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### U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL HEARS SYRIA AND ISRAEL ON HULEH BRIDGE ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 23. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council took up today the Syrian complaint against Israeli construction of a new bridge in the demilitarized zone of the Huleh area and, after hearing the representatives of Syria and Israel, decided to adjourn until next Tuesday, to give the members of the Council an opportunity to study both statements.

Rafik Asha, Syria's permanent representative, started the proceedings at the morning meeting with a 10,000-word harangue on Israel which culminated in the nine specific requests, including two requests for the condemnation of Israel for alleged violations of the Syrian-Israeli armistice agreement and of Security Council resolutions. Mr. Asha also demanded that the Council order Israel to remove "without delay" a new Bailey bridge built by Israel across swamp lands at the southern end of Lake Huleh.

Mordecai R. Kidron, Israel's deputy permanent representative here, said the Council voted as far back as 1951 that Syria had no case whatever against Israel in the demilitarized zone around Lake Huleh. He pointed out that the Syrian grievance is "not a complaint against Israel at all, but substantially a quarrel with the Chief of the Staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization." The latter, Col. Byron V. Leary, ruled last month that the bridge erected by Israel is not a military thoroughfare. Col. Leary refused to heed the Syrian request to order Israel to dismantle the bridge.

This is the third time in the six years, Mr. Kidron stressed, that the Council has had to deal with the problem of Syrian interference in the Lake Huleh demilitarized zone. "One can only guess," he said, "at the motives which have led the Government of Syria to occupy the Council once again with its grumblings and discontents."

#### Israel Representative Explains the Need for the Bridge

Explaining the need for the bridge, Mr. Kidron described Israel's vast reclamation project in the Lake Huleh area which has already converted a "fetid swamp into smiling farmlands." Malaria has been eliminated from the area, the Israel diplomat said, and the agricultural life of the Huleh valley has already been enriched.

All that remained to be done to complete the project was the deepening of two channels at the southern end of the lake. In order to get machinery close to the shore, Israel needed the bridge which Mr. Kidron described as a "modest affair, a little over 100 feet in length, 12 and a half feet in width and with a capacity of 12 tons."

"This bridge has one purpose and one purpose alone," Mr. Kidron added, "and that is to serve as a carriage way for the transport of land-based earth-moving and dredging machinery." He revealed to the Council that the bridge actually was put in use Tuesday and that the United Nations observers were on hand to see the bridge being used in its peaceful manner.

The Israel representative detailed the various steps Syria has taken since 1951 in an effort to "frustrate the draining of the Huleh marshes of which the bridge is a part." He pointed out that the Council has rejected Syria's claims as they have come along since 1951 and concluded by urging the Council to drop the entire matter "that the Huleh reclamation project may now be completed without further interference."

(Dr. Abraham Granott, chairman of the board of directors of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem, warned in a cable today that any ban on construction of a new bridge over the Huleh Basin in northern Israel would have the effect of sealing off from cultivation thousands of acres of fertile land just reclaimed from what was once malarial swamp. The JNF has been engaged in the Huleh drainage project since 1952. The cable was sent to American JNF headquarters in New York. It said that the bridge was "essential" if ploughmen are to have access to newly drained lands which, until recently, were part of the bed of Lake Huleh. He indicated that the entire multi-million dollar Huleh drainage, irrigation and flood control project would be jeopardized without the bridge.)

### HEAD OF U. S. MISSION CONFERS ON RESUMPTION OF AID TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 23. (JTA) -- John Haggerty, director of the United States aid mission in Israel, conferred today with members of the Cabinet on resumption of his mission's activities, which were suspended last November after Israel marched into the Sinai Peninsula. He called on the Israeli Ministers of Labor, Agriculture and Welfare one at a time and in each Minister's office.

### MAPAM DECIDES TO OPPOSE ISRAEL'S ADHERENCE TO "EISENHOWER DOCTRINE"

TEL AVIV, May 23. (JTA) -- The Mapam central committee decided today to oppose the contents of the Israeli-American exchange of letters following the visit here of Ambassador James P. Richards, President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East. The exchange announced Israel's adherence to the principles of the Eisenhower Doctrine.

