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### ISRAEL-CHARTERED DANISH SHIP DOCKS AT SUEZ; CARRIES CARGO TO HAIFA

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- The Israel-chartered Danish ship *Brigitte Toft* docked at Suez today at the southern entrance of the Suez Canal and was immediately boarded by armed Egyptian sailors and customs officials. The ship is bound for Haifa with a cargo of rice and copra from Burma. The *Toft* is flying a Danish flag.

There is no word as to whether the cargo or ship will be allowed through the canal. Egyptian authorities said only that they have begun an investigation of the ship's cargo and papers. Meanwhile, an Egyptian report said Rafi Eilon, an Israeli sailor, was arrested aboard the ship.

A dispatch from Suez said the ship's agents already had paid the canal tolls in free pounds sterling in preparation for the transit. Since the *Brigitte Toft* does not carry the Israeli flag the test is regarded by Israel as "unofficial."

### Israel Watches Egypt's Action on Passage of the Chartered Ship

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- The Danishfreighter *Brigitte Toft* entered the Suez Canal at 7 A. M. today en route to Haifa, according to information received from the ship's agents in Haifa.

Earlier reports from Egypt indicated the Egyptian authorities might interfere with the *Brigitte Toft's* innocent passage. The Israeli authorities will not know until tomorrow morning whether the vessel was allowed through the waterway. However, if the ship is assigned speedily to a convoy and not delayed it is possible that it will emerge at the Mediterranean end of the Canal this evening and radio that fact to Haifa. The ship will be considered held up only if she does not reach the Mediterranean by tomorrow morning.

According to some reports, the Egyptians may permit the ship to pass, but confiscate its cargo of rice. Foreign ships carrying Israel-bound cargoes since the reopening of the channel have been allowed through the Suez. The *Brigitte Toft*, operating under charter to Israel, was the first large vessel to enter Elath harbor after the Akaba Gulf blockade was breached by Israeli troops in the Sinai Peninsula.

The ship suffered serious damage and loss of some of the cargo while loading in Burma. Emergency repairs were made and it was decided to send the ship to unload at Haifa--rather than Elath, as originally scheduled--before directing it to a Danish port for repairs.

### ISRAEL COMPLAINS TO U. N. AGAINST SYRIA'S MASSING TROOPS ON BORDER

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry made strong representations today against Syria's continuous arming, massing of troops along the border and official aggressive pronouncements against Israel. The representations were contained in a note to Col. Byron V. Leary, Acting Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine. The diplomatic representatives here of the United States, Britain and France were also notified of the Israeli view.

Joseph Tekoa, head of the Foreign Ministry's armistice affairs department, who handed Col. Leary the note also called for ardent investigation of the threatening attitude of Syria's Premier, and the press and radio following the recent spate of border incidents. Mr. Tekoa requested an unequivocal reply from Syria on whether it still feels itself bound by Article I of the Armistice Agreement. Simultaneously, the Foreign Ministry filed a complaint against Syria's aggressive behaviour with the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Tomorrow, it was learned here, Israel's representations will be extended to other missions located in this country. This was Col. Leary's fifth visit here at the request of the Foreign Ministry in the past two months.

### INDONESIA WITHDRAWS ITS SOLDIERS FROM U. N. FORCE IN THE GAZA AREA

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 22. (JTA) -- The Indonesian Government has informed the United Nations that it withdraws its 584 soldiers presently in the UN Emergency Force at the termination of their six months of service. In a letter to the Secretary, the Government of Indonesia expressed "deep regret at its inability to provide a replacement for further service."

## PAKISTANI STAND ON ISRAEL REMAINS UNCHANGED, DELEGATION ANNOUNCES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 22. (JTA) -- Disturbed over angry Arab reactions here to Prime Minister H. S. Suhrawardy's remarks regarding the Arab-Israel issue, the Pakistani delegation today put out a press release insisting that Mr. Suhrawardy's statement does not imply any change in Karachi's basic policy towards the Palestine problem.

