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ISRAEL FINDS SECURITY COUNCIL "RETREATING" FROM ITS SUEZ CANAL STAND

JERUSALEM, April 28. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council debate on the Egyptian declaration with regard to the operation of the Suez Canal, which ended last Friday with an agreement for a "trial period" of the unilateral Egyptian position, represents a "retreat and a weakening" of former declarations on freedom of navigation in the canal, Israeli officials asserted here today. Israel had expected the Security Council debate last Friday to reaffirm and strengthen the principle of freedom of Suez navigation.

Maintaining that the question of Israeli Suez passage is the only effective means immediately available for testing the sincerity and good intentions of the Egyptian declaration, Israeli officials said it was evident from the talks "certain diplomats" had with Cairo officials that Egypt has no intention of honoring Israel's right of passage. The reference to "certain diplomats" apparently meant UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and U.S. Ambassador to Egypt Raymond Hare, both of whom carried on lengthy negotiations with the Nasser Government on the future of Suez Canal control.

The Israeli officials stressed that the Egyptian declaration is unilateral and that registering it with the United Nations does not make it an international instrument. Noting that Egypt has not even suggested that other nations sign the declaration, the Israelis said that Egypt apparently was afraid that Israel might add its signature in any such official recognition of the declaration.

Earlier a Foreign Ministry spokesman had asserted that Israel sees no reason to appeal to the International Court of Justice at The Hague on Suez Canal transit rights and does not intend to do so. The statement was made in indirect comment on the assertion by Mr. Hammarskjöld last Thursday that the final determination of the transit issue would probably rest with The Hague court. The Foreign Ministry here takes the view that the Security Council, which Israel considers the highest international authority, has twice ordered Egypt to permit unhindered transit of Israeli shipping.

Asked whether the United States had advised Israel not to send a test ship through the Suez Canal--a procedure which the Israeli delegation at the U.N. said Friday would be undertaken "in due course and time"--Foreign Ministry officials revealed for the first time that the issue was raised. They said that about three weeks ago "United States opinion was that Israel should act with prudence."

The Israeli officials stressed that the United States advice concerned the question of timing and not the principle of Israeli passage. They stressed that Israel never intended to "jump ahead of the queue" in using the Canal before the general question of Canal management was clarified. They also emphasized that Canal passage was "vital for Israel and Israel will vigilantly pursue the exercise of that right."

Israel Advised by Friendly Nations to Test Egypt on Suez Passage

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 28. (JTA) -- United Nations delegations friendly to Israel are of the opinion that the only way to find out whether progress has been made toward securing freedom of passage for all nations through the Suez Canal would be for Israel to test the issue by sending a ship, or at least Israel-bound cargo through the Canal.

On instructions from Jerusalem, the Israel delegation did not participate last Friday in the Security Council debate on Egypt's declaration on operation of the Suez Canal. The delegation members noted a new formulation of United States assumptions and that the United States informed the Israeli delegation and the Embassy in Washington ahead of time that Henry Cabot Lodge, chief U.S. delegate, would voice at the Security Council the assumption "that there will in fact be, as there should be, free and non-discriminatory use of the canal at all times by ships of all nations." He did not mention Israel specifically, however, as did Guillaume Georges-Picot of France and Dr. E. Ronald Walker of Australia.

The French delegate denounced the Egyptian declaration, point by point, and twice mentioned Egypt's illegal blockade of Israel shipping. He drew the attention of the Security Council to the fact that Egypt did not even bind itself to take the issue of Israeli shipping to the International Court of Justice, or to agree to abide by any court decision. He said all that Egypt had to do was to bind itself to accept the court's jurisdiction, despite the fact that Egypt is a member of this court.

AFRO-ASIAN "COLOR" LINE-UP PARALYZES U.N. ACTION, GOLDA MEIR SAYS

JERUSALEM, April 28. (JTA) -- A "color" line-up by Afro-Asian nations at the United Nations presents a major problem for the UN and was the reason that Israel tried to find solutions to the Sinai and Gaza evacuation issues outside the UN, Mrs. Golda Meir. Israel Foreign Minister, told the Jerusalem Press Club today.

