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## STATE DEPT. HOPES EGYPT WILL NO LONGER HAMPER ISRAEL-BOUND SHIPS

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA) -- State Department spokesman Lincoln White expressed hope today that the Israel-bound Danish ship Brigitte Toff's clearance through the Suez Canal would form a pattern for future unrestricted navigation of the canal. He said the U.S. Government hopes there will be no more difficulties for any ships using the canal, including those under Israeli charter.

Mr. White also said that the United States welcomes the Egyptian decision to accept the jurisdiction of the World Court with respect to any dispute arising out of operation of the Suez Canal. Egypt yesterday notified the Secretary General of the United Nations that it accepts the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice with regards to the Egyptian declaration covering the operation of the Suez Canal of April 2, 1957.

The acceptance will be on the basis of reciprocity, the letter of Mahmoud Fawzi, Foreign Minister, pointed out. Arab circles interpret this to mean that only if Israel would agree to compulsory jurisdiction of The Hague Court, Cairo would be willing to have the court adjudicate its dispute with Israel over the use of the Suez Canal.

## ISRAEL SEEKS RELEASE OF SAILOR ARRESTED BY EGYPT; PROTESTS TO U. N.

JERUSALEM, July 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is taking all appropriate steps to secure the release of the Israeli sailor Raphael Eylon-Nelson detained by the Egyptian authorities aboard the Danish freighter Brigitte Toft when it stopped at Suez yesterday en route through the Suez Canal to Haifa, it was announced here tonight by a government spokesman.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry here today ridiculed the Egyptian charges that the Israeli sailor was arrested because he was photographing the shores of Suez. "We now know that the charge is baseless," the spokesman said, adding that this information was received a few hours ago from the captain of the Brigitte Toft who informed the charterers that although the Israeli sailor had a camera, he did not use it in the Suez Canal. The arrested Israeli is a member of the Israel Seamen's Union.

The spokesman said that even if the arrested sailor were released Israel will make the strongest possible protest to the United Nations against the Egyptian action. The Foreign Ministry, he stated, has instructed the Israeli delegation to protest on two points: holding up the ship and arresting the Israeli sailor.

Israeli officials maintain that the very act of stopping the ship and inspecting the cargo is a violation of the freedom of passage Egypt claims it respects. They asserted that Egypt has no right to search ships in the Suez Canal. They also pointed out that by arresting and interrogating Raphael Eylon-Nelson, who is the holder of a regular sailor's pass, Egypt has committed a "grave violation" of international law.

(Upon urgent instructions from Jerusalem Mr. Arthur Livran, acting head of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations, called tonight upon UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and submitted to him a letter of protest about the unlawful arrest of the Israeli sailor by Egyptian authorities.)

## BRITISH OIL COMPANIES TO CEASE OPERATIONS IN ISRAEL; YIELD TO ARABS

LONDON, July 23. (JTA) -- Two British oil companies, Shell and British Petroleum, will cease operations in Israel as a result of strong Arab pressure, the London Daily Telegraph reported from Beirut today.

Shell, the newspaper asserted, had already notified the Israel Government of its intent. Shell markets and distributes gasoline in Israel. With British Petroleum, it owns Consolidated Refineries which control the giant refinery at Haifa.

The newspaper's correspondent said that the decision had been taken by the two companies without consulting the British Government and because of the "rising danger" to their own oil interests in the Arab states. He reported that much of the pressure on the companies came from Saudi Arabia. A spokesman for the Shell Company said in London that "no decision" had yet been taken to leave the Haifa refinery.

ISRAEL SUBMITS NOTE TO STATE DEPT. ON SYRIAN WARLIKE INCITEMENT

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA) -- The attention of the United States was directed toward Syrian warlike incitements against Israel in a note submitted by Israel Embassy Counsellor Yohanon Meroz to Fraser Wilkins, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

Mr. Meroz called on Wilkins at the State Department today in reference to Israel's new complaint to the United Nations requesting investigation of Syrian hostility. Hostile statements of Arab leaders were cited. Syrian incitements and troop concentrations were described.

