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U.S. EXPECTS OTHER LANDS TO SEND SHIPS TO ELATH THROUGH AKABA

WASHINGTON, April 8. (JTA) -- Official circles here today indicated that they expect other countries to send ships to Israel through the Gulf of Akaba in order to strengthen Israel's claim for free passage of Israeli shipping to and from Elath.

It was learned here today that the sending of the American oil tanker Kern Hills through the Gulf of Akaba to Elath was done with the permission of the State Department. Samuel H. Wang, operator of the Fairfield Steamship Company, said that the tanker was sailing as an American flag ship with an American union crew. She made the trip through the Gulf of Akaba, he said, under recent permission given to all American ships to use that waterway.

It is thought here that Egypt will not be in a position to obstruct the passage of ships to and from Israel through the Gulf of Akaba as long as United Nations forces are in the Sharm el Sheikh area which was the point at which Egypt enforced its blockade of Israeli shipping. The real test, officials here declared, will come when the United Nations forces are withdrawn from that area.

(A report from Cairo to the New York Herald Tribune today said that the United States came under attack yesterday in the Egyptian press when it was disclosed that an American tanker carried oil through the Gulf of Akaba to Israel. The cable said that the Arabs are troubled by the possibility that an expanded oil traffic through Elath could offer an alternative to the Suez Canal.)

The Jordan Government has blacklisted seven British and two American firms on the grounds they had dealings with Israel, it was reported here today. The report said the companies will be boycotted in Jordan until they announce they have stopped doing business with Israel. The American firms were identified as the Dayton Rubber Co., Dayton, Ohio, and the International Latex Corp.

Britain Indicates She May Send Ships to Israel Through Akaba

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- The British Government will exercise its right to use the Akaba waterway, W.D. Ormsby-Gore, Minister of State, said in the House of Commons today. In the course of a series of questions and answers, Mr. Ormsby-Gore agreed that it would be "intolerable" if Israel shipping were again interfered with.

The government spokesman refused a direct reply to questions of what the British Government would do if Egypt, as it has threatened, destroys an Israeli ship sent to test Israel's right to use the Suez Canal. He did, however, reiterate that Britain insists Egypt live up to the Constantinople Convention and the Security Council's six points which guarantee access to the canal to all nations without discrimination.

In reply to other questions, Mr. Ormsby-Gore said that Britain favored the United Nations Emergency Force remaining in the Gaza Strip as long as it is needed "and that's for some considerable time." The question of oil pipelines to by-pass the Suez Canal in the event of necessity has not yet become a matter of negotiation among Britain and various Middle East companies, he said. In the face of persistent questioning whether Britain would confer with Israel on such matters, the Minister of State said that at the proper time Britain would confer with all the governments concerned.

Arrival of Oil Makes Lifting of Restrictions Possible in Israel

TEL AVIV, April 8. (JTA) -- Restrictions on the movement of taxis in Israel were lifted today in the wake of the delivery of 15,500 tons of crude oil at Elath. It was also announced that for the Passover holidays fuel restrictions imposed after the Sinai campaign will be lifted and may become permanent. Cuts in the use of electricity in homes and factories are expected to be restored shortly.

Transportation of crude oil from the Near East to Elath and then overland to Haifa for refining will cut the cost by about four dollars a ton as compared to bringing it around the Cape of Good Hope. Israeli plans for expansion of Elath's oil facilities call for it to be ready to take 5,000,000 tons of oil annually by the end of 1958 as against its present receiving capacity of 800,000 tons a year.

U. S. RENEWS AGREEMENT WITH SAUDI ARABIA; AMERICAN JEWS BARRED

WASHINGTON, April 8. (JTA) -- United States and Saudi Arabia have formally agreed to a five-year renewal of the Dhahran Airbase lease, the State Department announced today. Under the arrangements, it was stated that American Jews will continue to be barred from the field. American officials explain that it is a function of Saudi Arabian sovereignty to exclude individuals it does not desire.