In any dispute between a former colonial nation and a "white" state, Mrs. Meir said, the Afro-Asian bloc aligns itself against the latter and through a de facto veto power paralyzes UN action. She called this a "grave problem" for the international organization.

The Foreign Minister revealed that at the last General Assembly meeting in New York, the heads of two Asian delegations undertook to arrange a private meeting between Mrs. Meir and Arab representatives. However, the meeting never came off, she revealed.

ISRAEL BANS INFORMATION ON OIL REACHING ELATH THROUGH AKABA GULF

JERUSALEM, April 28. (JTA) -- In a sharp reversal of policy, the Israel Government, which previously gave wide publicity to oil imports through the port of Elath, has clamped down completely on all information concerning oil imports or schedules of tankers arriving at Elath. The news ban has even been extended to questions concerning new pipelines from Elath.

The government has requested Israeli newspapers to minimize their coverage of oil stories, not only by their own reporters but also from news agencies abroad. It is believed here that Israel is concerned lest publicity adversely affect the sources of oil for Elath. (A report from Damascus today said that Syria, speaking for all the Arab nations, had asked Iran to halt oil shipments to the Jewish State).

Opinion among political observers here is far from unanimous about the wisdom of the new government policy. Some argue that while public opinion in the Western countries has come to accept the shipment of oil to Elath as Israel's right, a policy of silence about such a flow may assist Arab efforts to place such rights in question. It may even make it easier for the Western Powers to renege on their support of such rights for Israel, these observers argue.

Meanwhile, the Ministerial Economic Committee recommended to the Cabinet today removal of all restrictions on the use of motor fuel and electric power. The restrictions, which have kept Israelis with automobiles close to home and cut their use of electricity since the Sinai campaign, are expected to be ended shortly. With the opening of the port of Elath to tankers, Israel's oil shortage appears to be over.

ISRAEL RELEASES U.S. WOMAN CONVICTED AS SPY; LEAVES COUNTRY BY PLANE

TEL AVIV, April 28. (JTA) -- Miss Frances Hagen, 29-year-old American woman convicted and sentenced by an Israel court of having spied for a Syrian diplomat, was released from prison today and immediately placed aboard a New York-bound plane. Miss Hagen, who was sentenced to a year in prison, was released after eight months because of good behavior in prison.

Miss Hagen was accompanied to the plane by American Embassy officials who provided her with a limited passport--good only for travel to the United States. At all airports where the plane lands she will be met by American foreign service personnel who will assure that she does not alter her itinerary.

EMIGRATION OF TURKISH JEWS TO ISRAEL INCREASES; LIQUIDATE PROPERTY

ISTANBUL, April 28. (JTA) -- Eighty-six Turkish Jews left here this morning for Haifa aboard the S.S. Marmara, of the Turkish Maritime Lines. Last month, 250 Jews emigrated. Many others are expected to start soon, having postponed their departure until after the Passover holidays.

Since the beginning of this year, all El Al Israel airline planes leaving Turkey have been booking heavy Jewish emigration traffic. Merchants have closed or sold their businesses, and those who have owned property have liquidated their holdings, leaving or preparing to leave for Israel with their families.

The departure of the S.S. Marmara was the first of a ship going directly from this country from Israel, the government having cancelled all such traffic last fall after Israel invaded the Sinai Peninsula. Most Jews who are leaving say they are emigrating because business conditions in this country have deteriorated.

Many Turkish Jews are planning to go to Israel to look over the situation there first, before taking their families. A private steamship that has arranged a tour of Israel for next month, in connection with Israel's celebration of its ninth anniversary, has announced that all its tourist and cabin facilities are booked solidly.

VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY SENDS AIRPLANE AS GIFT TO ISRAEL AERoclub

VIENNA, April 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Emil Maurer, president of the Vienna Jewish Community, presented to Israel Ambassador Shmuel Ben Tsur today an airplane for the Aeroclub of Tel Aviv. The plane was named "Kehillath Wina"--Vienna Jewish Community.