Hammarskjold Discusses Israel-Syrian Situation with "Big Three"

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 23. (JTA) -- The situation on the Israeli-Syrian armistice line was discussed yesterday in meetings of the representatives of the United States, Britain and France, with the Secretary General of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjold.

The border tension, highlighted by the latest Israeli request for a UN investigation into the "threatening attitude" of the Damascus Government, was among several urgent matters brought up in yesterday's talks, which were devoted to a broad review of problems facing the United Nations.

It is understood that following the discussions of the Western Big Three with Mr. Hammarskjold, there is little likelihood for an early meeting of the Security Council on the Syrian-Israeli conflict. While it is felt here that the situation is still far from being satisfactory, there appears for the time being a tendency to favor further attempts by Col. Byron V. Leary, the Acting Chief of Staff of the UN Truce Supervisory Organization to work out some arrangements without having immediate recourse to the Security Council.

AGENDA FOR U. N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY LISTS REPORT ON PALESTINE REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 23. (JTA) -- The Arab-Israel conflict appears on the provisional agenda of the 12th regular session of the UN general Assembly only in the perennial item of the UNRWA report on Palestine refugees. The subject, a regular feature of UN assemblies for the last eight years, is listed as item number 26 of the agenda which was published here today.

Although not inscribed yet, the broader issues of the Palestine problem will almost certainly come up for discussion as a follow up to last fall's special session on the Middle East. It is pointed out here that technically speaking, at least, the Middle East question, which was item number 66 on the agenda of the 11th Assembly, has not been disposed of yet and discussion of this subject must either be wound up before the next Assembly is convened or be carried over to the twelfth session opening September 17.

A Lebanese spokesman at the United Nations announced officially last night the candidacy of Charles Malik, Foreign Minister of the Lebanon, for the presidency of the 12th regular session of the General Assembly. The announcement was made by Dr. Karim Azkoul, head of the department of UN affairs, in the Lebanese Foreign Ministry and a former permanent delegate to the UN, who came here on a special mission to work for Mr. Malik's candidacy. He said that Lebanon counts on overwhelming support of the Afro-Asian group and of many other nations.

Indian diplomatic sources here said India would not follow Indonesia's lead in withdrawing its contingent from UNEF. The decision of the Jakarta Government which was announced yesterday in a letter to the Secretary General of the United Nations, had given rise to some speculation whether this move heralded similar action by other contributing nations thus precipitating the early disintegration of the UNEF.

NEHRU MUM ON WHETHER HE PLANS TO MEDIATE BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 23. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Nehru of India has not informed Israel if he is attempting a new mediation effort between Israel and the Arabs, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today. However, the spokesman continued, Israel welcomes any effort with the Arabs because it means an attempt at "softening up where it is most needed."

Answering questions by newsmen, the spokesman said Israel had "no information" on reports that Saudi Arabia was setting up gun positions on Sanafir and Tiran islands, in the Strait of Tiran, at the entrance to the Gulf of Akaba. "But if they would (set up gun positions)," he said, "it would be considered by the Israel Government as a most serious development."

FRENCH COMPANY STUDIES PROJECT FOR A RAILWAY LINE TO ELATH

TEL AVIV, July 23. (JTA) -- A representative of the semi-official French company for overseas works arrived here today to survey the project for a railway line to Elath, Israel's port at the head of the Gulf of Akaba. Another French engineer is due here the end of the month to study the project for a new port on the Mediterranean at Ashdot Yam.

ACTIONS COMMITTEE APPEALS TO MOSCOW TO PERMIT EMIGRATION OF JEWS

JERUSALEM, July 23. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee concluded its two-week session here tonight with a call to the United Nations and to the major world powers to promote direct peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab states. It also appealed to the Soviet Government to permit Jews to emigrate from the Soviet Union to Israel.