Officials made known the subject of excluding American Jews from the base was discussed with Saudi officials. They said the Saudi practice was related to the Arab-Israeli dispute and that they doubted a change in procedure until that conflict was solved. The agreement was signed by Deputy Under Secretary of State Robert Murphy and Saudi Arabian Ambassador Sheikh Abdullah Al Kyayyal on April 2.

Previous arrangements provided Saudi Arabia with artillery, tanks, basic ground force equipment, and training aircraft. Under the new arrangements Saudi Arabia will continue to receive these military supplies. In addition, the Arab state is expected to receive jet aircraft for training purposes. A limited program for the training of naval personnel will also be set up for the first time. Envisaged are the addition of a few small ships. A project to improve the port of Damman is expected to complement U. S. help to the Saudi navy.

U. N. FORCES FAIL TO PREVENT INFILTRATION OF FEDAYEEN; ISRAEL COMPLAINS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 8. (JTA) -- In spite of the presence of the United Nations Emergency Force on the frontier between the Gaza Strip and Israel, the Egyptian fedayeen are pursuing their old tactics of marauding and infiltration of Israel, causing considerable damage and injury to Israeli nationals, according to a complaint sent to the Security Council today by Israel.

(Gen. Meir Amit, Acting Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, conferred today at Migdal Askelon with Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the United Nations Emergency Force, on the question of erecting a fence along the Israel-Gaza demarcation line. Gen. Burns said he believed that the Egyptians will agree to the plan. Israel has already agreed in principle.)

Ambassador Eban, Israel's representative here, sent a letter today to Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain, this month's president of the Council, listing 19 separate fedayeen incursions and attacks along the Gaza border between March 10 and March 27. The fedayeen planted mines, stole flocks of sheep, reaped wheat during the night in Israeli fields, stole stands of corn and filched irrigation pipes. During the raids, one raider was killed by an Israeli patrol and six have been arrested. The majority of the others escaped back across the frontier, through UNEF lines, and back to their bases in the Strip.

"The continuation of marauding and infiltration from the Gaza Strip into Israel," Mr. Eban stated in his complaint to Sir Pierson, "is a matter which my government cannot avoid viewing with extreme concern. Experience has shown that incidents which at first sight appear to be relatively unimportant, such as infiltration and marauding for purposes of theft and robbery, are the invariable preludes to serious outbreaks of violence and terror throughout the area."

Today's complaint against renewed fedayeen activities was the second made by Israel since it withdrew its troops from the Gaza Strip. Mr. Eban's letter to Sir Pierson asked that the communication be circulated among all Council members, but did not request a Security Council meeting on the issue. At the very time Mr. Eban's letter was made public, Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld was meeting here with Egypt's permanent delegate, Dr Omar Loutfi.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY CONSIDERS TRANSPORTATION OF EGYPTIAN JEWS

GENEVA, April 8. (JTA) -- The Intergovernmental Committee on European Migration went into private session today to consider Italian and Israeli proposals that ICEM provide funds for the transportation of Egyptian Jewish refugees. The private session was called immediately after ICEM, at its opening meeting, accepted the Italian and Israeli items for its agenda.

The Italian representative, Gino Falchi, said that somewhat fewer than 10,000 exiles from Egypt were currently in Italy. The ICEM secretariat estimated that another 10,000 Jews were preparing to leave Egypt, and the Israeli delegate said that Israel would take them all provided transportation could be arranged for them.

INCREASED IMMIGRATION MAY FORCE ISRAEL TO USE TENTS

TEL AVIV, April 8. (JTA) -- The great increase in the number of immigrants arriving in recent weeks and those anticipated in the months ahead may force the Jewish Agency to break out tents again to temporarily house newcomers, according to Abraham Zigal, director in the Agency's absorption department.

Next month 150 to 200 families will be moved into temporary tin huts located near the site where permanent homes for them are going up. Some 23,000 immigrants are expected in April and May, Mr. Zigal revealed, and 22,716 arrived in 1957.

JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE WELCOMES PASSAGE OF GERMAN RESTITUTION LAW

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany welcomed today the passage by the German Bundestag, the lower house of Parliament, of the Federal Restitution Law dealing with claims against the Third Reich and the Nazi Party, and called for its speedy implementation. The law provides 1,500,000,000 marks for payment of claims. (The mark is worth about 24 cents.)

