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ISRAEL JUBILANT OVER ARRIVAL OF U.S. TANKER; CABINET DISCUSSES PIPELINE

JERUSALEM, April 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today discussed the question of extending the Elath - Beersheba oil pipeline following the arrival yesterday of the first American oil tanker at the port of Elath through the Gulf of Akaba. The Cabinet also heard a report from Finance Minister Levi Eshkol on possible credits from France.

The Israeli press was jubilant today over the tanker's crashing of the Egyptian blockade and emphasized its significance for Israel's geopolitical and economic position. The newspapers hailed the United States Government's honoring of its pledge to act to end the blockade of the Strait of Tiran and stressed the value of the new trans-Israel oil route as an alternate to the Suez Canal.

The 16,000 ton ship, whose name is withheld and which made an unimpeded trip through the Akaba waterway began this morning pumping its cargo of oil into a hastily built storage tank on shore. A special hose with a floating inlet was laid between the shore, which the tanker cannot approach, and its mooring.

There is a possibility, it was learned here today that the history-making tanker may have brought enough oil to begin the lifting of restrictions on the use of motor and cooking fuel which have prevailed since the Sinai campaign.

Even as Israelis were rejoicing at the shattering of the Egyptian blockade of Elath by an American vessel, it was announced that Delek, the national Israel oil company, had chartered three or four American tankers of the same size to bring oil to Elath monthly. It is expected that the oil they bring, which will be pumped to Beersheba in a week or so when the Elath-Beersheba pipeline is completed, will meet at least half of Israel's annual needs. It will also cut transportation costs by two-thirds and reduce the price of oil in Israel by 10 per cent.

Construction workers are busy 'round the clock completing the pipeline. Leaders of the Israel Bond Organization in the United States have been invited to attend the formal opening of the line during the first week of May. An official announcement revealed that 10,000,000 pounds of the 14,000,000 pound cost of the eight-inch line had been supplied by the proceeds of bond sales in the U.S. The line, which will have four pumping stations along its length, will only carry 1,500 tons daily until the supply is stepped up.

Meanwhile Avraham Weiner, chief engineer of the company that is building the eight-inch line, told newsmen that the 50-mile long extension of the line from Beersheba to the Mediterranean coast would be built in three to four months. It will be a 16-inch line.

U.S. Zionists Hail Arrival of First American Oil Tanker in Israel

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- The passage of the first American oil tanker to Israel through the Gulf of Akaba was hailed here today as a "heartening development of major significance" at a meeting of the executive council of the Zionist Organization of America, composed of several hundred delegates from all parts of the country.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, ZOA president, addressing the session, urged the U.S. Government to extend technical and financial assistance for the development of the Israeli port of Elath and the overland route to the Mediterranean Sea in order to counter Col. Nasser's announced intention of continuing the blockade of Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal.

The Council unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon its members throughout the country to intensify their efforts in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and to increase their contributions to the UJA Rescue Fund over and above their regular contributions to the UJA. The resolution was adopted following an address by Rabbi Herbert H. Friedman, UJA executive vice chairman, who announced that about 22,000 Jewish refugees will reach Israel within the next two months.

"The people of the free world, particularly the Jewish communities, must face up to the fact that we are in the midst of a gigantic rescue mission," Rabbi Friedman said. "Large numbers of the Jewish population are being permitted to leave from the

most unexpected places. It presents us with a heaven-sent opportunity, perhaps never to be repeated, to rescue and resettle people now, who are escaping death and oppression. It represents an historic challenge and those of us, fortunate enough to be living in this part of the world, dare not fail."

The 2-day sessions of the National Executive Council was also addressed by Joseph Serlin, former Israeli Minister of Health and leader of the General Zionist Party of Israel. Mr. Serlin said that "the recent events culminating in Israel's withdrawal from Gaza and the Gulf of Akaba, particularly in view of the statement by Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion, that the withdrawal was effected under pressure of the threat of sanctions, made it essential that the economic structure of Israel must be reorganized in order to make the country economically independent and thus assure its political sovereignty."

Abraham Goodman, chairman of the Council, who presided announced that with the lifting of the U.S. State Department ban on travel to Israel, the ZOA has launched an intensified effort to promote tourist groups to Israel on the occasion of the forthcoming Ninth Israel Independence Day and the Shavuoth holidays. Mr. Goodman also announced a 1957 Diamond Jubilee Tour to Israel and to the shrines of Zionism in Europe on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the First Zionist Congress in Basle and the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Zionist Organization of America.

State Dept. Notified by Eban of Ship's Arrival at Elath

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 7. (JTA) -- The passage of the first American oil tanker through the Gulf of Akaba to the Israeli port of Elath evoked favorable comment here yesterday, while an Israeli spokesman made the following statement:

"This voyage marks an important stage in the history of the Gulf of Akaba as an international waterway. It follows as a direct consequence of the memorandum transmitted by Secretary of State Dulles to Ambassador Abba Eban on Feb. 11 in which the United States enunciated its intention to exercise free and innocent passage in the Gulf.

"The general procedures under which American ships would sail to Elath was discussed between Christian Herter, Under Secretary of State and the Israeli Ambassador to Washington March 9. Yesterday the Israeli embassy notified the State Department that the ship was now completing its voyage."

SENATE GETS RESOLUTION URGING U.S. TO BUILD PIPELINE THROUGH ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 7. (JTA) -- A resolution calling on the Administration to consider the establishment of alternate supplementary routes to the Suez Canal was offered this weekend by Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, on behalf of himself and five co-sponsoring Senators. One of four alternate means, Sen. Javits pointed out to lessen dependence on the Suez Canal, was a plan to build a pipeline through Israel.