The supreme Zionist body between World Zionist Congresses strongly condemned the Arab boycott against Israel as a blow to the cause of constructive cooperation and world peace. It expressed admiration for the splendid achievements of the Israeli defense forces and for the courage of the people of Israel in the face of the immediate dangers which threatened the State prior to the Sinai campaign.

In its declaration, the Actions Committee emphasized that "continuing and mutually competitive supply of arms to the Arab states by major powers is a factor menacing the peace in the Middle East." The committee warned that "this policy may transform the already tense situation into an explosion and a large-scale conflagration."

The Actions Committee expressed the "deep anxiety" which it shared with the entire Jewish people regarding the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union who have been deprived of the possibility of maintaining their national Jewish life in the spheres of religion, culture and education while other minority groups enjoy them.

It expressed confidence that Soviet permission to the Jews to emigrate to Israel would "make a substantial contribution to strengthening human solidarity and improving international relations. Declaring that the return to Israel is the natural right of every Jew, the Actions Committee also appealed to the Rumanian Government to alleviate the sufferings of thousands of separated families by permitting them to emigrate.

The Committee requested the Jewish Agency to cooperate with all interested parties for concerted action against the Arab boycott, which it declared had developed into "an anti-Jewish campaign which is an act of aggression, immoral and unlawful and flagrantly violating the fundamental principles of the United Nations."

Need to Encourage Middle Class Immigration to Israel Stressed

A resolution welcoming the establishment by the Jewish Agency of a fund to promote the absorption of middle class immigrants in Israel was adopted at the closing session of the Actions Committee. The resolution lauded the activities of the Agency's economic department in the fields of encouraging middle class immigration, mobilization of capital, encouragement of investments in Israel and supplying economic information and guidance.

Recommending expansion of these activities both in Israel and abroad, the Actions Committee requested the Jewish Agency executive to continue its negotiations with the Israel Government for the purpose of ensuring government participation in productive integration of middle class settlers.

The Actions Committee demanded in its resolution that the activities in behalf of middle class immigration be intensified. It welcomed the efforts made for the absorption of specialists and professionals and urged increased immigration of this type of immigrant.

In other resolutions, the Actions Committee commended the UJA leadership for launching a special rescue fund in the United States. It called on every Zionist in every Jewish community in the United States to contribute to the campaign for the further implementation of the work of "ingathering of the exiles."

One of the resolutions directed the Jewish Agency executive and Zionist organizations in various countries to work towards establishing educational and cultural institutions in the Diaspora. It also asked for the raising of standards in Hebrew schools by improvement in the study of the Hebrew language and Hebrew literature, Bible study and Israelology, and by the publication of a series of textbooks adapted to the requirement of the Diaspora. (More resolutions--in tomorrow's issue of the Bulletin.)

HADASSAH TO CONSTRUCT 600 HOUSING UNITS IN ISRAEL; SIGNS CONTRACT

JERUSALEM, July 23. (JTA) -- Mrs. Miriam Freund, president of Hadassah, American Woman's Zionist Organization, and Zelig Lavon, chairman of the Histadrut Housing Corporation, signed a contract today for the construction of 600 housing units in a garden town adjoining the new Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical Center on the outskirts of Jerusalem. The new development will be known as Kiryat Hadassah.

ANTI-SEMITIC AGITATOR CONVICTED IN TENNESSEE FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 23. (JTA) -- John Kasper, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic agitator and six others were today convicted of contempt of court for violating a Federal Court integration order. He has been accused of fomenting racial and religious strife in connection with the school integration issue.

BARON ROTHSCHILD BEQUEATHS \$3, 333, 000 OF PICA FUNDS FOR KNESSET HOME

JERUSALEM, July 23. (JTA) -- The Palestine Jewish Colonization Association, PICA, founded by Baron Edmond de Rothschild 75 years ago, will wind up its activities in Israel, give ownership of its land holdings to Israel national institutions and contribute its six million pounds (\$3, 333, 000) in cash assets to a fund to erect a new home for the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

This decision was taken by the late Baron James de Rothschild some time before his death in England earlier this year and was communicated to Premier David Ben Gurion by a letter posthumously delivered. Mr. Ben Gurion informed Parliament of the news at its session last night.