FOUR-DAY MEETING OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS OPENS TODAY IN LONDON

LONDON, April 28, (JTA) -- A four-day meeting of the executive of the World Jewish Congress opens here tomorrow with the participation of Jewish leaders from all parts of the free world. Topics will include Israel and her relations with the Arabs, and the problems of Jewish communities of North Africa and Eastern Europe.

One of the largest delegations is that of Israel, headed by Mordecai Bentov, Minister of Development. The American delegation is headed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president, and includes Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress. The only Communist country represented is Yugoslavia for which Dr. A. Vajs, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities, is the delegate. Delegations also are participating from North Africa, South America, India and Australia.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE APPEALS TO U.S. TO ADMIT JEWS FROM EGYPT

NEW YORK, April 28, (JTA) -- An urgent appeal by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith was made today for immediate government action to relieve the desperate plight of Egyptian refugees.

The League's national executive committee concluded its two-day meeting at the Waldorf Astoria here with the adoption of a resolution calling upon the United States "in keeping with its time-honored tradition of giving sanctuary to the victims of religious and political persecution, to admit a fair share of the refugees from Egyptian terror to our country," under the emergency provisions of our present immigration laws.

Henry Edward Schultz, national chairman of the ADL, pointed out that the U.S. could employ the same "careful screening procedures that were used in connection with Hungarian refugees admitted to this country under the same emergency parole admission provisions of the Immigration Act of 1952."

Paying war tribute to the government's action in giving haven to Hungarian refugees, the League urged that the United States participate, as it did in the Hungarian situation, "with other Western democracies in assisting in the resettlement of the expellees from Egypt." The Nasser regime, the ADL resolution declared, has expelled "large numbers of Jews under cruel and heart-rending circumstances. Many of these have turned to the United States for admission especially those who have relatives in this country."

REFORM CONGREGATIONS URGED AT CONVENTION TO EXTEND THEIR ACTIVITIES

TORONTO, April 28, (JTA) -- American and Canadian Jews were told here tonight that while they must do their utmost to aid and safeguard the State of Israel, their roots are deepest on the American continent where they must resolve to bring Judaism to "its fullest and fairest" flowering.

This note was sounded by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in a "State of Our Union" message that opened the 44th biennial general assembly of this oldest of America's Jewish religious bodies. Addressing more than 3,000 delegates assembled from all parts of the United States and Canada, Rabbi Eisendrath stated that Israel's people are to be saluted and helped "for their heroic defense of freedom and right."

He stressed at the same time that American and Canadian Jews owe it to themselves to assure the vigorous building and strengthening of Judaism on this continent. He put before the assembly of delegates representing 540 U.S. and Canadian Reform congregations a five-point program to assure the continued growth of American Reform Judaism which is now in its 84th year and is under the tutelage of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Dr. Eisendrath, in presenting his five-point program, asked the extension of the reform movement into lower income and labor areas; a special religious missionary campaign to bring isolated Jewish communities within the fold of reform Judaism; creation by the 540 congregations of social action committees to help defend and preserve individual and group freedoms, additional youth camps to spread the inculcation of Jewish religious principles; and finally, more institutes for the training of religious school teachers. In addition to this program, Dr. Eisendrath gave vigorous endorsement to the efforts to end racial discrimination but lashed out at those who favor it in words and fail to put it in action.

B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT URGES U.S. TO ACT ON ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

BOSTON, April 28, (JTA) -- The United States Government was urged here today to take firm steps "in and outside the United Nations" to halt the Arab economic boycott of Israel and to insulate the Suez Canal against "one-man string pulling." The plea was voiced by Philip M. Klutznick, national president of B'nai B'rith, in addressing an Israel Independence Day rally.

Urging a change of U.S. diplomatic tactics "in view of past performances and the results they have achieved," Mr. Klutznick proposed forthright support of Israel by the Administration. "If we mean it when we say that the survival of Israel is an integral part of our foreign policy, let us back up our words and do openly, and with full heart, those things that will help Israel not only to survive, but to become viable and truly independent."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ASSAILED AT COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM CONVENTION

NEW YORK, April 28, (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee was strongly attacked yesterday at the four-day annual conference of the American Council for Judaism now taking place here. Leaders of the Committee were charged with acting "as Zionists while they call themselves non-Zionists."

