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CAPTAIN OF DANISH SHIP REPORTS ON EGYPT'S ARREST OF ISRAELI SAILOR

HAIFA, July 24. (JTA) -- The Danish ship Brigitte Toft, which passed the Suez Canal en route to Israel, reached Haifa tonight. Upon arrival, her Danish captain Hans Hardy Lolk told a press conference the full story of how the Israeli sailor Raphael Eylon was removed from the ship by the Egyptian authorities at Port Suez. He revealed that Mr. Eylon was actually removed from his vessel twice, the first time for only two hours of interrogation.

Capt. Hans Hardy Lolk, whose vessel was greeted at the pier here by hundreds of cheering Israelis, including representatives of the Foreign Ministry and the Zim lines, which chartered the Danish flag vessel, said that when the Egyptians arrested Mr. Eylon the second time he was informed that he would be returned to the ship at Port Said. At the northern end of the canal, however, the captain was told that no Israeli would be allowed to pass through the Suez Canal and anyone who attempted it would be arrested.

He added that the Egyptians had also informed him that they would allow through non-Israeli flag vessels heading for Israel. Capt. Lolk said that the inspection of his vessel was routine, though he was asked about the details of his last trip to Elath, Israel's port on the Gulf of Akaba. Passage through the canal, he said, was smooth and his ship was accompanied by many news photographers.

Finally, Capt. Lolk revealed that he had taken on 3,250 tons of rice for Israel at Rangoon, but that some 360 tons were spoiled in fighting a blaze in one of the engines. He rejected the idea of sabotage in connection with the fire in the Burmese port.

U.N. Chief to Intervene with Cairo on Arrest of Israeli Sailor

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 24. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba Eban today spoke with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and reiterated the Israel Government's insistence on the release without delay of Raphael Eylon, the Israeli sailor forcibly removed by the Egyptian authorities from the Danish ship Brigitte Toft when it was illegally detained at the southern entrance of the Suez Canal.

It is understood that Mr. Hammarskjold has promised to take up with Cairo the Egyptian authorities' removal of the Israeli seaman from the Danish vessel.

It was also learned here that Israel had requested the Danish Government to intervene with Cairo for the release of the sailor. The International Red Cross was similarly requested to take urgent action to prevent Mr. Eylon's being mistreated or tortured by the Egyptians. In the past, Red Cross investigators established that Israeli seamen detained by the Egyptians had been tortured.

State Dept. Declines to Comment on Seizure of Israeli Seaman

WASHINGTON, July 24. (JTA) -- State Department spokesman Lincoln White declined today to comment on the seizure of an Israeli sailor by Egyptian Suez authorities from the Danish freighter Brigitte Toft. He said there had been certain allegations by Egypt against the seaman, Raphael Eylon, and that it was not appropriate for him to comment in the absence of facts.

Asked if the arrest of Mr. Eylon was a violation of the United Nations' principles for canal operation, Mr. White said information was so far insufficient for the United States to comment and that it was a matter of more direct concern to Israel and Egypt.

Israeli Minister Reuven Shiloah said today that Egypt's arrest of an Israeli crew member of a Danish ship in transit through the Suez Canal raised doubts as to whether a sailor of any nationality could feel safe if his ship went through the canal.

Mr. Shiloah pointed out that Egyptian President Nasser has shown that he could pull a sailor off any ship and jail him if he does not like the sailor's nationality. The Israeli diplomat said that this makes all of Egypt's statements about abiding by Security Council resolutions a "complete farce." Even according to Egypt's own criteria, Mr. Shiloah said, Egypt had no reason to interfere with the Danish freighter.

CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS SPLITS; EACH FACTION CLAIMS CONTROL

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA) -- The eleven-year-old Confederation of General Zionists, the world body of centrist Zionist parties, has split up over the question of the identification of its parties abroad with either the Progressive or General Zionist Parties in Israel.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in the United States, is the spokesman for one faction which includes the Hadassah and other parties. Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, is spokesman for the other group which is led by the ZOA. According to the conflicting claims of the two groups, it would appear that each has control of the Confederation's apparatus and the other has been excluded.

The Halprin-led faction charged that the ZOA group had identified itself with the General Zionist Party of Israel. Dr. Neumann, for his part, charged that the Hadassah and its group had identified itself with the Progressive Party. What thoroughly confused the issue today was that each faction claimed "it represented a long list of Zionist organizations in Western Europe, Latin America. Actually, these groups have already split up among themselves and are polarized in some cases around two separate frameworks.

