land of the Bible," now that the ban has been raised. He assured them that they would receive a "warm welcome and traditional hospitality."

American officials and their dependents, who were evacuated from the Middle East at that time, have now been authorized to return. Embassy officials and staff members of the U.S. Operations Mission are expected back here this week.

## ISRAEL WILL IMPLEMENT SUEZ PASSAGE IN LAW AND FACT, MEIR SAYS

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir affirmed today that Israel will implement passage of the Suez Canal by Israeli shipping both in law and in fact. She warned that a breach of Israel's trust on the Suez question will affect not only Israel but the entire world and warned the United Nations that it must take a firm stand against Egyptian President Nasser's obstinacy in refusing to grant Israel free passage.

Opening a five-hour debate in the Israeli Parliament tonight, Mrs. Meir declared that Israel's foreign policy was based on three points: first, the right of self-defense and freedom of action in the Akaba and Tiran areas, second, no return to the status quo ante, and third, long-term security for Israel which is a matter for the world's conscience.

Mrs. Meir warned that the United Nations has a grave responsibility for the situation created in the Gaza Strip since UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold could not have misunderstood the conditions under which Israel withdrew its forces there.

Mrs. Meir said the Government "cannot hide our deep disappointment that the United States has not used its full influence to prevent deterioration of the situation in the Gaza Strip." She conceded that "there were differences on the legal status" but pointed out that "there were no differences of opinion about the de facto situation that should develop." She declared that "the United States had taken on a great moral responsibility in persuading Israel to yield.

Mrs. Meir admitted the failure of Israel's hopes and efforts with regard to the Gaza area. She categorically rejected proposals that units of the United Nations Emergency Force be stationed on Israel territory. She praised France for its friendship and understanding of Israel's problems.

Police reinforcements were rushed to the Knesset today to hold off an angry crowd of demonstrators protesting alleged discrimination in the payment of pensions to disabled victims of the Nazis. Under the reparations pact with Bonn, Israel agreed to take over responsibility for pensions of Israeli residents disabled by Nazi persecution. The demonstrators insisted that as a result of the current rate of exchange they were receiving substantially less than if Germany were paying their pensions directly.

### ISRAELI NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, April 2. (JTA) -- Oil drillings began today in the Jerusalem Corridor, near the Arab town of Abu Ghosh, on the outskirts of Jerusalem, where geologists previously had reported rock formations indicating good prospects for oil.

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- Israel has already raised \$20,000,000 of the \$28,000,000 needed for construction of a 16-inch oil pipeline from Elath to Haifa, and has ordered one of the largest construction firms in the country to prepare detailed plans for early start of construction on the project.

ELATH, Israel, April 2 (JTA) -- Construction of oil tanks here is being rushed to completion, with auxiliary installations already completed, and the first oil shipments to this newly-revitalized Israeli port are expected soon.

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- Commercial radio broadcasting has finally come to the Hebrew air waves. Kol Israel, the Israel Government-owned broadcasting system has set aside two hours a day for sponsored broadcasts. Advertisers may purchase ten-minute blocks of time. Full control over programing remains with the officials of the radio network.

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- The biennial meeting of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem opened here today on the school's new campus. Present for the session were the 13 Israelis on the board, six Americans, six Britons and four Canadians.

TEL AVIV, April 2. (JTA) -- All bus fares in Israel are going up by 8 percent to cover higher prices of fuel, lubricants and spare parts. This will be the second increase in a year, the previous hike having been 10 percent.

TEL AVIV, April 2. (JTA) -- E. Popper, one of the directors of the Zim Navigation Company, has been elected to the six-man presidium of the Atlantic Conference, biggest international shipping organization for passenger traffic. In accordance with the organization's system of rotating chairmanships, Mr. Popper will assume the Conference chairmanship in 1963.

TEL AVIV, April 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Leib H. Szold, once a prominent Zionist leader in Lithuania, arrived in Israel today from the USSR where he had been in prison for many years for having engaged in Zionist activities in Lithuania. Dr. Szold, one of the few surviving Jews of Lithuania, was released by the Russians on the grounds that he was a "political invalid."

