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EISENHOWER SEES NO OBJECTION TO ISRAEL SENDING A SHIP THROUGH SUEZ

WASHINGTON, May 15. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today told a press conference that he sees no objection if Israel "makes a peaceful test of just exactly where they stand" by sending a ship into the Suez Canal. "On the other hand," the President added, "I believe to use force would be reprehensible."

Mr. Eisenhower said that possibly the Israelis were "thinking if they have a peaceful rejection of their effort, they have got a case before the world court or some place else."

The President stressed that in the withdrawal talks with Israel last winter "we always urged that it not be assumed in advance that Egypt would not be won around to allowing the passage of Israeli ships. But the one thing we did take a stand on, that we believed, that the Gulf of Akaba did comprehend and include international waters, and that we would be glad to see that one tested before the same kind of court or body."

Mr. Eisenhower prefaced his statement that he saw no objection to a peaceful Israeli test of the canal by saying he had "always wanted to see these matters properly decided by the international bodies that have been set up, the United Nations and the World Court."

U.S. Stand on Sending an Israeli Ship Through Suez Welcomed by Israel

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- The Israel Government welcomed today Secretary of State Dulles' statement yesterday that the United States does not oppose the dispatch of an Israeli vessel through the Suez Canal to test Egypt's intentions. A Foreign Ministry spokesman hailed Mr. Dulles' remarks as "further support of Israel's right of freedom of navigation."

The same spokesman, commenting on reports here that the Zim Navigation Company was negotiating with a Norwegian line to charter the 450-ton S.S. Mars for a journey to Japan via the Suez Canal, declared that the Israel Government would not consider this a test in any sense.

The vessel was still taking on a cargo of phosphates at Haifa today, with less than 24 hours left before a decision must be made whether to send her through the canal or around the Cape of Good Hope. Even if she heads for the canal, the Mars cannot provide the definitive test which Israel seeks. Before the Sinai campaign the vessel negotiated the canal several times with cargoes for and from Haifa. While the Egyptians did not molest her, the vessel has been denied any services at all Arab ports, as punishment for engaging in Israeli trade.

Britain Pledges to Insure Passage of Israeli Ships Through Suez

LONDON, May 15. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Harold Macmillan said today Israel's right of free passage through the Suez Canal "must be assured." He pledged Britain will do everything possible to "see this happen."

The Prime Minister told Commons that Britain will act "through the United Nations and with our friends" to insure that Israeli ships are allowed by Egypt to pass Suez.

Labor Party leader Hugh Gaitskell told the House that in any future negotiations with Egypt, Israel's right to use the Suez Canal must be the "starting point."

The Egyptian press and radio today unleashed an attack on Secretary of State Dulles for saying the United States "would not oppose" any effort by Israel to test her rights by attempting to send a ship through the Suez Canal. Egyptian Government sources, meanwhile, emphasized that Egypt had no intention whatsoever of permitting an Israeli ship to transit the canal.

The newspaper "Al Shaab" said: "Thus Dulles begins to create trouble in the area." The newspaper "Al Akhbar" suggested that Mr. Dulles meant the United States would continue its freeze of Egypt's dollar holdings and "create further trouble" for Egypt unless Egypt permits passage of Israeli commerce.

Another attack on Secretary Dulles and the United States was featured in "Al Ahram." This newspaper charged that "at a time when Britain permits ships to pass through the Suez Canal under Egypt's terms, Dulles encourages Israel to fish in troubled waters by declaring he would not be opposed to Israel's sending a test ship" through the Suez waterway.

FRENCH PREMIER CONFERS WITH ISRAEL ENVOY ON SUEZ ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 15. (JTA) -- Israel's insistence on obtaining formal reaffirmation of its right to freedom of passage through the Suez Canal is expected to result in action here very soon through a demand by the French Government that the Security Council convene again to re-examine the Suez Canal issue.