Competing Groups See Each Other Excluded from Confederation

According to a statement by Mrs. Halprin today, the Confederation has been completely inactive during the past year because of a deadlock caused by two groups which are evenly balanced and are unable to bridge differences of opinion over the question of identification with Israeli political parties. Mrs. Halprin's statement asserts that the delegates to the Actions Committee representing the "largest bloc in the Confederation in the Diaspora came to the conclusion that the Confederation will be able to operate only if it includes organizations not identified with any political party in Israel." This statement is tantamount to a claim that the ZOA-oriented group has been excluded.

Things look exactly the opposite from Dr. Neumann's viewpoint. He said that the last conference of the Confederation--held during the 24th World Zionist Congress--decided to keep the Confederation as a "roof organization" and established a 12-member administrative council--six from each group--which was authorized to make any amendments and changes in the Confederation's new set-up.

When the administrative council met here last week, Dr. Neumann continued, the Progressive group wanted to scrap the entire agreement and negotiate a new one, but the ZOA rejected the idea of scrapping the pact and held out for changing it. When the Progressives insisted on scrapping the agreement, the ZOA-oriented faction implied that the former could leave if they did not like the set-up. Dr. Neumann insists that no group--not even all the groups in the Confederation unanimously--have the legal right to abolish the Confederation before the next general conference.

While Mrs. Halprin holds that the ZOA group is actually forming a new group, Dr. Neumann maintains it is the Progressive group which is departing and will have to establish a new organization, particularly since the latter intends to include the WIZO and the new American Jewish League for Israel, neither of which are members of the Confederation. Meanwhile, the Israel Progressive Party, which seems to have acted as a catalyst in the split, has not officially identified itself with either group.

ISRAELI TEXTILE WORKERS VOTE TO ACCEPT BEN GURION AS ARBITRATOR

TEL AVIV, July 24. (JTA) -- A general meeting of 1,700 strikers at ATA, Israel's largest textile plant, voted today to accept arbitration of the 10-week-old labor dispute by Premier David Ben Gurion. However, the strikers stipulated that they would not return to work until after the Premier announced his findings.

The strikers' decision came 12 hours after the Haifa Labor Council, which had been conducting the strike, surrendered to an ultimatum from the Mapai Party central committee to either submit to Mr. Ben Gurion's arbitration or have the matter taken out of its hands by the Histadrut executive. The local labor council's action followed conferences between its members and various Cabinet officers, including the Premier, here and in Jerusalem yesterday.

The vote within the labor council to accede to the ultimatum was 10 to 4, with the Mapam and Achdut Avodah's representative holding out. Significantly, after the Mapai central committee ultimatum to the council Sunday night, the left-wing Socialists stepped up a press and oral campaign against Mr. Ben Gurion's arbitration.

DR. GOLDMANN LEAVES FOR EUROPE; HOPEFUL ON ISRAEL-GERMAN RELATIONS

TEL AVIV, July 24. (JTA) -- Hope that, after the elections in Germany, practical steps would be taken to establish normal relations between Israel and Germany was expressed here by Dr. Nahum Goldmann prior to his leaving for Europe this afternoon. He also revealed that the Moroccan Government has reiterated its promise to permit individual emigration of Jews from Morocco.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE VOTES RULES FOR TERRITORIAL FEDERATIONS

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee, at its concluding session last night, set up a series of regulations designed to implement the decision of the 24th World Zionist Congress to establish territorial federations as the basic structure of the movement.

Where a Zionist federation or other comprehensive, paramount Zionist body exists now, it shall serve as the base from which to extend the territorial structure. Existing Zionist executive boards should be enlarged to make room for representatives of new groups as they affiliate, the regulations state. Representation in the federation shall be based on the proportion of each group's membership to the whole and each shall determine the form of election for itself.

The question of admission of non-Zionists to the federation shall be determined by each national structure, the regulations provide. The various Zionist parties within the federation shall remain independent in its own activities and party affiliation with a territorial federation shall not affect the party's connection with its world movement.

The committee rejected a Herut move to debate the questions of relations between West Germany and Israel after it was stressed that this is a sphere of decision for the Parliament and Government of the Jewish State, not the Zionist movement.

Wants Jewish Agency - Israel Government Covenant implemented

The Actions Committee expressed regret over the fact that the covenant between the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency had not been implemented in all its provisions during the past year. It requested the Jewish Agency executive to put into operation the agreement regarding the coordinating committee, on which members of the Israel Cabinet and of the Agency's executive are represented, in order to make it "a permanently functioning institution."