As a result of the Mapam committee's formal decision, its deputies in Parliament are expected to speak and vote against the letters when they are debated next week. The Mapam regards the letters as "damaging to the country's interests, and liable to affect its independence, its security and the security of Jewish communities in some countries outside Israel. The Mapam's taking an opposition position in Parliament may result in its leaving the coalition government.

### ISRAEL'S POTASH WORKS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY JORDAN PROJECT

JERUSALEM, May 23. (JTA) -- The Jordan Government is studying a project for exploitation of the waters of the Dead Sea which could adversely affect Israel's potash works on the southern end of the sea, it was learned here today.

An American engineering company has designed a project whereby Jordan would pipe water from the Dead Sea to the town of Akaba, opposite Elath, and there extract valuable minerals from them. The \$5,600,000 pipeline would eliminate overland shipment of chemicals from the northern end of the sea where the Israel Potash Company formerly had a plant. It is feared that removal of the water will lower the level of the sea and hurt Israeli production.

Meanwhile, it was announced here today that Israel's chemical fertilizer industry has increased its exports to Mediterranean countries on the basis of a 10 percent rise in production. The Haifa Chemical Fertilizer Company, which is seeking additional capital to erect other chemical processing plants, reported that Italy is buying some 5,000 tons of potassium phosphates. Two unnamed Mediterranean countries are negotiating for the purchase of 15,000 tons of ammonium phosphates worth about \$750,000, it was stated.

### GROUND BROKEN IN ISRAEL FOR \$20,000,000 ROGOSIN RAYON PLANT

TEL AVIV, May 23. (JTA) -- Ground was broken this evening for a \$20,000,000 rayon producing plant at Ashdot Yam, site of Israel's next deepwater port on the Mediterranean Sea. The plant, to be located about 10 miles north of Askelon, is being financed partly by Israel Rogosin, American Jewish industrialist, and the Israel Government.

The plant will be erected in two stages. After the first is ready, production will begin with rayon thread from abroad and some nine million pounds of raw rayon for use in tires and firehose will be made annually. Three years after the first stage begins operation, the plant will have been expanded and equipped to make rayon thread from raw materials some of which will be produced in Israel and some imported. Its product will eventually be used in textiles for clothing, carpeting, upholstery and draperies.

### JEWISH BODY IN POLAND RENEWS CONTACT WITH WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

LONDON, May 23. (JTA) -- An understanding on expanding contact among Jewish communities in Poland and the rest of the world--particularly in cultural matters--and a renewal of cooperation and affiliation of the organized Jewish community of Poland with the World Jewish Congress was reached at a Warsaw conference between representatives of the WJC and the Cultural and Social Association of Jews in Poland, it was reported here today.

The report said that after a conference between May 13 and 21, a joint statement was issued in Warsaw detailing the subjects under discussion and the progress made. The World Jewish Congress delegates were Dr. Arieh L. Tartakower, chairman of the Israel executive of the Congress, and A. L. Easterman, WJC political director.

"In the course of these conferences," the Warsaw statement said, "reports were made on the activities of the World Jewish Congress and a full discussion took place on the situation of the Jewish communities in a number of countries and on the fight against anti-Semitism and racial discrimination." Another problem discussed was the danger to peace from a revival of German militarism.

The report added that the conferences took place in a cordial atmosphere and resulted in clarification of a number of problems and of the position of both the Congress and the Association.

### CONVENTION OF JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS OPENS TODAY; 2,000 ATTEND

ATLANTIC CITY, May 23. (JTA) -- Problems affecting Jewish communal activities in the United States will be discussed at the 59th annual meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service, the central body of Jewish social workers, which opens here tomorrow. The four-day meeting will be attended by more than 2,000 persons engaged in Jewish social work.