A report from Paris said that French Premier Guy Mollet met for an hour today with Israeli Ambassador Jacob Tsur. It is assumed here that they were coordinating policies on Israel's plan to dispatch a test ship through the Suez Canal.

Word was also received here today from Paris that the French Government will ask for a meeting of the Council during which France will accuse Egypt of having side-stepped the basic principles regarding operation of the canal adopted by the Council on October 13 last.

Among the principles which France will cite is one that orders Egypt to practice no discrimination in regard to passage through the canal "overt or covert," and another which establishes the Council rule that the canal should be "insulated from the politics of any country."

U.S. - ISRAEL DECLARATION ON "EISENHOWER DOCTRINE" DUE THIS WEEK

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- A joint United States-Israel declaration on the Eisenhower Doctrine is expected here to be issued within the next 48 hours.

It was reported today that agreement had already been reached on the substantive portions of the statement, which will probably refer to both the visit to Jerusalem of Ambassador James P. Richards and the intention of the two countries to maintain peace and stability in the Middle East.

The technicalities which are the subject of last minute talks between the State Department and the Israel Embassy in Washington are assumed to deal with relatively secondary sentences in the statement and such matters as the timing of its release.

AMERICAN GRANTS TO ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE, HEAD OF U.S. AID MISSION SAYS

TEL AVIV, May 15. (JTA) -- The Eisenhower Doctrine will have little material effect on the United States aid program to Israel, John Haggerty, the new chief of the U.S. aid mission here, revealed today. However, Mr. Haggerty indicated that he was "certain" that the U.S. would continue its grants to Israel and that in the future there would be more emphasis on long-term loans.

The American aid program, disrupted by the Sinai campaign, will be running smoothly again within two months, Mr. Haggerty told newsmen. He reported that about 60 percent of the staff, evacuated as a safety measure during the Sinai battle, is back at work. This summer, he disclosed a number of experts obtained under a State Department contract with the University of the State of New York, will come to Israel to work during their vacation.

JEWS ARRESTED IN SYRIA; CHARGED WITH TRYING TO CROSS INTO ISRAEL

LONDON, May 15. (JTA) -- A number of Jews were arrested today in the Syrian city of Homs, on charges of attempting to cross the border into Lebanon en route to Israel, it was reported here today from Damascus.

An announcement by Syrian authorities said that the arrested Jews had "confessed" their intention of going to Israel. Lebanese smugglers were said to have been paid \$35 per person to guide the Jews across the border.

TENSION SUBSIDES IN ISRAEL TEXTILE STRIKE; TEXTILE PRICES RISE

HAIFA, May 15. (JTA) -- Both management and workers at the Ata textile factory continued today to refuse to negotiate with each other "at the same table," as a government mediator continued his efforts to end a strike which has already caused an increase in textile prices and given rise to a clash between pickets and police.

Tension subsided today, however, as only a few pickets were placed in front of Ata retail outlets and made no attempt to interfere with customers entering the shops. Meanwhile, three striking workers have initiated a test case by filing suits for their April wages.

Meanwhile, the government announced that the April cost of living index had risen four points over March to a peak of 265, guaranteeing an automatic cost of living bonus for employes in industry, white collar jobs and civil servants next July unless prices drop drastically before then. A year ago, the index was 246, based on September 1951 as 100.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR PRESENTS PHOTOSTATS OF HEBREW BOOKS TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- The Soviet Ambassador to Israel, Alexander Abramov, presented Israel today with photostatic copies of ancient Hebrew books owned by the museum at Tiflis, capital of the Soviet Republic of Georgia. He presented the film to President Ben Zvi for the Ben Zvi Institute, which studies Eastern Jewish culture.

JEWS IN POLAND DEMAND MORE AID FOR FAMILIES REPATRIATED FROM RUSSIA

VIENNA, May 15. (JTA) -- A report reaching here today from Poland says that the Jewish community of Lodz finds it necessary "to carry on a struggle" to guard its privileges in regard to Jewish cultural matters, and must do all in its power "to uncover all evidences of anti-Semitism."

