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U.S. DOES NOT OPPOSE ISRAEL TEST OF SUEZ PASSAGE, DULLES SAYS

WASHINGTON, May 14, (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dulles indicated to a press conference today that the United States does not oppose the dispatch by Israel of a test ship through the Suez Canal but would oppose any attempt to settle the matter by force.

Secretary Dulles said it was hardly up to America to tell another government not to rest its rights. But the United States would, of course, oppose any resort to force, he said.

Mr. Dulles suggested that the United States would disapprove any action by Egypt to deny passage to an Israeli ship. He noted, however, that the United States does not make a practice of expressing views of actions by other governments which do not involve American interests. He said the United States had already made its position clear on unrestricted transit through the canal in respect to the 1888 Convention.

He asserted the United States was not sufficiently advised on any such plan as the reported Israeli intention to test Suez passage. Therefore, he said, there was no U.S. policy on an Israeli test plan. He added that American views on free passage in the canal were already known.

Israel Bids for U.S. Support Against Syrian Complaint to U. N.

WASHINGTON, May 14, (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban called today for United States support of Israel in the Security Council when the Syrian complaint comes up for discussion next Tuesday.

In a statement made after a conference with Francis Wilcox, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs, the Ambassador expressed hope that the U.S. would "follow its traditional practice" of supporting the findings of UN officials in such matters. Mr. Eban also discussed the matter by telephone with Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. delegate to the UN.

The Syrian complaint to the Security Council, charging Israeli violation of the armistice agreement by erection of a temporary bridge across the Huleh swamps in the demilitarized zone between Israel and Syria, was filed after Col. Byron V. Leary, acting head of the UN Truce Supervision Organization, ruled that construction of the bridge was not of itself a violation of the pact.

Earlier today Mr. Eban met with William Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. He discussed matters left over from the visit of Ambassador James P. Richards to Israel in connection with the Eisenhower Doctrine. The Ambassador also took up the possibility of a communique on the Richards visit.

BRITAIN DENIES EGYPTIAN BELLIGERENCY CLAIMS AGAINST ISRAEL

LONDON, May 14, (JTA) -- Britain has always held that Israel is entitled to freedom of passage of the Suez Canal and the Macmillan government denies Egypt's claims to a state of belligerency against Israel, Lord Home, government spokesman, told the House of Lords today. Lord Home further said that the entire matter is one of international law which probably must be interpreted by an international court.

Laborite Lord Stansgate charged that for the past eight years the Egyptian Government has been violating the 1888 convention which governs the administration of the Suez Canal, "yet no one appears to have done anything effective or attempted any steps to put that to rights." He demanded to know whether the Suez Canal Users' Association had discussed this problem and whether Nasser would be asked to justify legally his exclusion of Israel from the waterway.

Lord Thurso asked whether the Macmillan government would allow the United Nations to "stand meekly aside" while Egypt declared herself in a state of belligerence with another UN member. Lord Home replied that Britain had always felt Israel was entitled to use the canal. He suggested that there were two questions involved at this point: How Israel thought the question should be tackled, and was this a question for the UN?

The Liberal Party parliamentary committee in Commons stated today that Israel should be allowed complete freedom of use of the Canal. The "next practical test" of the Egyptian Government's intentions, the statement declared, would occur when Israel

attempted to put a ship through the canal. If any attempt is made to interfere with Israel shipping, the Liberal Party suggested, the matter should be referred to the International Court of Justice with the support of all democratic nations.

Meanwhile, a ninth member of the Conservative Party in the House of Commons renounced party loyalty today over the government's decision to allow British shipping to use the Suez Canal and pay tolls to the Egyptian Government. The last MP, Lord Russell, charged that Nasser's lack of responsibility was illustrated by his barring of the canal to Israeli shipping.

ISRAEL USED FRENCH GUIDED MISSILES TO STOP TANKS IN SINAI

PARIS, May 14. (JTA) -- Israel used a new, "sensational" guided missile against Egyptian tanks during the Sinai campaign last fall, according to Gen. Noel Daun, of the French Air Force.