JEWISH SURVIVORS PROTEST NAMING EX-NAZI GENERAL TO HEAD NATO FORCES

PARIS, April 2. (JTA) -- Jewish survivors of the Nazi concentration camps marked today the fifteenth anniversary of the first transport of Jews from France to the Auschwitz camp by demonstrating against designation of Lieut. General Hans Speidel as commander of North Atlantic Treaty Organization ground forces.

Speidel was chief of staff of the German Army in France during the Nazi occupation.

The Jewish groups held a memorial meeting. Later, there was a well-attended open-air meeting at the Arc de Triomphe at which prominent French personalities spoke and condemned the Speidel appointment which places French soldiers under command of an ex-Nazi officer.

NAZI RE-ARRESTED ON BASIS OF EVIDENCE SUPPLIED BY MURDERED ISRAELI

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- A former officer of Hitler's Elite Guard, who succeeded the notorious Hans Eichmann as head of the Nazis' Jewish bureau in Budapest and continued deportation of Hungarian Jews to the death camps, has been rearrested in Frankfurt, Germany, on evidence supplied in part by a man who was assassinated in Tel Aviv last month.

Word was received here that the Frankfurt prosecutor had ordered the arrest of Hermann Kromay, Eichmann's successor, on charges of preparation of murder. Kromay was once cleared by a denazification court but the new action against him followed submission of testimony by Dr. Israel Kastner, wartime leader of Hungarian Jewry, who was slain in Tel Aviv last month.

Dr. Kastner had not completed submission of all the evidence he had assembled against Kromay, it was disclosed and it had been thought that following Dr. Kastner's death, Kromay would again be free.

The work was completed, however, by Joel Brand, who was a member of the wartime Jewish Rescue Committee in Hungary. Mr. Brand is now in Frankfurt assisting the German authorities.

B. B. C. REMINDS VIEWERS OF LINK BETWEEN NEW GERMAN ARMY AND NAZIS

LONDON, April 2. (JTA) -- The British Broadcasting Corporation's television program last night gave British viewers scenes of the new German Army on parade and later, on the same channel, by accident or design, showed scenes of the Warsaw Ghetto some 12 years ago and the dispatch of transports to the death camps. The historical scenes were taken from a German film made at the time.

In showing the new German Army, the BBC correspondent interviewed one officer who fought for Hitler in Norway and Poland and who expressed his delight at being back in uniform.

In the later program, the Ghetto scenes were shown as background to news clips taken by a BBC camera team in Warsaw showing construction of huge blocks of apartments on the site of the old Ghetto.

There was one glimpse of Polish workers passing to and from their apartments before a small monument, the Menorah set in a stone block.

NAZI VICTIMS PAYMENTS EXEMPTED FROM DUTCH INCOME TAX

THE HAGUE, April 2. (JTA) -- Indemnification payments made by the West German Government to Dutch victims of Nazism are exempt from income tax, Finance Minister Hendrik Jan Hofstra announced today.

OSE PLANS HEALTH PROGRAM FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA

GENEVA, April 2 (JTA) -- Foundations for a long-term program of medical care for Jewish refugees from Hungary are being laid by the OSE World Union, it was announced at headquarters of the organization here today. Many of the refugees will have to remain in Austria longer than previously anticipated, OSE has been informed by its public health consultant, Dr. Yoshua Rapp, now studying the refugee situation in Austria.

Special assistance has been organized by OSE for refugee physicians from Hungary and Egypt, aiding in their plans to emigrate, helping them obtain professional accreditation and assisting them to secure employment and facilities for continuing their practice in their new homes. To date, 143 Jewish physicians have reached Austria from Hungary, and a number of Jewish doctors from Egypt have notified OSE that they are on their way to Europe. Of the 143 physicians from Hungary who have reached Austria, only 40 have emigrated to other countries.

ELDERLY JEWS IN ISRAEL HIT RUMANIA'S FAILURE TO RE-UNITE FAMILIES

TEL AVIV, April 2. (JTA) -- A group of elderly Jews who formerly lived in Rumania threatened today to commit suicide in front of the Rumanian Legation in Tel Aviv unless the Rumanian authorities honored pledges to permit immigration of Jews to re-unite families. They agreed, however, to withhold all action pending a new Israeli effort to intervene in their behalf with Bucharest.