The report quotes leaders of the Jewish community of Lodz to this effect. Published in Die Folkshtimme, the only Jewish newspaper in Poland, the report says that at a meeting of the Jewish Cultural Association in Lodz, leading members of the Association called for "fewer words and more action" in defending Jewish interests.

The leaders also demanded that more aid be given to Jews repatriated from the Soviet Union and that the Jewish community should concern itself with the needs of the religious Jews, Jewish education and the care of aged Jews.

JEWSH COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER BLASTS MOSCOW FOR MISTREATMENT OF JEWS

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government was severely criticized today in the Morning Freiheit, Jewish Communist daily newspaper here, for ignoring a request that Jewish cultural life be restored in the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Government was taken to task in a long article for depriving its 3,000,000 Jews of their culture, language, press and national institutions. The article points out that this has been brought to the attention of Nikita S. Khrushchev, Communist Party "boss" in Moscow, by various delegations, Jewish and non-Jewish, who visited Russia. Similar complaints have been made by Jewish Communist groups in various countries. It terms as "empty words" the excuse given by Mr. Khrushchev to some delegations that the Jews of the Soviet Union apparently do not want any other culture than Russian since they do not ask for the restoration of their liquidated press and cultural institutions.

"The Soviet Government," the article says, "has committed the mistake and permitted the crime against the normal human and national rights of its Jewish national minority, rendering the Jews speechless." It concludes by emphasizing that it is "the urgent duty" of the Soviet Government "not to wait any longer and wipe out the injustices committed by giving back Soviet Jewry its national rights and the full possibility of reviving and developing its culture."

CONSERVATIVE RABBIS ASK FOR ADMISSION OF EGYPTIAN JEWS INTO U.S.

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., May 15. (JTA) -- The 57th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, central body of the Conservative rabbinate, concluded here today with a resolution calling on President Eisenhower "to extend the parole provisions of our immigration laws to include Egyptian Jews at this time." The resolution drew attention to the "desperate plight of the Egyptian Jews who have been systematically plundered, impoverished, and forced to flee Nasser dictatorship."

In another resolution, the convention called on the United States Government to exercise its influence so that Israel can have use of the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba, pointing out that those "promises, which have been made or implied by the President of the U.S. must be fulfilled if we are not to yield to the blackmailing devices of Arab potentates who flirt with Communism."

The convention also reiterated its recognition "of the full rights of all citizens to equal opportunities for education, employment and housing, without regard to color or creed," adding that "events of the past year have dramatized the more flagrant abuse of these rights in certain sections of the South." Rabbi Aaron H. Blumenthal, of Mount Vernon, was elected president of the Assembly.

U. N. GROUP SPONSORS INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR STRUCTURE PARLEY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Israel's significant advance in the field of nuclear physics was given confirmation by UNESCO and the International Union for Pure and Applied Physics, which have selected Israel for their 1957 International Conference on Nuclear Structure. Mr. Dewey Stone, chairman of the board of governors of the Weizmann Institute announced today that the conference will be held at the Institute in Rehovoth, September 9th to 13th inclusive.

Over 130 scientists from various countries will attend as delegates. Twenty-six scientists from eight different countries will deliver papers on the progress made in various fields of nuclear physics. The scientists who will present reports hail from the United States, Denmark, France, Britain, Holland, Sweden, the USSR and Israel.

(In Rehovoth, the Weizmann Institute announced today that it had named two scientists from abroad--one an American, the other a Hungarian refugee--to its staff. The American, Prof. Theodor Winnick, formerly Associate Professor of Biochemistry at the State University of Iowa, will set up a new biochemistry section at the Institute. The Hungarian Jewish refugee is Dr. Michael Baranyi, until recently a lecturer at Budapest University and a former inmate of Buchenwald, who will join the Institute's biophysics department.)

DUBLIN MAYOR RETURNS HOME AFTER HELPING U. J. A. CAMPAIGN IN U. S.