The problems scheduled for discussion deal with all phases of Jewish life in this country--religious, educational, vocational guidance, care for the aged, community centers, group work, child care family services, health and rehabilitation, and community relations. The impact of Middle East developments upon American Jewish communities will also be discussed, as will the question of overseas relief work.

Parallel with the meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Communal service, the 39th annual conference of the National Association of Jewish Center Workers will be held here. The conference will evaluate the impact of changing patterns in American group life on Jewish family and organizational life in general and on the Jewish community centers in particular. It will also consider techniques and programs for transmitting Jewish values in the Jewish community centers.

### FOUR-DAY CONVENTION OF JEWISH EDUCATORS OPENS TODAY IN ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, May 23. (JTA) -- Problems concerning Jewish education in the United States will be widely discussed at a four-day convention of the National Council for Jewish Education which opens here tomorrow. More than 200 delegates from all parts of the country will participate in the deliberations.

The NCJE consists of educators of all groups--Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. The convention will hear reports on the developments in various fields of Jewish education and will evaluate the effectiveness of Jewish education in the school and in the community. It will also take up the question of uniting the entire Jewish educational profession in an over-all agency.

The NCJE will be meeting simultaneously with the American Association for Jewish Education which will make the first public disclosures of the results of a recently concluded survey of existing welfare and retirement programs for Jewish school personnel in the 30 largest communities serviced by central agencies of Jewish education.

### CONFERENCE ON JEWISH SOCIAL STUDIES DISCUSSES ROLE OF U.S. RABBI

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- The Conference of Jewish Social Studies, which seeks to promote a better understanding of the position of the Jews in the modern world, held its annual meeting last night with more than 200 social scientists, educators and communal leaders participating. The central subject discussed at the meeting was a paper on "The Changing Role of the American Rabbi" delivered by Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg of Englewood, N. J.

Rabbi Hertzberg urged that a joint commission be established by the various Jewish seminaries, rabbis and synagogues to consider the status and role of the contemporary rabbi, with the hope that out of such a commission would come a definition of the rabbi's function. "The laity is making the ultimate decisions on the policy and spiritual life of the community, and the secular Jewish organizations and the lay boards of the synagogues are today the ultimate judges of major matters," he said. "The rabbi is more and more the functionary, carrying out these decisions and running the routine of the community. The rabbinate is thus overburdened and spiritually and emotionally frustrated, thus rapidly becoming a career that produces neurosis, and if this continues, it will become attractive only to the spiritually insensitive."

Dr. Israel S. Wechsler, internationally known neurologist and Jewish communal leader, was re-elected president of the Conference for the next year. David Rosenstein was re-elected chairman of the board.

### NEW YORK MAYOR WELCOMES MAYOR OF ELATH IN CITY HALL CEREMONY

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Mayor Hanoeh Nenner of Elath, Israel's newest city, was officially welcomed to New York today by Mayor Wagner in a ceremony at City Hall. He advised Mayor Wagner that he would like to make a study of New York's port facilities in order to obtain suggestions that could be applied to the development of Elath, which is situated on the Gulf of Akaba, as a major Israel port and gateway for trade with Asia and Africa.

Participating in the meeting at City Hall was Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization in behalf of which the Elath Mayor is visiting the United States. Mayor Nenner presented to Mayor Wagner a piece of copper ore recently found in the ancient mines of King Solomon near Elath. The copper mines, which are once again producing valuable ore after being lost for thousands of years, were discovered by archaeologists guided by accounts of the mines in the Bible. The ore was mounted on a wooden base together with a special inscription devoted to Mayor Wagner.

AMERICAN LABOR ZIONISTS URGE U.S. TO PROMOTE ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- A plea for the creation, inside and outside the United Nations, of a "compelling climate" for peace in the Middle East was addressed today to the Government of the United States in a resolution adopted by the Labor Zionist Organization of America at the concluding session here of its National Council.