Baron de Rothschild, who was president of PICA, recalled in his letter the founding of the first Rothschild settlements in Palestine and the subsequent role of PICA. The establishment of the State of Israel, he said, had taken over the main task of settlement on the land which had been PICA's objective.

"Having deliberated about these problems," he wrote Mr. Ben Gurion, "I reached the conclusion that PICA's activities should be completed to avoid duplication with the work which is now being done on a grander scale by the national institutions." In explanation of his decision to use the funds of PICA to erect a new home for the Parliament, Baron de Rothschild said: "The Knesset building should symbolize for the entire world the State of Israel's external existence."

The famed Anglo-Jewish leader hastened to add that the termination of PICA's activities would not mean the end of his personal interest in the development of Israel. He said he was studying ways in which he could contribute in the future to the development of science and culture in Israel.

"I am sure that, with God's help, the new chapter in the life of our people begun by the establishment of the State will be a chapter of glory and eternal life," Baron de Rothschild said in concluding his letter. A postscript by his widow advised Mr. Ben Gurion that she was studying how to implement her late husband's intentions to aid the development of science and culture in Israel.

NEW LAW IN CALIFORNIA ENABLES RESIDENTS TO BEQUEATH FUNDS TO ISRAEL

SACRAMENTO, Calif., July 23. (JTA) -- A measure which will enable residents of California to make monetary bequests to the State of Israel was enacted into law here when Gov. Goodwin J. Knight signed a bill previously adopted by the State Legislature.

The measure had been introduced by State Senator Richard Richards of Los Angeles, at the request of members of the Jewish community. Under previously existing legislation, it was not legally possible for California residents to make bequests to a foreign power. The new law does not mention Israel specifically, but permits testamentary bequests to any state with which the United States has reciprocal arrangements. It will enter into effect on September 11.

NEW STUDY OF JEWISH POPULATION IN LOS ANGELES AREA TO BE LAUNCHED

LOS ANGELES, July 23. (JTA) -- A new study of the Jewish population of the Los Angeles area will be launched this fall in an effort to pinpoint the rapid shifting of the community during the last six years. The study will be undertaken by the Research Service Bureau, an agency of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council, and will be the first since 1951, when the Jewish population was estimated at 323,000. It is now believed to exceed 400,000.

I. H. Prinzmetal, chairman of the bureau, said that "we expect the forthcoming study will tell us much more about the precise pattern of growth and about the long-term trends that we may wish to utilize as a tool in community planning."

B'NAI B'RITH TO SEEK 50, 000 NEW MEMBERS DURING 50-DAY CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith announced today it will undertake a mass "mobilization" in a nationwide campaign to bring in 1,000 new members a day for 50 days. At the same time the B'nai B'rith Women will conduct a similar drive with a goal of 35,000 new members and 100 new chapters.

B'nai B'rith now has a total membership of 400,000 men, women and youth. It is the oldest and largest Jewish service organization in the world. The 50,000 membership drive for the men's lodges will be kicked off October 20 and will continue through December 8. The campaign will coincide with the opening of the B'nai B'rith Building, to be completed in Washington this fall and officially dedicated in November. The campaign, now being organized, will involve B'nai B'rith leaders in 144 major American cities.

KLAUSENBERG REBBE SETTLES IN ISRAEL; JOINED BY TEN AMERICAN FAMILIES

TEL AVIV, July 23. (JTA) -- Rabbi Yekutiel Hadberstam, the Klausenberg Rebbe, arrived here today with a group of ten families of his followers from the United States. They will settle in the Kiryat Sanz he established in the religious quarter of Nathanya, joining an earlier group of settlers there from the United States.