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SECURITY COUNCIL TO RESUME SUEZ DEBATE TOMORROW; ISRAEL SEEKS HEARING

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 24. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council today decided to resume debate on the Suez Canal issue on Friday. The debate was suspended last October. Israel's stake in freedom of shipping through the Suez Canal is expected to be brought up when the debate is resumed.

Israel, it is understood, will ask to be heard before the Council to press for freedom of shipping under the resolution of September 1, 1951 and in accordance with the latest Council resolution on the subject, adopted last October 13. Both these resolutions, according to Israel's interpretation, guarantee freedom of shipping through the Canal for all shipping "wherever bound." A member of the French delegation assured the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that France will support Israel in the Council debate.

(Egypt today formally announced in Cairo its plan for operating the Suez Canal on a permanent basis, making known it will continue to bar all Israeli shipping. Egypt is interpreting the 1888 Suez Convention as authorizing the denial of Israel's maritime rights.)

Hope that Israel's stake in the Canal will not be overlooked was seen in two documents circulated to members of the Council today--one from the United States Government and the other in the form of a letter to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold from Egypt's Foreign Minister, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi.

The United States document was a letter to Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain, this month's president of the Council, from the head of the American delegation, Henry Cabot Lodge, asking that the Council be convened by tomorrow or as soon thereafter as possible. In that letter, Mr. Lodge made specific reference to the Council's October 13 resolution which now forms one of the bases of Israel's claims to freedom of passage through the Suez Canal.

The second reference to the October 13 resolution was in the letter from Dr. Fawzi who specifically "noted" his government's awareness of that resolution. Dr. Fawzi did, however, imply that Egypt may bring up its own interpretations of that resolution.

Dr. Fawzi's letter to Mr. Hammarskjold was a foreword to Egypt's new "declaration on the Suez Canal and arrangements for its operation." The declaration made a number of points that Israelis will examine closely. It speaks of "free navigation" through the Canal in line with the Constantinople Convention of 1888. However, Egypt is certain to insist that that Convention, which Israel also invokes, permits it to bar Israeli shipping under one clause referring to "a state of war." Egypt insists it is still "at war" with Israel.

Egypt Pledges to Accept World Court Decision as Binding

One clause in the new declaration pledges Egypt "in no case to grant any vessel, company or other party any advantage not accorded to other vessels, companies or parties," and refers specifically to avoidance of "discrimination."

Egypt expresses itself as willing to have any alleged violations of its declaration arbitrated. Arbitrators are to be chosen: One by Egypt, one by the complainant, and one by both; in case the two disagree, the third arbitrator is to be appointed by the President of the International Court of Justice.

Disputes or agreements arising out of differing interpretations of the 1888 Convention are also to be arbitrated, according to the Egyptian pledge. Here again, final resort will be to the International Court of Justice. Egypt pledges itself in cases of arbitration or International Court decisions to accept such decision as binding.

In his letter to Mr. Hammarskjold, Dr. Fawzi gave Egypt's declaration the form of an international treaty which will be registered with the United Nations. That means that all member states who, then, agree to accept this declaration should be accorded equal rights under the instrument. That point, too, was seen as favoring Israel's claims.

IRAQ THREATENS TO ACT ON FLOW OF OIL TO ISRAEL THROUGH AKABA

LONDON, April 24. (JTA) -- The Baghdad radio hinted today that Iraq is taking all possible measures to block the flow of oil to the Israel port of Elath through the Straits of Tiran.

The broadcast said: "We would not reveal a secret if we said that the efforts of Iraq will not be confined to protesting. Iraq has exerted and will exert all attempts and efforts in the various fields which it considers suitable and availing."

1,408 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL IN ONE DAY; 500 MORE DUE

HAIFA, April 24. (JTA) -- The largest single group of immigrants to arrive in one day--1,408 newcomers, mostly from Egypt and Europe--landed here this morning. They arrived aboard the Argentine ship, the "Salte."

The immigrants, who had been processed during the voyage, were sent immediately to development areas. Specialists among the newcomers, including doctors, engineers and technicians, were sent to centers where they are needed. Another 500 are expected here during the coming week-end.

The Association of Polish Jews in Israel, meanwhile, announced plans to establish a special fund to help Polish newcomers, reporting that a 24,000-pound fund has already been collected from which loans will be given to specialists and professionals to help them integrate.

Israel M. Seiff, head of the Anglo-Israel Development Corporation, announced that the sum of 100,000 pounds sterling (\$280,000) has already been raised to finance the settlement in the Lachish development region of 100 families from English-speaking countries. He said that Isaac Wolfson, British financier, is associated with him in the project which aims at facilitating settlement in Israel of professional and middle-class elements from the English-speaking world.