The law pertains to monetary claims against the former German Reich, the Nazi Party and other Nazi entities, arising from the confiscation by Nazi authorities of non-traceable properties of Jewish ownership, including household goods, bank accounts, securities, jewelry, personal valuables and the like. As a rule compensation can only be made if the confiscation took place in the area of the Federal Republic and Berlin or if property was confiscated abroad and transported into this area. April 1, 1958 is the deadline date for the filing of claims on the part of persons who previously had not done so.

"The Conference hopes that the final implementation of the law will be speeded up, especially in the light of the fact that many Nazi victims have held in their hands unpaid judgments on these claims for a period of years," Jacob Blaustein, senior vice president of the Claims Conference, stated today. In welcoming the action taken by the Bundestag, the Claims Conference expressed regret that certain important proposals it had submitted did not gain incorporation into the law. The Conference will continue to urge the broadening of the scope of the law.

The passage of the Federal Restitution Law followed in the wake of prolonged and extensive negotiations pertaining to its provisions conducted with leading representatives of the West German Government and the Bonn Parliament on the part of the Claims Conference. The law brings to reality one of the major obligations for providing compensation to Nazi victims which the German Federal Republic had undertaken to enact by the terms of the Hague Agreement it concluded with the Claims Conference in 1952, and by its agreement in the same year with the Western Allies.

Jewish Groups Criticize "Economic Damage" Legislation for Nazi Victims

BONN, April 8. (JTA) -- The third implementation regulation to the amended version of the Federal Indemnification Law for individual Nazi victims has now entered into force in West Germany through its publication in the Federal Gazette. The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, the Central Council of Jews in Germany and other organizations have criticized the implementing regulation as inadequate.

The regulation specifies what compensation is to be granted in cases where the careers of one-time German residents have been disrupted because of racial, political or religious persecution. The legislative provision, which classifies such cases as "injury to professional advancement," renders Jews in this category eligible for pensions if they are more than 65 years old or incapacitated to the extent of at least 50 percent, and if they meet a series of other conditions.

The pensions range from \$24 to \$143 per month and are fixed according to complex calculations predicated upon the hypothetical assumption that the Nazi victim held a German civil service post. More than one-fourth of the one million claims presently on file at German indemnification offices demand damages springing from injuries to employment and the interruption of careers in business and the professions, and hence will fall under the provisions of the proposed regulation.

The Claims Conference explained that the yardstick for the payment of economic damages under the Federal Indemnification Law, was intended to be the difference between earned income and income which would have accrued in the absence of Nazi persecution. The implementing regulation, however, fixes the standards for income which would have accrued, at levels so low that many thousands of Nazi victims who suffered economic losses will be stripped completely of all benefits, or the compensation they will receive will be grossly disproportionate to the losses sustained. Great numbers of Nazi victims would also be deprived of annuities for economic damage to which they were entitled.

ANCIENT CEMETERY, DATING BACK TO 16TH CENTURY, DESECRATED IN GERMANY

LUEBECK, Germany April 8. (JTA) -- On the ancient Jewish cemetery here, which dates back to the 16th century, hoodlums have overturned 25 gravestones in the section that is the last resting place of 72 concentration camp inmates who died just after their 1945 liberation in Bergen-Belsen. The local police has not found the perpetrators.

GUSTAVE L. LEVY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Gustave L. Levy, investment banker and philanthropic leader, was elected 16th president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, at a meeting of the organization's Board of Trustees tonight. Samuel D. Leidesdorf was elected as chairman of the Federation Board of Trustees. Founded 40 years ago this month, the Federation is composed of 116 member hospitals and welfare agencies which annually serve more than 650,000 New Yorkers of all races and faiths.

U. S. JEWS INVITED TO COME TO ISRAEL; JEWISH AGENCY ISSUES STATEMENT

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency announced today that American Jews interested in going to Israel, now that the travel ban has been lifted by the U.S. Government, should get in touch with its immigration department here.