The attack was made by Clarence L. Coleman Jr., president of the American Council for Judaism, addressing the 400 members of his organization at the conference. Mr. Coleman emphasized that basic objection to Zionism is the reason for the Council's program. He asserted that "the work of various Zionist groups in the United States goes forward inexorably, relentlessly" and that "it is financed by money collected under slogans of relief and refugeeism, given in large part by 'non-Zionists' who do not know what Zionism is."

Mr. Coleman referred to a recent finding by the non-Zionist American Jewish Committee that most Jews are regarded as pro-Israel. "Had the same organization been as much concerned with the impact of this astounding proposition," he said, "as it is in torpedoing the Council's efforts to correct the impression, it might have told its audience of American Jews of the study made last year by the Anti-Defamation League which reported that more than two-thirds of the 'major Protestant and Catholic church publications indicate varying degrees of attitudes toward Israel ranging from opposition to hostility.'"

PHILADELPHIA COMMISSION URGES BAN ON DISCRIMINATION IN COLLEGES

PHILADELPHIA, April 28, (JTA) -- Legislation to prevent discrimination in colleges and professional schools because of race, religion or national origin, was urged by the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, which represents the united effort of the community to promote equal rights and equal opportunities for all people.

At a hearing before the Philadelphia Committee on Higher Educational Opportunities, held at City Hall, David L. Ullman, local attorney who is vice president of the Fellowship Commission, presented for the first time in public a series of documented studies and surveys.

A 25-year study of admission practices in 14 professional schools in the Philadelphia area showed that with few exceptions, the professional schools studies admitted an average of less than one percent of Negroes in any of their classes; eight out of 14 schools studied admitted an average less than five percent of students of Italian extraction, only four admitting more than 10 percent (Hahnemann Medical - 12.5 percent; College of Osteopathy - 11 percent; Temple Law - 10.5 percent; Temple Dental - 10 percent).

In the case of Jewish students, an average of less than 15 percent was shown from classes of 1936 through 1960 at four professional schools - Penn Medical (13.7 percent), Jefferson Medical (12.2 percent), University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine (11.8 percent) and Temple Medical (10.7 percent).

A five-year study of the experiences of pre-medical students from the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University also showed a definite pattern of discrimination, declared Mr. Ullman. The study showed that every single Protestant student with an "A" and "B" average was accepted by some medical school. Irrevocable evidence of discrimination was revealed in the experiences of students on the "B" level where two-thirds of the Protestant students were accepted by some medical school. However, on the same scholastic level, only one-third of the Jewish students and only one-fourth of the Catholic students were accepted by some medical school. However, on the same scholastic level, only one-third of the Jewish students and only one-fourth of the Catholic students were accepted by some medical school.

A third survey of application for admission forms revealed by Mr. Ullman showed that of the 32 Philadelphia schools in the area studied, 19 schools -- or 59 percent -- request information which may disclose an applicant's race, religion or national origin. Throughout Pennsylvania, three out of every five colleges and professional schools still request such information.

As a result, the Fellowship Commission called upon the Philadelphia Committee on Higher Educational Opportunities to approve and recommend legislative safeguards and enforcement machinery to prevent discrimination because of race, religion, national origin, sex, or socio-economic status. Such legislation would apply to all post-high school educational institutions except that religious controlled and financed institutions should be permitted to restrict admission on a religious - not racial - basis. All state aid, whether direct or indirect, should be conditioned upon non-discrimination and non-segregation by all post-high school colleges and professional schools.

LOUIS M. RABINOWITZ, NOTED PHILANTHROPIST AND BIBLIOPHILE, DEAD

NEW YORK, April 28, (JTA) -- Louis M. Rabinowitz, industrialist and philanthropist, who became known in this country and abroad as a bibliophile, patron of the arts and contributor to educational projects, died yesterday at the age of 69. He came to this country from Russia at the age of 14. His greatest gifts were to Yale University where he endowed the Rabinowitz Fund for Judaica Research and established a chair in Semitic languages and literature.