Israel has reportedly informed U.S. officials that any agreement on Suez not in accord with UN resolutions assuring Israel's navigation rights through the canal would have no moral or legal binding for the Israelis.

Furthermore, a Suez settlement merely reaffirming the 1888 Constantinople Convention or the six UN principles without specifically mentioning the rights of Israel ships to use the canal would be considered meaningless in the Israeli view. In the light of Egyptian President Nasser's past defiance of international agreements, Israel places more emphasis on Egyptian deeds than words.

This position was said to have been made clear when Israel Ambassador Abba Eban recently talked with Under Secretary of State Christian Herter. Ambassador Eban was reported to have emphasized to Mr. Herter that whatever the Suez decision, Israel does not intend to let pass by default her right to free passage through the Suez Canal. American officials have been altered to the principle, if not the time, that Israel will send a test case through the Suez Canal, according to Israeli circles.

ISRAEL RELAXES RESTRICTIONS IN ARAB AREAS UNDER MILITARY CONTROL

JERUSALEM, April 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Government announced today new regulations designed to relax restrictions in Arab areas of the country which remain under military government. Arab and Druze members of the Israel Army will be permitted to enter and leave military government areas without restrictions.

The Histadrut executive, meanwhile, decided today to give full membership rights in the labor federation to all Arabs and Druze who served in the Israel Army or its reserves.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR RETURNS TO ISRAEL; WAS RECALLED FIVE MONTHS AGO

TEL AVIV, April 7. (JTA) -- Alexander Abramov, Soviet Ambassador to Israel, returned here last night after an absence of five months. When newsmen at Lydda Airport asked Mr. Abramov about the possibility of families being reunited in Israel by the immigration of Jews from the USSR, he replied: "We will talk about this later."

DR. GOLDMANN FORESEES POSSIBILITY OF JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM RUSSIA

TEL AVIV, April 7. (JTA) -- The possibility that the Soviet Union may soon permit Jews to immigrate to Israel was indicated here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, addressing a meeting of members of the World Jewish Congress of which he is president.

"Although I have no information, I have a feeling that the day is near when the Russians will open their gates for emigration to Israel," he said. A similar possibility was predicted last week by Israel Premier David Ben Gurion at a public gathering here.

Dr. Goldmann reported that negotiations are now being conducted for the reaffiliation of Polish Jewry with the World Jewish Congress and that contact has been established between the WJC and Jewish communities in Hungary. The situation in Rumania and Czechoslovakia remains unchanged. Jewish communities there are completely isolated from the rest of the Jewish world, but efforts are being made to send a World Jewish Congress mission to Rumania, Dr. Goldmann told the meeting. He did not indicate whether similar steps were being taken regarding Czechoslovakia.

The World Jewish Congress president said he has learned from reliable sources that the situation of the Jews in Egypt has improved. No more Jews are being detained there and all Jewish community buildings which were confiscated during the post-Sinai campaign--some of which had been turned into concentration camps--have been returned to the community. The community, Dr. Goldmann reported, is considering the sale of these buildings in view of the reduced number of Jews remaining in Egypt.

Dr. Goldmann also reported that Jews are no longer being forced to quit their jobs in Egypt, and that attempts have been made to even persuade the Jews, mainly those who are wealthy, not to leave the country and not to liquidate their enterprises. Nevertheless, about 10,000 more Jews are expected to leave Egypt shortly in addition to the 17,000 who have already departed. Dr. Goldmann also reviewed Jewish developments in North Africa in the light of the present situation there.

GERMAN SHAREHOLDERS APPROVE $7,150,000 SETTLEMENT FOR NAZI VICTIMS

FRANKFURT, April 7. (JTA) -- A $7,150,000 out-of-court settlement with former Auschwitz camp laborers of the I.G. Farben Chemical Corporation was approved during the weekend by an overwhelming majority of the company's shareholders at a meeting at which openly pro-Nazi sentiments were expressed by the opposing minority.

The agreement was signed in February by I.G. Farben's principal officers after negotiations with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The vote was 9,000,000 for and 700,000 against.

Under terms of the agreement, the Claims Conference will distribute 90 per cent of the settlement funds among Jewish survivors of Buna-Monowitz and those other plants operated by Farben during the war with manpower supplied by the SS from inmates of the nearby death camp.

The next step is legislative action by the German Bundestag curtailing the legal period of grace for filing of claims, which is expected to take place before the end of April. A total of 700 stockholders, an extraordinary large number, participated in the meeting. All but two of the opposition speakers came out flatly against any payments and the more demagogic the statements the greater was the applause.

In the six-hour debate, foes of the agreement argued that I.G. Farben should resume its fight against the lower court victory obtained by Norbert Wollheim, now a United States citizen, who as a former Auschwitz inmate brought a test suit against the cartels six years ago. Foes of the settlement also argued that since Farben had declared its willingness to pay, so many French, Dutch, Polish and Hungarian non-Jewish inmates of Auschwitz had come forward with claims that terms of the settlement might be jeopardized.

A special trusteeship corporation has been set up here by the Jewish Claims Conference with E.G. Lowenthal as manager and with branch offices in New York and Tel Aviv. This corporation will verify applications by Auschwitz survivors and make payments. Beneficiaries will be all Jewish or former political concentration camp victims employed as slave labor by Farben. Payments are expected to range from $450 to $1,200 in accordance with the period of slave labor for the survivor.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES STUDY OF BIAS IN TEXTBOOKS

NEW YORK, April 7. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today announced that three institutions of higher learning have undertaken extensive research studies to determine the extent and nature of biased material in Protestant and Jewish educational texts. At the same time, analyses will also be made of training programs for religious educators, the announcement said.

These research projects--in which the American Jewish Committee is cooperating--are under the direction of: Yale University, Southern Methodist University and