"Israel welcomes all Jews, tourists and students, farmers and agricultural workers, mechanics and professionals, middle class and retired families," a Jewish Agency spokesman said. "We are at the disposal of any person or group that is desirous to go to Israel. We are in a position to supply all necessary information as well as counsel.

"There are available many positions in Israel for skilled workers and professional people," he continued. "Men and women who want to settle on farms are especially wanted. Individuals with 'know-how' are needed either as temporary residents or as permanent settlers. The Agency is in a position to supply full details about these matters.

"Israel offers good opportunities to middle class people who are prepared to live in the country. Our department can furnish them with specific proposals suitable to their needs," the spokesman explained. "Retired people with some means can live in pleasant surroundings in Israel. The plans to develop special shikunim for these types of residents are well advanced," he added.

The Jewish Agency also announced that with the cancellation of the travel ban to Israel of United States citizens, the ninth annual Israel Summer Institute will be held this summer as scheduled. It is planned that the participants in the Institute tour proceed to Israel in three groups from New York. The first will sail on the S/S Israel of the Zim Israel America Line on June 20; the other two will travel by air, leaving New York on June 30 and July 7, respectively. Registration for this tour will be kept open till May 1.

The Israel Summer Institute, conducted by the Agency's Youth Department, is open to Americans and Canadians between 18 and 30 years of age. It offers a seven week stay in Israel with a program of extensive guided tours, lectures, courses, orientation sessions, social events and a period at a typical agricultural settlement, the Jewish Agency explained. The tour price of \$795 per person includes round-trip transportation, maintenance and the full program in Israel, the Jewish Agency stated.

CORNERSTONE FOR HEBREW UNIVERSITY LAW BUILDING LAID IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- The cornerstone of the Hebrew University's new Law Building was laid here today at a ceremony attended by Israel Supreme Court Chief Justice Olshan, members of the high court and other justices and Allan Bronfman and Justice M. Freedman, leaders of a Canadian Jewish fund drive for the new law faculty.

The Canadian campaign is expected to exceed the original \$750,000 goal of the drive. Prof. Benjamin Mazer, president of the University, hailed "this link in the chain of projects of Canadian Jewry."

WARREN AUSTIN FOREST, TO BE PLANTED IN ISRAEL, DEDICATED IN VERMONT

BURLINGTON, Vt., April 8. (JTA) -- Formal dedication of the Warren Austin Forest in Israel took place here yesterday at a ceremony attended by over 1,000 persons, including Vermont religious, civic and political leaders. The project was sponsored by the Vermont Jewish Council in cooperation with the Jewish National Fund as a memorial to Mr. Austin, former United States delegate to the United Nations.

In a message to the dedication, Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion pledged that "we in Israel will always remember the decisive part played by the United States' distinguished representative at the United Nations on the day the State of Israel was proclaimed and of the recognition of the state by the United States within a short interval of our Declaration of Independence." Vice President Richard M. Nixon and the governors of seven Atlantic states joined in honoring Mr. Austin.

SHAZAR VISITS ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER; DISCUSS CULTURAL TIES

BUENOS AIRES, April 8. (JTA) -- Zalman Shazar, member of the Jewish Agency executive, called on Argentine Foreign Minister Alfonso de la Ferrere this week-end. They spent 30 minutes discussing cultural ties between Israel and Argentina. Israel Ambassador Arie L. Kubovi accompanied Mr. Shazar.

Lt. Col. Shlomo Altoon, Israel Army officer currently touring Latin America in behalf of Israel bond sales, lectured this week-end at the Argentine War Academy on the lessons of the Israeli campaign in the Sinai Peninsula. Among the Argentine military men who attended the lecture were Gen. Miguel Villaroel, commander of Argentina's Cavalry Corps, Col. Juan Carlos Cordini, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Argentine Army, and others.

CINCINNATI FOUNDATION TAKES OVER LOCAL ENGLISH-JEWISH WEEKLY

CINCINNATI, April 8. (JTA) -- Publication of Every Friday, local English-Jewish weekly, was taken over this week by the newly-formed Jewish Heritage Foundation of Cincinnati. Samuel M. Schmidt, founder and publisher of the 30-year-old weekly, was named editor emeritus.