The resolution points out that "so long as the Arab states persist in their posture of belligerency towards Israel, so long as hatred of Israel and avowals by Arab rulers of their intention to destroy it continue to charge the atmosphere, that region will remain a seething cauldron, a fertile area for Communist penetration and subversion, and the breeding-ground of war."

The Labor Zionists urge the U.S. to take the initiative, "in consonance with and beyond" the Eisenhower Doctrine, to support democratic elements in the Middle East, curb the Egyptian-Syrian-Soviet attempt to extend their control over that crucial region, and challenge Nasser's domination over the Suez Canal by upholding the right of all shipping, including that of Israel, to use this major waterway.

But above all, the Labor Zionists emphasized, the refusal of the Arab rulers to accept Israel's repeated offers to meet for direct peace negotiations, "must not dissuade either our own government or the United Nations from constantly impressing upon the parties their obligations under the UN Charter and the armistice agreements to seek a peaceful settlement."

More than 150 leaders of communities around the country participated in the two-day session. A highlight of the conclave was a testimonial given at the Biltmore Hotel in honor of five veterans of the movement who have been in its leadership for more than 50 years. Those honored were Professor Hayim Fineman of Philadelphia, Dr. Herman Seidel of Baltimore, Meyer L. Brown, Pinchas Cruso and Samuel Bonchek of New York. All were among the founders of the Labor Zionist movement and hold top offices in it today.

NEGEV COMMANDER RETURNS FROM U.S. TO ISRAEL; HONORED BY U. J. A.

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Brigadier General Chaim Laskov, general officer commanding Israel's Southern Defense Forces, made his farewell to the United States yesterday following a month's tour of the country in behalf of the \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund and the regular 1957 United Jewish Appeal campaign. A delegation of officials from the UJA and the Israeli Consulate were at the airport to bid him farewell.

In appreciation of his tour in behalf of the UJA, in which Gen. Laskov made 32 appearances in some 16 communities, the UJA presented the General with a scroll commemorating his visits signed by officers of the Appeal. During his stay in the United States, Gen. Laskov also was invited by the United States Army to make courtesy visits to Fort Knox and Fort Benning.

Noting that Gen. Laskov had come to the United States on non-military mission, Rabbi Friedman, UJA executive vice chairman said: "Gen. Laskov's efforts in support of the UJA Emergency Rescue Fund and the regular UJA campaign had aided immeasurably in saving the lives of many thousands of refugees waiting help from UJA constituent agencies." He requested Gen. Laskov to convey to the people of Israel the information that "the American Jewish community is making every effort, mobilizing all its resources to provide the financial assistance to meet the needs of the flood of refugees fleeing persecution and oppression in various parts of the world."

EL AL PASSENGER PLANE TO FLY BETWEEN NEW YORK AND ISRAEL IN 14-1/2 HRS.

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Scheduled transatlantic service on the "Britannia" from New York to Israel will begin in the second week of September in time for the High Holy Days in Israel, Mr. Y. L. Koppel, manager for the Americas of El Al Airlines, said today.

Substantial reductions in flying time as well as the luxurious noiseless, vibrationless comfort of the "Britannia" are sure to result in a major increase in volume of bookings about this time, the airline executive added. Flying time between New York and Israel will be reduced to 14-1/2 hours (21-1/2 hours elapsed time).

El Al will offer, for the first time, first class and de luxe service in addition to tourist service on its direct flights to Israel, Mr. Koppel stated. "Thanks to the great range and capacity of this aircraft, El Al will be able to offer non-stop service across the Atlantic in both directions and the fastest one-stop service to Israel," he said. "An increase from three to five weekly flights in the spring of 1958 is also being considered," he stated.

CHEMISTRY LABORATORY DONATED BY U.S. JEWS DEDICATED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 23. (JTA) -- A new chemistry laboratory donated by the Association of Galician Jews of America was dedicated here today on the campus of Bar-Ilan University, the American-sponsored university in Israel. The laboratory is named for Chaim Sussman, a former president of the Association. S. I. Sobel, president of the group, and Dr. Pinchas Churgin, dean of the academic staff, were present.