In Karachi, a statement was issued by the Foreign Ministry declaring that Pakistan has not recognized Israel and "shall never do so." The statement said that the remarks made by the Pakistani Prime Minister, who is now visiting the United States, in which he offered to mediate the Arab-Israel dispute, were "misunderstood."

"The Prime Minister has authorized the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations to state that interpretations which have been placed on his statement do not reflect his true intention," the statement said. "What the Prime Minister had desired to stress was the necessity of solving the Arab-Israeli dispute over Palestine in a peaceful manner."

(The Damascus Radio has opened an attack on Pakistan Prime Minister Suhrawardy for offering to mediate the Arab-Israel situation. He was called on to revise his stand. Commenting on the Pakistani's statements, Syrian Premier Sabri al-Asali said: "The Arabs will never admit the existence of Israel no matter what the circumstances or events. The Arab countries do not and will not agree to meet with Israel around a table. Israel has no place in the Middle East. The Arabs will continue their struggle, working for the liberation of the usurped parts of Arab Palestine, however long its occupation lasts.")

## BEN GURION STEPS IN TO SETTLE STRIKE OF 1,700 TEXTILE WORKERS

TEL AVIV, July 22. (JTA) -- At the energetic insistence of Premier David Ben Gurion, the Mapai central committee moved in an extraordinary session here last night to end the ten-week old strike of 1,700 workers in Haifa's ATA Works, the biggest textile plant in Israel.

Mapai's central committee decided to urge the Histadrut executive to take upon itself the handling of the strike and maintain direct contact with the strikers, by-passing the Haifa Labor Council. The central committee's decision will become operative in two days unless constructive proposals are forthcoming meanwhile from the Haifa Labor Council.

The decision was adopted unanimously by a vote of 111 in favor, none against and 12 abstentions. The secretary of the Haifa Labor Council, Yossef Almogi, who is considered the main initiator and supporter of the strike, and Haifa's Mayor Abba Choushi were invited to attend the central committee session, but did not appear.

The central committee's action brings into the open a more than two-month-old bitter internal struggle within the Mapai. Mr. Almogi, who started the strike against the advice of Histadrut secretary general Pinchas Lavon, has been accused from the start of damaging the country's economic efforts without gaining the workers' objectives. He is also accused of introducing a "new brutal style" into a labor dispute unprecedented in Israel.

Mapai secretary general Dr. Giora Josephthal revealed at last night's session that Premier Ben Gurion had intervened last week-end to end the strike. The Premier, however, set the condition that both management and the strikers accept in advance whatever decision he offered. The ATA management agreed, but the Haifa Labor Council refused, Dr. Josephthal reported.

Mr. Ben Gurion confirmed Dr. Josephthal's report and added: "Grave dangers face our state if the strike continues." He called for an end to the "rebellion" of the Haifa labor leaders even at the cost of splitting the Mapai Party and dissolving the Haifa Labor Council and excluding its members from the Histadrut.

The Premier further revealed that he had asked Mr. Almogi to stop threats of further strikes, particularly by workers of the national railway system and of the electric power plants, "for this could put the entire state aflame. We are surrounded by enemies," he continued, "and cannot allow irresponsible moves from any quarter, labor and management alike."

### Haifa Labor Council Announces Rejection of Ben Gurion's Offer

HAIFA, July 22. (JTA) -- In a last-minute attempt to prevent a split in the ranks of the Mapai over the ATA strike, Mordecai Namir and Dr. Giora Josephthal, top officers of the Histadrut, and of the party arrived here this morning to try to get leaders of the Haifa Labor Council to end the dispute before the expiration of the 48-hour deadline set by the Mapai central committee for transferring the issue to the Histadrut executive.

Meanwhile, the Labor Council here confirmed that it had rejected an offer by Premier David Ben Gurion to arbitrate the issue. "A proposal to entrust an annual labor agreement to arbitration is an innovation in this country's labor relations," the Council declared.

