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SECURITY COUNCIL STARTS DEBATE ON SUEZ; ISRAEL'S STAKE INDICATED

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 20. (JTA) -- Israel's stake in freedom of shipping through the Suez Canal was brought forcefully to the front in the Security Council here today by Christian Pineau, Foreign Minister of France.

M. Pineau, at whose request the Council convened this afternoon to resume debate on the Suez issue, told the 11-member body that Egypt's unilateral declaration on operation of the canal, filed here April 24, threatens "a readiness" to forget that the Security Council in 1951 ordered Egypt to keep the canal open to all ships wherever bound. The 1951 resolution was adopted in response to a request from Israel.

Before the debate got under way, Arkady A. Sobolev, Soviet delegate, told the Council that the USSR is opposed to a renewal of the debate on the Suez issue because Egypt has already offered to settle the Suez question in a "reasonable and just manner."

In a relatively mild speech, M. Pineau called for the opening of new negotiations as soon as possible for definitive settlement of the Suez Canal question. Egypt's April declaration, he maintained, overlooks the six basic principles adopted by the Council on October 13 last as requirements for operation of the canal.

M. Pineau, in enumerating the six principles, underscored two of the requirements which concern Israel: 1. That there should be free and open passage through the canal "without discrimination, overt or covert"; 2. That the operation of the canal should be "insulated from the politics of any country."

The French Foreign Minister told the Council that he has no intention "to gloss over the Israeli-Egyptian conflict" of last fall or the Franco-British "involvement" in the Suez campaign. However, he declared, "we lost the opportunity at that time of reaching a settlement of the canal affair that would have been fair and satisfactory to all."

M. Pineau said that the principal issue to decide was whether the rules of the UN Charter "are valid for all and must be applied by all without any discrimination."

Dr. Omar Loufti, head of the Egyptian delegation at the UN, told the Security Council that his government is "prepared to recognize the jurisdiction" of the International Court of Justice on the Suez Canal issue. He upbraided France for its part in the Suez campaign last fall and, by implication, for aiding Israel. However, Dr. Loufti did not mention Israel specifically during his address.

Britain Will Support Israel in U. N. on Suez Issue, Commons Told

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- Britain will support Israel in the United Nations in the Jewish State's efforts to nail down her rights to freedom of passage through the Suez Canal, Commander A. H. P. Noble, Minister of State, told questioners in Commons today.

However, he made it quite clear that the decision on whether or not to send a "test ship" through the canal is one for the Israel Government alone. If Egypt, as it has threatened, acts to halt such an Israeli move, Commander Noble said, it is still Israel's decision whether to take the matter to the United Nations or the International Court.

The Minister reiterated once again the British Government's view that Israel shipping shares the right of all nations to transverse the waterway. Britain, he added, stands by the Security Council resolution of September 1951 and the six principles adopted by the Council last October--both of which call for equality of all nations to use the channel.

He revealed that Britain had been considering throwing the question of the Gulf of Akaba's status as an international waterway into the International Court. However, he continued, British ships are freely using the gulf and the straits into it, thereby exercising the rights of innocent passage. "In general the present position seems reasonably satisfactory," he concluded.

Commander of U. N. Forces Denies Egyptian Charges Against Israel

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the United Nations Emergency Force, denied last night charges by Egypt that Israeli "infiltrators" had penetrated the Gaza Strip and blown up two huts in the Gaza refugee camp. In a statement

issued in the Old City, Gen. Burns said that tracks from the scene of the incident did not lead in the direction of the Israel border. Several Arab refugees were wounded when the two homes, near Khan Yunis, blew up.

Meanwhile, Gen. Burns revealed that he had again approached Israel and Egypt with suggestions that the Israel-Egyptian armistice agreement be revived. Egypt, he said, had agreed, but Israel had declined. The Israeli position, stated on numerous occasions in recent months, is that Egyptian hostilities have killed the pact and that it is useless to consider resurrecting it while Egypt maintains claims of belligerency.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT RESUMES SESSION; TO DEAL WITH \$585, 000, 000 BUDGET

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament resumed its session today after a six-week recess. Among the major items facing the legislators are adoption of several budgets: one dealing with development projects, the other with foreign currency.

The foreign currency budget is estimated at \$585, 000, 000 as compared with \$480, - 000, 000 last year. The new budget, which was adopted by the Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday, includes \$80, 000, 000 on unconfirmed sources--anticipated increases in United Jewish Appeal and Israel bond sources, an export-Import Bank loan and upped German reparations payments.

PROTEST IN KNESSET ON EBAN'S APPEARANCE AT NEW U.S. ZIONIST GROUP

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Government was asked in Parliament today why Ambassador Abba Eban had addressed a conference of the Independent Zionists in New York yesterday. The sessions concluded with the formation of a new Zionist group opposed to affiliation with political parties in Israel. (The new group--headed by Ezra Shapiro, Louis Lipsky and Judge Louis E. Levinthal--will be known as the American Jewish League for Israel.)

The question was posed in Parliament by a General Zionist deputy and was directed at Foreign Minister Golda Meir. The General Zionist deputy claimed that Mr. Eban had stated that he made his appearance under instructions from Jerusalem. The question was therefore directed not at Mr. Eban but at the Foreign Ministry.