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Robert Briscow, Jewish Lord Mayor of Dublin, returned to Eire today following a two-month, cross-country visit to 40 cities in the United States in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal campaign.

Prior to his departure, he was presented at his hotel with a silver-encased Bible and Scroll of Honor by Morris W. Berinstein, president of the United Jewish Appeal. The UJA also gave Mr. Briscow a second silver-bound Bible with the request that he present it to Prime Minister Eamon de Valera. The Bible's inscription praised the Irish leader as one "whose dedicated efforts in the cause of human freedom have established him as a living symbol for all mankind, and have endeared him to the Jewish people in their continuing struggle for peace and justice."

William Rosenwald, UJA general chairman, thanked the Mayor on behalf of the American Jewish community, which he said, was "straining all its forces to mobilize assistance for the flood of refugees fleeing persecution and oppression from various parts of the world." He stressed the "tremendous job that must still be done," adding that a special National Rescue Conference would be held by the UJA on June 8-9 in New York City to raise \$50,000,000 in cash for refugee needs.

Mayor Briscow thanked the UJA officers for the gifts, adding that the "real thanks for doing an incredibly fine humanitarian job should be extended to the Jews of the United States. Their magnificent response to the United Jewish Appeal has been an awe-inspiring experience for me and I am confident they will continue to measure up to the responsibility which destiny has placed on their shoulders."

COLONEL ROBERT HENRIQUES ARRIVES IN U. S. FOR ISRAEL BONDS CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Colonel Robert Henriques, noted British military expert, journalist and author, whose best-selling book, "100 Hours to Suez," describes and analyzes Israel's victory in the recent Sinai Peninsula campaign, arrived in the United States today for a tour of major cities in behalf of the State of Israel development bond drive.

The communities which Colonel Henriques will visit for Israel bonds include Houston, Atlanta, Miami, St. Paul, Chicago, New Bedford, San Francisco, and New York. He will be the principal speaker at an Israel bond dinner this Sunday, at the Commodore Hotel in New York.

JOSEPH MEYERHOFF ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Joseph Meyerhoff, nationally-known Jewish communal leader, was elected today as president of the Palestine Economic Corporation, the pioneer American economic development company in Israel established 32 years ago. Mr. Meyerhoff, who resides in Baltimore, Maryland, succeeds Rubert Szold, who will remain as chairman of the Board of P. E. C. Mr. Meyerhoff was elected to his new post at a regular meeting of the Corporation's Board of Directors.

For many years an active leader in every program of assistance to Israel, Mr. Meyerhoff is chairman of the National Campaign Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal, and a member of the national executive committee of the Israel Bonds Organization. In his native Baltimore, Mr. Meyerhoff holds positions of leadership with the Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore, the Baltimore Hebrew College, Sinai Hospital and Beth Jacob Congregation.

POLINSKY RE-ELECTED HEAD OF COMBINED CAMPAIGN FOR REFORM JEWRY

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- A. B. Polinsky of Duluth, Minnesota, was re-elected general chairman of the Combined Campaign of American Reform Judaism, and Benjamin H. Swig of San Francisco was renamed honorary chairman, the organization announced here today. Marvin J. Silberman and Irving S. Schneider, both of New York, were re-elected associate general chairman and executive vice chairman, respectively.

The Combined Campaign is the fund-raising arm of the Reform movement and divides its proceeds equally between the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The campaign's current goal is \$2,548,789.

MRS. EVA MAZER, FOUNDER OF EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, DEAD

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eva Mazer, widow of Abraham Mazer, noted philanthropist, died here yesterday at the age of 76. Like the other members of her family, she was active in Jewish affairs. She was a founder of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University and a leader in Hadassah and other organizations.

SIR SIDNEY ABRAHAMS, FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF CEYLON, DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, May 15. (JTA) -- Sir Sidney Abrahams, former Chief Justice of Ceylon and a noted British sportsman, died here yesterday. He was 72. Sir Sidney represented Britain in several track and field events in the 1906 Olympic Games in Athens.