Forty newcomers are already settled in Kiryat Gat, urban center of the development region, Mr. Seiff said. He expects the first hundred would be settled there by the end of the year. Kiryat Gat now has a population of about 4,000, four-fifths of them recent arrivals from Europe and North Africa. The ten-mile agricultural zone around the town has a population of 25,000. A cellophane tape factory and a peanut processing plant are already in operation in Kiryat Gat, and a 30,000-spindle cotton mill is under construction.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ASSAILS DULLES ON SAUDI ARABIAN BIAS

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today sharply arraigned Secretary of State John Foster Dulles for linking Saudi Arabia's "continued exclusion of American personnel of the Jewish faith" to Mayor Wagner's refusal to greet King Saud on his arrival in New York last January. (See page 3 for views of Jewish War Veterans.)

Irving M. Engel, president of the Committee, stressing that the merits of that situation were not at issue now, said that "Secretary Dulles has employed an irrelevant circumstance rather than acknowledge our own government's failure to prevent the assaults on American citizenship." He pointed out that the Saudi Arabian discriminatory policies against Americans of Jewish faith, including government officials and military personnel, have been in effect for more than six years.

The Committee in its statement charged that "the U.S. Government has acquiesced in a flagrant policy of discrimination by the Arab states against American citizens of Jewish faith." The statement said that, by negotiating treaties with Saudi Arabia which explicitly "exclude Americans from that country on the basis of their religious beliefs," the U.S. acquiesced in discrimination by a foreign government. This, the statement said, "is tantamount to our government upholding discriminatory policies."

Mr. Engel pointed out that the American Jewish Committee "has been continually assured that our government would attempt to persuade Saudi Arabia to abandon its discriminatory policy. Yet even before King Saud arrived in this country, we were informed that there would be little hope of success." The Committee warned that Saudi Arabia will not eliminate its discriminatory policies "in the absence of insistence by our own government."

ISRAEL TO EXPORT \$200,000,000 WORTH OF GOODS IN 1957; MORE IN 1958

TEL AVIV, April 24. (JTA) -- Israel's exports are expected to increase by \$50,000,000 in 1958, as compared with this year, according to Trade Minister Pinhas Sapir. Addressing a meeting today, Mr. Sapir said that this year's exports will amount to \$200,000,000, but that next year's exports should total \$250,000,000.

JEWS IN POLAND STILL FEEL INSECURE; DISCUSS PROBLEMS WITH AUTHORITIES

VIENNA, April 24. (JTA) -- A delegation of Jewish leaders in the Polish city of Stettin appeared before the local authorities with a complaint that the Jewish population in the city is still feeling insecure, despite the fact that the Polish government has come out openly against anti-Semitism, it is reported in Warsaw newspapers reaching here today.

The delegation pointed out that Jews are still being dismissed from their positions in various enterprises in the city merely because they are Jews. Members of the delegation also stressed the fact that anti-Jewish propaganda is still openly being conducted among the non-Jewish population. Difficulties are also being made for Jews wishing to take along some of their belongings when they leave the city for emigration to Israel, according to the complaint.

The authorities are reported to have promised to look into the complaints and to take the proper measures to check the anti-Jewish propaganda in the city. At the same time, they appealed to the delegation to impress the local Jews with the fact that they need not become panicky, and need not seek emigration from the country. The authorities promised that any discrimination against Jews in employment will be stamped out, so as to give the Jewish population the opportunity to secure a normal economic existence.

ITALIAN JEWISH LEADER REPORTS ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS TO GOVERNMENT

ROME, April 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Sergio Piperno, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, conferred today with Italian Chief of Police Dr. Giovanni Carcaterra on recent anti-Semitic incidents. Dr. Piperno cited specific instances, particularly in Genoa.

The Police Chief promised to issue instructions to police authorities throughout the country to be on the alert for anti-minority manifestations. Dr. Piperno had also asked that the police be more liberal in granting residence permits to Egyptian Jews now in Italy as refugees.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WILLING TO ADMIT 5,000 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM EGYPT

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, April 24. (JTA) -- Willingness to admit "immediately" 5,000 Jewish refugees from Egypt into the Dominican Republic, and to provide them with fertile land on which to settle, was expressed here today by Generalissimo Hector B. Trujillo Molina, President of the Republic, in the course of an audience which he gave to four Jewish members of the United States Congress.

The announcement of the offer by President Trujillo was made by the four Congressmen in a joint statement issued following their visit to the Jewish colony at Sosua, here, where Jewish refugees from Germany were settled in 1940 and are now prosperous enough to send contributions to Israel and to Jewish relief organizations abroad. The four members of Congress are: Reps. Chudoff of Pennsylvania; Isidore Dollinger, New York; Samuel N. Friedel, Maryland; and Herbert Zelenko, New York.

Alfred Rosenzweig, manager of the Sosua settlement, who came to the Dominican Republic as a refugee from Nazi persecution and became a naturalized Dominican citizen, was yesterday elected member of the Chamber of Deputies here, the first Jew to hold this position. He will represent the district around the Jewish settlement and the north coast of this country.

JEWS WAR VETERANS TAKE ISSUE WITH DULLES ON SAUDI ARABIAN BIGOTRY

WASHINGTON, April 24. (JTA) -- National Commander William Carmen of the Jewish War Veterans today commended the attitude displayed by the City of New York toward Arabian King Saud and characterized Secretary of State Dulles as having made a deal with the King that discriminates against Americans on a basis of religion.