"Is it the task of the Foreign Ministry to interfere in internal affairs of the American Zionists by encouraging divisions harmful to Israel?" the interpellation asked. Under Parliamentary procedure, Foreign Minister Meir will answer the questions at a future session of Parliament.

ISRAEL DECIDES TO ADMIT ORGANIZED GROUPS OF GERMAN TOURISTS

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- A several-week-old secret decision by the Israel Cabinet to admit organized parties of German tourists to visit Israel was revealed today by local newspapers which reported that the first group was due to arrive in July.

When a tourist applies for a visa to enter Israel he must present a certificate issued by the Bonn Government that he had not been an active Nazi.

It is understood that the reason for the Cabinet's secrecy is not a matter of principle but of security for the visitors. Individual travelers from Germany have already entered the Jewish State, but it is thought that large groups might receive an unfriendly reception from the Israeli people. Some estimates of the number of German tourists who could be expected to visit Israel this year range as high as 1, 000.

ISRAEL PROCEEDS TOWARDS CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DEEPWATER PORT

TEL AVIV, May 20. (JTA) -- Israel moved today toward the construction of another deepwater port along its Mediterranean coast when it signed an agreement with an American and a French engineering company to carry out a year-long, \$120, 000 survey of the coastal waters at a point about 11 miles north of Ashkelon.

Meanwhile, it was announced that a \$20, 000, 000 rayon plant to be constructed by Israel Rogosin, American industrialist-philanthropist, will be located within sight of the proposed new harbor. Rail lines, power facilities including a power station and a new road from Tel Aviv are being considered for the new port-industrial center.

A group of American and Israeli investors headed by B'nai B'rith president Philip M. Klutznick has planned other developments for the city, including the construction of homes for 6,000 persons. The proposed port is expected to be an outlet for potash from the Dead Sea plant and oil pumped from Elath.

MRS. HARMAN NAMED HEAD OF U. N. DIVISION IN ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTRY

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- Mrs. Zena Harman, long Israel's representative on the United Nations Economic and Social Council, was named today head of the Foreign Ministry's United Nations Division. This makes Mrs. Harman the highest ranking woman in the Foreign Ministry. Mrs. Harman is the wife of Avraham Harman, member of the Jewish Agency executive and one-time Israel Consul General in New York.

BRITAIN AGREES TO ADMIT JEWS FROM POLAND TO JOIN THEIR RELATIVES

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- The Home Office has agreed to work out technical details of the admission to Britain of relatives of Polish Jews now living in this country. The relatives, who have applied for admission to Britain to rejoin their families, are still in Poland.

A plea in behalf of reuniting these families was made by the Polish Jewish Refugee Fund, an affiliate of the Federation of Jewish Relief Organizations.

(From Montreal it was reported today that Saul Hayes, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, met in Ottawa with top officials of the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, including the Deputy Minister, to finalize procedures for the admission to the Dominion of Jews in Poland who have relatives in Canada. Both the Congress and the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society will be involved in the project, it was announced.)

JEWSH REFUGEES FROM HUNGARY SEEK EMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES

VIENNA, May 20. (JTA) -- Some 80 percent of the 3,500 Hungarian Jewish refugees registered with the United Hias Service here want to go to the United States to join relatives who will supply them with jobs and homes, the organization announced today. Despite difficulties in getting into the U.S. the refugees refuse to register for immigration to other countries.

Thus far, United Hias Service has assisted 9,000 Hungarian Jews to get to a variety of countries. It hopes to send another 500 to Australia, Canada and South American countries by the end of next month. About 100 of the Jews are reported to have returned to Hungary.

200 PHYSICIANS ENTERED ISRAEL AS REFUGEES DURING LAST FIVE MONTHS

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- Despite the heavy influx of new immigrants, Israel is able to maintain its ratio of one doctor to every 450 people, Dr. M. Mayer, head of the medical service of the Ministry of Health, announced today.

This development is made possible by the continuing arrival of qualified physicians among the immigrants, he said, reporting that some 200 doctors arrived in the last five months. One hundred and twenty-six of them, he stated, have already been licensed and are working for Kupat Holim, the Histadrut medical network, or for government institutions.

JEWS IN NORTH AFRICAN LANDS DISTURBED BY ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- The position of the Jewish population in some countries in North Africa continues to be disturbed by anti-Israel and anti-Jewish propaganda from Egypt and other Arab states, the Board of Deputies of British Jews reported today. The Board decided to cooperate with other Jewish organizations to make "representations to governments and other appropriate authorities with a view toward bringing about improvement in the situation of the Jews of those countries."

The Board also reported that certain major firms in England had yielded to Arab boycott demands. It noted that the London Chamber of Commerce had agreed to pass information on the set-up of Jewish and non-Jewish firms dealing with Israel to the Pakistan High Commissioner, who is acting as an agent for Saudi Arabia for boycott purposes.

WORLD LARGEST LIBRARY ON NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS FACES DISSOLUTION

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- The Wiener Library, one of the world's largest collections of documents and periodicals on Nazi persecution of Jews, problems of refugees and minorities and international Jewish affairs, is threatened with dissolution, a group of public leaders asserted in a public letter here.