The weapon, conveying a conventional, 12-pound charge, "can destroy any tank or armored car," Gen. Daun told newsmen yesterday, declaring it had a record of 90 per cent of hits. The missile, known as the S-S 10, was fired by Israeli Army men who had been trained by French instructors.

Israel to Balance Russian Jet Shipments to Arab States

TEL AVIV, May 14. (JTA) -- Israel is taking steps to balance Soviet shipments of MIG 17 jet fighters to Egypt and Syria which are superior to even the latest Mysteres acquired by the Jewish State, Shimon Peres, director general of the Defense Ministry, told a meeting of the Israel Foreign Press Association today. Mr. Peres said that among the measures planned is the production locally of munitions for the use of aircraft.

The Israeli official charged that the Egyptians were reconstructing military bases in the Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza Strip. Nevertheless, he reported that since the Sinai campaign, Israel has had its greatest period of quiet along the borders.

ROGOSIN ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO BEGIN WORK ON RAYON FACTORY

TEL AVIV, May 14. (JTA) -- Israel Rogosin, chairman of Beaunit Mills of New York, arrived in Israel last night with two experts to start work on a multi-million dollar rayon factory in which he is investing \$14 million.

Mr. Rogosin was scheduled to select personally the site for the plant which will later use locally-produced raw materials. The first unit of the projected factory was scheduled to start operating three months after the initial buildings are finished.

ISRAELI BUSINESS EXECUTIVES STUDY MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES IN EUROPE

LONDON, May 14. (JTA) -- A party of 16 managers of Israeli textile and engineering firms arrived here today on the second leg of a six-week tour of European factories to study management techniques and productivity programs. The group has already been to Switzerland and will visit Denmark, Sweden, Holland, France and Italy.

LATIN AMERICAN JEWS TO LAUNCH MORTGAGE BANK IN ISRAEL

MEXICO CITY, May 14. (JTA) -- A new mortgage bank with initial capital of \$1,000,000 is being established in Israel by a group of Latin American merchants and industrialists to help provide foreign currency for expansion of the building industry in Israel. The announcement was made here by Leon Dultzin, member of the Jewish Agency executive and head of the Agency's economic department.

Eliahu Surasky, well known Mexican banker, will head the banking group which has already received pledges of participation from bankers in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Brazil and Mexico. The Israel government has approved the project in principle, Mr. Dultzin declared.

HEAVY RAINS DISRUPT HARVESTING IN ISRAEL NEGEV AREA

TEL AVIV, May 14. (JTA) -- Heavy May rains, late for Israel, have disrupted harvesting schedules in various parts of Israel, particularly in the northern Negev where harvesting has been completely suspended until the rains end. Some crops have suffered light damage from the rains, but on the whole the downpour has been beneficial.

EDWIN ROSENBERG HONORED FOR PHILANTHROPY, COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- Edwin Rosenberg, who came to the United States as an immigrant 59 years ago, was honored tonight for decades of leadership in the work of agencies which have helped tens of thousands of refugees from oppression settle in this country. The philanthropist was the guest of honor at a dinner sponsored by United Hias Service on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. The dinner was one of eight functions which raised more than \$1,600,000 for the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

JEWISH REPATRIATES FROM U.S.S.R. COMPLAIN OF FACILITIES IN POLAND

LONDON, May 14. (JTA) -- Jewish repatriates from the Soviet Union who are being sent to Lower Silesia, in Poland for resettlement, are complaining that local government authorities refuse to give them elementary assistance, passing them on to the local Jewish community for such aid.

These facts are revealed in the latest issue received here of Die Folkstimme, Jewish community newspaper published in Warsaw in Yiddish. The newspaper devotes a special article, written by one of its correspondents, who visited Liegnitz, not far from the former German city of Breslau to see how the Jewish repatriates are being treated.