## MOSCOW RENEWS ATTACKS ON ISRAEL; SAYS U.S. INSTIGATES ISRAELI ACTION

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- Radio Moscow has again charged Israel with "aggression" against Syria and broadcast an implied threat that the USSR would come to Syria's aid. In an Arabic language broadcast last night, the Soviet radio said that there were powers "capable of making them (Israeli leaders) abandon the policy of intimidation." It also charged that U.S. "imperialists" had instigated Israeli action.

Referring to the recent Israel-Syrian border clash which cost one Israeli life and the wounding of 10 others, the announcer said: "The provocative acts of aggression carried out a few days ago by Israeli armed forces on the Syrian frontier came as irrefutable proof of the shameful fact that Israeli aggressive quarters have not learned a proper lesson from the defeat of the ignominious aggression which Israel, together with the British and French imperialists, launched against Egypt."

## GERMANY NOT YET READY TO ENTER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

BONN. July 22. (JTA) -- The Federal Government here wants to normalize relations with Israel and hopes this will be realized in the "not too distant future," press chief Felix von Eckhardt said at a press conference today. However, he added that the time for such a step was not yet at hand. He stated that although the problem of the Arab attitude was not an easy one it might be solved in due time through "appropriate measures."

(In Damascus, Syrian Prime Minister Sabri Assali said today that Syria will recognize Communist East Germany if West Germany establishes diplomatic relations with Israel. West Germany does considerable business with the Arab states.)

West Germany is not represented in Israel but Israel has for the past four years maintained in Cologne a purchasing mission whose staff members have diplomatic privileges and one of whom performs consular functions.

### Germany's Observance of Reparations Obligations Lauded in Israel

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- Stressing the difference between Germany today and Nazi Germany, high praise was given today to the Bonn Government's scrupulous observance or reparations obligations and its resistance to Arab blackmail by Walter Eytan, director general of the Israel Foreign Ministry in his commentary on Israel's shortwave broadcasts to Jews abroad.

Coming after Premier David Ben Gurion's statement to the same effect, Dr. Eytan's broadcast is considered part of an effort to obtain world Jewry's tacit consent for Israel-German diplomatic relations. Describing West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer as "himself a victim of Hitler," Dr. Eytan said it is not important to inquire whether reparations is felt by the Germans as a moral or a political obligation. "The moral element was certainly strong in the case of Adenauer himself," Dr. Eytan asserted.

Stating that "reparations payment has contributed more probably than any other single factor" to Israel's economic development, Dr. Eytan sharply attacked Communist East Germany for having "refused to make reparations of any kind for Hitler's crimes: it apparently has no pangs of conscience." Describing in detail the constant Arab pressure on Bonn to renege on reparations, Dr. Eytan said that the Bonn Government, more than any in the world, had resisted Arab threats and pressure--even the heaviest. This required, he pointed out, "rare political courage and deserves the fullest recognition."

## BRITISH JEWS REQUEST APOLOGY FOR ABUSIVE REMARKS ON SHECHITA

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- Despite a strong protest from the Board of Deputies of British Jews to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals over statements in its annual report which have anti-Semitic overtones, the Society has not withdrawn or apologized for its abusive references to shechita, Elsley Zeitlyn, chairman of the shechita committee, reported today to a meeting of the Board.

A section of the Society's report, dealing with the abuse of cattle transported from Ireland to Britain by truck and the subsequent slaughter of two animals in a truck, declares: "But their end was a more merciful one than that which awaited their fellows who were destined for a Jewish slaughterhouse."

To the Board's protest, which noted that such a passage if not designed to deliberately fan anti-Semitism "tends to exacerbate relations between Jewish and non-Jewish citizens in this country," Lord Merthyr, chairman of the Society's council, merely expressed regret for the form of the report but refused to withdraw or apologize for the offending reference. He invited the Board to send representatives to discuss the matter further, if they desired. The invitation has been accepted.

## GESTAPO OFFICIAL WHO TORTURED NAZI CAMP INMATES GETS MILD SENTENCE

DUESSELDORF, July 22. (JTA) -- A local court found former Gestapo official Erwin Brandt guilty of inflicting upon inmates of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp "dangerous injuries while in the exercise of an official function," sentenced to only a year in jail and ruled that this term has already been served through a period of pre-trial custody.