Signed by Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie, members of Parliament and British scholars, the warning said that new premises and financial support must be provided for the Library which is housed in a building scheduled for demolition in a reconstruction program.

If assistance cannot be provided to re-house the Library, established here in 1939, "British historical research would be the loser," the statement said. "Indeed, we believe Britain would be deprived of what has come to be appreciated in the field of historical scholarship as a very important international asset," the signatories declared.

TURKISH GOVERNMENT RELEASES DATA ON NUMBER OF JEWS IN TURKEY

ISTANBUL, May 20. (JTA) -- There were 40,345 Jews living in Turkey in 1955, according to census figures released here today. The number remaining in Turkey today is believed to be somewhat lower because of recent heavy emigration of Turkish Jews.

RUMANIAN CHIEF RABBI ARRIVES IN LONDON; IS GUEST OF BRITISH CHIEF RABBI

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen arrived here today to visit the Jewish community of Britain. He is a guest of Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie and the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

12,000 JEWISH REFUGEES TO ENTER ISRAEL THIS MONTH, U.J.A. REPORTS

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- About 12,000 Jewish refugees from Egypt, Hungary, other Eastern European countries and North Africa are expected to enter Israel during May--a substantial increase over the influx in April, William Rosenwald, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, reported today after receiving a cablegram from Dov Joseph, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, which urged "a superhuman effort" to make UJA funds available for refugee rescue.

At the same time, Mr. Rosenwald announced that United States Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, of Texas, Senate Majority leader, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and of the Jewish Agency, and Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Abba Eban, will be the principal speakers at the UJA National Rescue Conference to open in New York on June 8. The purpose of the conference is to raise \$50,000,000 in cash from previously made pledges.

"This prediction for the May immigration to Israel exceeds the April immigration by 3,000," Mr. Rosenwald noted. "The unexpected increase in the tempo of migration makes imperative the successful completion of UJA's nation-wide effort to convert pledges made earlier this year to the UJA's \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund and regular 1957 UJA campaign into cash."

Mr. Rosenwald noted that present estimates foresee the resettlement of a possible 120,000 Jewish refugees in Israel, the United States and other free countries, an increase of 20,000 over the 100,000 Jewish refugees originally estimated as needing rescue in 1957. In his cable to Mr. Rosenwald and the officers of the UJA, Mr. Joseph said that "we must furnish transportation and provide the immigrants with roofs to cover their heads upon their arrival."

MASS IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL DEPENDS ON DEVELOPMENT OF NEGEV

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- "Mass immigration and continued economic growth in Israel depend on the fullest development and use of Elath, Israel's port of the Gulf of Akaba. For this reason, Israel is prepared to keep the Gulf of Akaba open at any cost," Hanoeh Nenner, mayor of the new harbor city at the southernmost tip of the Negev, declared today at a press conference.

Stressing the fact that Elath is Israel's "gateway to trade with Asia and Africa," Mayor Nenner declared that the Government of Israel relies heavily on the success of the \$75,000,000 Israel bond sale this year to provide for enlarging the harbor of Elath and for the construction of a new Elath to Beersheba railroad.

"Immigration at the present rate is proceeding at a rate of more than 100,000 a year and the natural population increase is 40,000," the Mayor said. Consequently, at this rate we shall be within easy reach of 3,000,000 in five years. However, such a large-scale increase in population will require a mass settlement program of great magnitude in the vast unpopulated area north of Elath. We estimate that 500,000 persons can be settled in the part of the Negev which lies between Beersheba and Elath. But this will require extensive irrigation, housing and agricultural and industrial projects, which will have to be financed to a large part by the Israel bond campaign.

"We look forward to the day when Elath will rank with Haifa as a trade center. In fact, we anticipate that Elath will some day overtake Haifa, and become Israel's key center for foreign commerce. We foresee for Elath a three-fold role of major importance: as a resort area, as an industrial center, and as a port," Mayor Nenner declared.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY DEDICATES NEW \$250,000 SCIENCE CENTER

WALTHAM, Mass., May 20. (JTA) -- The Julius Kalman Science Center, newest and largest teaching and research facility at Brandeis University, was dedicated yesterday. Chief Justice Raymond A. Wilkins of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, was the chief speaker at the dedication ceremony.

The center is a four-story building, featuring a protective storage area for radioactive materials, a special room for experiments with explosive materials and air-conditioned laboratories for animals used for studies. The center is named for the late Mr. Kalman, a Boston financier. He bequeathed \$1,250,000 to the center, which cost two and a quarter million dollars. His gift is the largest single benefaction to Brandeis to date.

ISRAEL SHIPPING LINE TO INAUGURATE DIRECT HAIFA-CHICAGO SERVICE

TEL AVIV, May 20. (JTA) -- The Zim Navigation Company, Israel's largest maritime corporation, will inaugurate direct Haifa-Chicago service next month, P. Levinson, Zim director, announced today. The new service will be one of several initiated in the next few months by the line, which currently boasts a fleet of 33 vessels with more on order.