Nearly 200 Jews who recently returned to Poland from the Soviet Union crowded into the Jewish Cultural Club at Liegnitz, according to the Folkstimme writer, to voice their complaints. One of the repatriates is reported to have informed the local Jewish residents that various governmental and communal officials have refused to help the newly-arrived Jews even to obtain housing for their families, and have refused to aid them in finding work.

"The repatriates were sent to the Jewish Cultural Association," the Folkstimme report continues, "but the Association has no means of assisting these newcomers. All the Association can do is to intervene with government officials to see that something is done for these poor people. They are sent from pillar to post instead of being given the assistance to which they are entitled."

The report states that some of the repatriates had attempted to secure housing in dwellings abandoned "by Jews who have left for Israel." In many cases, however, other claimants had already taken over the abandoned housing, according to Folkstimme.

Score Local Community for Failing to Provide Religious Facilities

Some of the complaints voiced by the repatriates, the Folkstimme reports, were directed against the older, local Jewish community which had failed to provide religious facilities for the Jews who had come from Russia. H. Goldfinger, speaking as a representative of the local Jewish Cultural Association, is reported to have assured the repatriates that all that is possible will be done for them. Mr. Goldfinger is said to have cited recent government regulations providing for care and assistance for repatriates, and to have promised that the Jewish community "will exploit every possibility for obtaining aid for the newcomers." At Mr. Goldfinger's suggestion, the repatriates at the meeting selected a group of representatives from their ranks to work with the older Jewish residents of Liegnitz for improvement of conditions.

"Moving expressions of their longing for Yiddish culture" came from many of the repatriates, the Folkstimme report declares. "They begged the Jewish community," according to the report, "to arrange for them Yiddish lectures, meetings with Jewish writers and artists, Jewish newspapers and literature and perhaps even attendance at a Yiddish theatre."

BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY BESTOWS PRIZE ON RAOUL WALLENBERG

BERLIN, May 14. (JTA) -- The "Heinrich Stahl Prize," most coveted honor of the local Jewish community, was bestowed today on Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who performed gallant work in rescuing Hungarian Jews during World War II. Mr. Wallenberg was arrested by Soviet forces during the war. Recently, the Kremlin reported that he had died in a Moscow jail in 1947.

The scroll awarding the prize to Mr. Wallenberg was received at a solemn mass meeting here by Rudolf Philipp, of Stockholm, as a representative of the Wallenberg family. Attending the ceremony was the Swedish consul-general in West Berlin. The award was named in memory of Heinrich Stahl, head of the Berlin Jewish community under the Nazi regime, who perished in a German concentration camp.

JEWISH COMMUNITY OF GERMAN CITY OF MUENSTER OUTGROWS SYNAGOGUE

MUENSTER, Germany, May 14. (JTA) -- In the presence of the Mayor of this city and of prominent Christian theologians from the local university, the Jewish community today dedicated its enlarged synagogue--a small house of worship barely large enough for the 100 Jews of Muenster. Four hundred Jews from this city and about 900 from the surrounding area perished during the war in Nazi concentration camps.

RUMANIAN CHIEF RABBI DUE IN ENGLAND ON VISIT TO JEWISH COMMUNITY

LONDON, May 14. (JTA) -- British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie and the officers of the Board of Deputies of British Jews will give a reception for Dr. Moses Rosen, Rumanian Chief Rabbi, May 21. Dr. Rosen, accompanied by Mrs. Rosen, will arrive here this week as guests of Rabbi Brodie. During his stay in Britain, the Rumanian Chief Rabbi will be shown communal institutions in London and many smaller cities where substantial numbers of Jews dwell.

CONSERVATIVE RABBIS DEBATE FUNCTION OF SYNAGOGUE, COMMUNAL GROUPS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., May 14. (JTA) -- The relationship of the synagogue to other Jewish organizations in the American community was debated here today by several prominent rabbis at the 57th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the rabbinical arm of Conservative Judaism.

Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress and active in many other communal organizations, argued that the synagogue "does not have its former all-inclusive scope" and that "a great part of its erstwhile problems have been taken over by specialized agencies--philanthropic, educational, Zionist and those which defend Jewish rights here and abroad." Dr. Goldstein insisted that there is "no use trying to turn back the clock in an effort to restore the sovereignty of the synagogue in all these areas."

He suggested the synagogue must "content itself with the role of inspiring, aiding and facilitating the response to the deserving claims of Jewish necessity." The field of Jewish education, however, he said, is the "very essence of the synagogue's aim and purpose."

Rabbi Abraham Feldman, president of the Synagogue Council of America held, however, that "there are no secular institutions in Jewish community life"--only "specializations in the performance of various functions of Jewish religious life." None of these functions, Rabbi Feldman went on, "is outside the periphery of the synagogue" and that "they are not competitors of the synagogue but welcome co-workers in Jewish community life."

Meanwhile, the convention appealed directly to President Eisenhower to "abrogate immediately" the United States treaty leasing the Dhahran air base from Saudi Arabia. The plea was based on Saudi Arabia's "flagrant discrimination against Christian religious services and American personnel of the Jewish faith."

ORT OPENS NEW VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN MOROCCAN CITY

CASABLANCA, May 14. (JTA) -- A new ORT vocational school has been opened in Tetuan, Morocco, bringing to seven the number of ORT installations in the chief centers of Jewish population in North Africa, the American ORT Federation announced today.

Tetuan, the capital of the former Spanish Zone of Morocco, has some 6,000 Jews, most of them extremely poor. There is little that can properly be described as industry, except for a match factory that employs numbers of Jewish girls and a few other small enterprises. Jews are predominantly artisans and petty merchants. The women work as domestics. Very many are without trades of any kind and suffer chronic unemployment.

The school opened with an enrollment of 38 teen-age boys, who were selected from a considerably larger number of applicants. They are enrolled in three-year courses in metal and wood-working, with a heavy study and shopschedule of some 40 hours a week. At the end of the three years, the student body is expected to number 100, adequate for the regular, vocational education needs of the community.

CONGREGATION EMANU-EL IN NEW YORK NAMES FIRST WOMAN TRUSTEE

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- The first woman trustee in the 112-year history of Congregation Emanu-El of New York, leading Reform congregation, was elected tonight.

She is Mrs. Richard Lewisohn, Jr., wife of a New York industrialist and daughter of George Frankenthaler, former New York judge. Her family and that of her husband have been identified with the congregation for several generations.

ISRAELI, ARABIAN CHILDREN TO ATTEND OHIO CAMP THIS SUMMER

CINCINNATI, May 14. (JTA) -- A group of Israeli and Arabian children will camp together near Dayton this summer, thanks to the efforts of a Cincinnati woman and the Cincinnati American Israelite, it was announced here today.

Mrs. Leonard S. Meranus undertook an effort to raise \$3,000 to finance a trip of four 11-year-old Tel Aviv children and their adult counselor to the Children's International Summer Village at Covington, Ohio. Four Arab children and a leader will attend the camp through the generosity of the Sultan of Morocco.

The Tel Aviv group consists of Mrs. Naomi Shanon, two girls and two boys.

U.S. DELEGATION LEAVES TO ATTEND TECHNION BOARD MEETING IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- A delegation of officers, directors and leaders of the American Technion Society left today for Israel to attend the annual meeting of the international board of governors of Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa. The Technion, Israel's oldest institution of higher education, has a student body of nearly 3,000.

JULIUS NATHANSON, YIDDISH ACTOR, DIES IN CALIFORNIA AT 66

LOS ANGELES, May 14. (JTA) -- Julius Nathanson, for nearly half a century known on the Yiddish stage as both a character actor and comedian, died at his home at Reseta, Calif., at the age of 66. A native of Kiev, Mr. Nathanson played with Jewish troupes all over this country, Europe and South America.