Mr. Carmen referred to press conference remarks by Secretary Dulles yesterday in which the Secretary sought to blame New York City for King Saud's continued insistence on anti-Jewish discriminatory measures barring U.S. Jews from the Dharhan air base.

The Jewish War Veterans leader said the action of Mayor Wagner of New York was "the only honest act of decency through the whole miserable escapade of King Saud's visit to the United States." He added that it must disturb every American when the United States "continues to cater to a potentate of a country that still condones and practices slavery and where human morality does not exist."

He called the countenancing of religious discrimination by the State Department an insult not only to American Jews but also to the United States constitution.

MINNESOTA JEWISH COUNCIL PROTESTS INCLUSION OF CROSS IN STATE EMBLEM

MINNEAPOLIS, April 24. (JTA) -- Officials of the Minnesota Centennial Commission are re-considering retention of the cross in a proposed Centennial emblem, after a formal protest from the Minnesota Jewish Council, it was learned today. No final action had been taken on retaining the cross. The centennial will be observed during 1958.

Several members of the Centennial Commission "pointedly asked" the Minnesota Jewish Council whether Jews were "not afraid of the rise of anti-Semitism if they freely expressed their position," the American Jewish World local weekly newspaper reports. Dr. C. A. Nelson, chaplain of the State Senate, declared that "for the protection of minorities, this ought not to become an issue at this time."

L. H. Frisch, editor and publisher of the American Jewish World, said that the comments by the Commission members and that of Dr. Nelson were "a direct threat against citizens who dare to defend their conscience and speak freely." He pointed out that an earlier design of the emblem carried a rocket and an airplane as symbols of transportation. These were removed by the Commission out of consideration for the teamsters and railroad men. If the Commission could be so sensitive about an inadequate trademark, it certainly ought to give due consideration to a question of conscience," he said in an editorial in his paper.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION TO SEARCH FOR REMAINS OF NOAH'S ARK

LONDON, April 24. (JTA) -- An archaeological expedition has been organized to make a thorough search of Mt. Ararat, in Turkey, in an effort to locate there the remains of the original Noah's Ark, the Daily Telegraph reported from Ankara today.

Many efforts had been made in the past to find the site on Mt. Ararat where, according to the Bible, Noah's Ark landed after the deluge described in the Bible. This time, however, there is a clue considered "most important" by scientists. The clue is an ancient piece of wood, found buried in a glacier 14,000 feet up on Mt. Ararat, on the Turkish side of the mountain, near the Soviet border. A French explorer, Dr. Fernand Navarra, found the ancient chip and tests showed it was wood more than 5,000 years old. The presumption is that the wood may be from the Ark.

The archaeological expedition, this summer, will be headed by Egerton Sykes, an Englishman, and will include Dr. Navarra as well as Dr. Negati Dolounay, director of the Turkish Department of Antiquities. The latter is quoted as saying that, if necessary, Turkish Army troops will be used to remove the thick walls of glacial ice surrounding what is now believed to be the site of the Ark.

TUCSON JEWISH LEADER RESIGNS FROM AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM

TUCSON, Ariz., April 24. (JTA) -- A member of the Tucson chapter of the American Council for Judaism, identified by the Arizona Post as "a prominent Tucsonan and business and civic leader," has resigned from the organization because the local chapter "caused much embarrassment to our Jewish community."

N. R. Feldman, in his letter of resignation, said he had been a member for many years and was "in sympathy with many of the theories of the Council." However, he added, "recent events in Tucson perpetrated by the American Council for Judaism have caused much embarrassment to our Jewish community by washing dirty linen in public."

The Tucson chapter, which recently circulated some anti-Zionist material to the local general press, also was denounced by Rabbi Marcus Breger, of Congregation Anshei Israel. Rabbi Breger, without mentioning the organization by name, assailed the local chapter for "using" the local press "in fighting the Tucson Jewish community."

AMERICAN MILITARY OFFICERS ATTEND RECEPTION FOR ISRAEL COMMANDER

WASHINGTON, April 24. (JTA) -- High-ranking U. S. military officers and attaches of many embassies attended a reception here honoring Brig. Gen. Chaim Laskov, hero of Sinai, who heads the Southern command of Israel's defense forces. The reception was tendered at the Israel Embassy by Col. Katriel Salmon, chief Israeli military attache assigned to Washington.

PRIMATE OF FINLAND VISITS ISRAEL; SAVED FINNISH JEWS FROM NAZIS

JERUSALEM, April 24. (JTA) -- The Primate of Finland, Archbishop Ilmari Salomies and Mrs. Salomies, arrived here today for a seven-day visit as guests of the Government. The Archbishop is the first head of a Nordic church to visit this country.

Dr. Z. Cahana, director-general of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, and representatives of the Israel-Finland Association here, formally greeted the Archbishop upon his arrival at Lydda Airport. The members of the association expressed their warm gratitude to the Archbishop for his help to Finnish Jews, many of whom he had saved from Nazi persecutions during World War II.