## MAJORITY OF AMERICAN PEOPLE SYMPATHIZE WITH ISRAEL. SURVEY SHOWS

WASHINGTON, July 22. (JTA) -- A survey of American public opinion released today by Elmo Roper and Associates has revealed that "the State of Israel does not lack American friends." The survey demonstrated that "dramatic events of the past year--including armed invasion of Egypt by the Israeli Army--have not lost Israel the sympathetic understanding of a majority of the American people."

The survey exposed the fact that anti-Israel sentiment is more intense on the East Coast than in the Far West. However, only five percent of persons polled throughout the nation said they had a low opinion of Israel while another 14 percent said that while they could understand Israel's difficult position in general they did not think well of her.

A national total of 11 percent expressed a high opinion of Israel. But the significant bulk of the cross country study--44 percent--said that although Israel had done some things disapproved in general she is thought well of. Only 26 percent said they did not know how they felt toward Israel. Compared with opinions expressed about England and Egypt, Israel fared very well.

It was found that rural areas are friendlier to Israel than big cities. In the nation's great metropolitan centers, the pro-Israel feeling runs only two and one-half to one favorable; in rural areas it runs more than three to one. The pollsters considered this somewhat surprising. These urban-rural contrasts were said to help explain why it is the West and not the cosmopolitan East that takes the friendliest view of Israel.

## JEWISH GROUPS URGES CONGRESS TO CANCEL BONDS POSTED BY ALIENS

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations urged the Judiciary Committee of the United States House of Representatives today to approve a pending bill which would cancel departure bonds posted by aliens who have since qualified as permanent residents.

The American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A., Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and United Synagogue of America joined in a statement to this effect, which was transmitted to the House Judiciary Committee by the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

Some 280 persons, who originally came to the United States as rabbis, students and visitors, would be affected by the legislation. Each of these had been granted asylum from religious persecution. All were required, in U.S. immigration law, to post bonds to guarantee their departure upon expiration of their visitors visas. Although they have all been granted the right to reside permanently in the United States by special legislation, the bonds that they posted have technically been forfeited by their failure to leave the United States in accordance with the terms of their original admission.

## "GOODMAN AUDITORIUM" AND "NEUMANN GARDEN" DEDICATED IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, July 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Abraham Goodman, chairman of the ZOA executive, expressed grave concern here last night over the spiritual gulf developing between the Jews of Israel and Jewry abroad. They spoke at dedication exercises for the Goodman Auditorium and the Neumann Garden at ZOA House here.

Mr. Goodman charged that Israeli youth was being "poisoned" by the "doctrine of non-interference" from abroad preached by Israeli leaders. Such teachings, he insisted, would put a wedge between Israeli Jews and those abroad. Dr. Neumann said that this trend would result in two philosophies: an assimilation philosophy among Jews outside Israel, and a "Canaanite philosophy" followed by the Israelis. The Zionist movement, he said, would struggle against both ideas.

## LOUIS ROCKER, J. T. A. PRESIDENT, HONORED BY JOURNALISTS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- Louis P. Rocker, president of the board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was given a reception today by the Journalists Association of Jerusalem. Mr. Rocker was introduced to the Israeli newspapermen by Berl Coralnick, chairman of the association.

Present at the function were members of Parliament, Jewish Agency executive members and top government officials, as well as leaders in the country's political and cultural life. Mr. Rocker, who has conferred with Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and Trade Minister Pinchas Saphir, is scheduled to meet President Ben Zvi and Premier David Ben Gurion.

## 62-MAN DELEGATION OF AMERICAN HISTADRUT DRIVE MEET WITH BEN GURION

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- A 62-member delegation from the American Histadrut campaign, the largest to visit Israel yet, was received by President Itzhak Ben Zvi and later met with Premier David Ben Gurion and Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak. The Americans, headed by Isaac Hamlin, will spend three weeks in the Jewish State.