## 22 JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS TESTIFY AGAINST 'HUMANE SLAUGHTER' BILLS

WASHINGTON, April 2. (JTA) -- Twenty-two Jewish organizations expressed today opposition to humane slaughter bills which by implication give a false impression that Shechita, Jewish ritual slaughter of animals, is inhumane.

Rabbi Isaac Lewin of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada testified before the House Agriculture Subcommittee on behalf of the Jewish groups.

Rabbi Lewin told the subcommittee that Jewish groups must "categorically reject" the language in a number of bills under consideration because of their "false and defamatory implication" against "Shechita." He said Jewish groups were opposed to bills from which arise the "inescapable implication that 'slaughtering in accordance with the requirements of any established religious faith' or 'slaughtering in accordance with the practices and requirements of the Jewish religious faith' is inhumane, but permitted only because it is prescribed by religion. This false and defamatory implication must be categorically rejected.

Rabbi Lewin cited the views of experts who have certified that "Shechita" is a humane method of slaughtering. He said "it is not surprising that within the Jewish community there is such unanimity of opposition to the bills being considered by this committee. For many years," he added, "the false slander that Shechita is inhumane has been used as a weapon by those who would exterminate the Jewish people. It is significant that one of the first acts of the Nazis upon securing power in Germany was to promulgate laws forbidding Shechita under the guise of humane considerations," he stressed.

"Our concern is further heightened by the fact that even in England where Shechita is exempt from the humane slaughtering law, that law has been used as a springboard for a continuous campaign to label Shechita as inhumane and to ban it," Dr. Lewin pointed out.

The committee asked the rabbi to present the suggestions of Jewish organizations to the committee. The rabbi said that a supplement in writing would be presented soon.

Dr. Lewin and Leo Pfeffer of the American Jewish Congress appeared for the following organizations: Agudas Harabonim (Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada), Agudas Israel World Organization, American Section; Agudath Israel of America; American Jewish Congress; Association of Grand Rabbis; Central Conference of American Rabbis; Jewish Labor Committee; Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A.; Mizrachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi of America; National Council of Young Israel; New York Board of Rabbis; Poale Agudath Israel of America; Rabbinical Alliance of America; Rabbinical Assembly of America; Rabbinical Board of Greater New York; Rabbinical Council of America; Research Institute of Religious Jewry; Synagogue Council of America; Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; United Synagogue of America, and National Community Relations Advisory Council, which represents some of the foregoing groups and 36 local community relations councils.

## U. S. JEWRY URGED TO RAISE AID SIGHTS AS REFUGEE PROBLEM LOOMS LARGER

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- A minimum of 125,000 Jews from Hungary, Egypt, Eastern Europe and North Africa will have to find new homes this year and American Jewry, which has already undertaken to assist 100,000 Jewish refugees this year, must make a "sizeable upward revision" in planned aid during the months ahead, Charles Jordan, director-general of the Joint Distribution Committee, said today.

Mr. Jordan, who is responsible for JDC operations overseas, said that beside the 100,000 whom the Israel Government will accept this year, 25,000 more Jewish refugees will seek haven in the United States, Canada, Brazil and other hospitable countries. He also praised the "outstanding humanitarianism" displayed toward refugees by the French, Italian and Greek governments.

More than 2,000 Jewish refugees are being resettled in France and a lesser number in Italy, while Greece has been offering temporary haven for Egyptian exiles heading for Israel. He estimated that 14,500 Jews have left Egypt and 17,000 Jews fled Hungary. Some 12,000 of the Hungarian Jews, he said, have already found refuge in Israel, United States, Canada and other countries.

## MOSCOW CHIEF RABBI SHLIFFER DIES PREPARING FOR SERVICE

MOSCOW, April 2. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Rabbi Solomon Shliffer, Chief Rabbi of Moscow's central synagogue, who died Sunday night of a heart attack at the age of 68.

He was preparing for the evening service when he collapsed. Known as a scholar and defender of the rights of Soviet Union Jewry, he survived the worst rigors of Stalin's anti-Semitic campaign. A government delegation Monday paid its respects to his widow.

He died three months after achieving his fondest ambition, the re-establishment of a yeshiva in Russia.