In another resolution, the Actions Committee expressed the desire that the distribution of the newcomers on the land and the efforts of housing new immigrants be coordinated through advanced planning. It called upon the Israel Government and Israeli industrialists to help in the development of industrialization areas with a view to consolidating and expanding the absorption of newcomers. At the same time, it welcomed the efforts to direct immigrants to agricultural settlements.

The resolution requested the maintenance of the present rate of immigration to Israel and urged that appropriate conditions be created to effect considerable immigration from countries in Western Europe, United States, South America and South Africa. It expressed gratification over the expansion of youth immigration and called for increased efforts for the absorption of the youth in workers settlements and youth villages.

Empowers Finance Committee to Approve Jewish Agency Budget

The Actions Committee empowered its permanent budget and finance committee to approve the budgets of the Jewish Agency, Jewish National Fund and Keren Hayesod for the remainder of 1957 as well as for the fiscal year of 1958-59. It ordered Zionist federations and individual Zionist groups to cooperate fully with the national committee of the Jewish National Fund and reiterated the right of the JNF to use traditional methods of fund-raising. Other Zionist groups were urged not to use these methods.

Among resolutions which were adopted unanimously was one regarding the tenth anniversary of Israel as a "suitable opportunity for the expansion of educational and cultural activities and dissemination of its values among nations at large." Zionist groups were urged to extend every possible assistance to carry out this program. A greater budget for the youth and hechalutz department was requested "in order to create deeper Zionist awareness among youth in the Diaspora and bring it closer to Zionist tasks in Israel."

The Actions Committee associated itself with the action of the Parliament of Israel and the custom of many Jewish communities abroad in the observance of National Remembrance Day in memory of the six million Jews martyred by the Nazis. The committee urged Jews throughout the world to mark the 27th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan "in an appropriate manner."

A letter calling on all settlements established on Jewish National Fund land to refrain from breeding swine was read and unanimously approved by the entire membership of the Actions Committee.

In the final minutes of the session, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, paid tribute to veteran Zionists Berl Locker and Baruch Zuckerman on the occasion of their 70th birthday.

American delegates to the Actions Committee meeting were beginning to return home today, although some will remain for several weeks touring the country. Among those who are returning is Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, who in a previous report was mistakenly identified as head of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs.

BRITISH FIRM WILL CONTINUE OIL SUPPLY TO ISRAEL TILL END OF 1957

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA) -- British Shell, one of the two British oil companies which announced yesterday that they are pulling out of operations in Israel, has assured the Jewish State that oil supplies will continue to be maintained until the end of 1957 and that there will be no change in operations of the Shell gasoline sales organization in this country until at least that date. Authoritative sources here also stated today that company spokesmen had admitted that they were being subjected to strong Arab pressure to discontinue operations in Israel.

Although the Israel Government, which is continuing negotiations on the question on commercial and diplomatic levels in London, has avoided publicity on the matter, reports from Beirut and London confirm the conviction that the British oil companies are sacrificing their Israel business to ingratiate themselves with the Arabs.

(In financial circles in London the Shell claim that it was abandoning operations in Israel because they were unprofitable was termed "poppycock." It was pointed out the oil companies "were doing well" in Israel. Nor was there any acceptance in London of the statement by the British Government that the companies had acted on their own, since it is unthinkable that drastic action of this sort would be taken in an area so important to British political position without prior consultation with the government.)

Although diplomatic circles in Israel do not fully accept the simple view that the sole reason for the action is to improve relations with the Arab states, they are amazed that Britain is knuckling under to Arab boycott threats. These circles note that past experience has taught Britain that the profits of appeasing the Arabs are short-lived, that failure to heed the boycott demands rarely brings reprisal from the Arab states, and that in strengthening the boycott weapon Britain is teaching the Arabs to use it against her.

TRADE BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL TOTALLED \$171,000,000 IN 1956

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA) -- Trade between the United States and Israel totalled \$171,000,000 in 1956, according to a report released today by the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce. Advances over the preceding year were recorded in the export and import trade, in shipping and insurance, and in travel and tourism.

Based on official data and estimates, the study covered all aspects of financial, economic and business activities between the United States and Israel, the report said. It revealed that Israel obtained over 30 percent of all its foreign income from America. At the same time Israel spent over 30 percent of its foreign expenditures in the United States.

REUVEN SHILOAH, ISRAEL MINISTER TO WASHINGTON, RETURNS TO JERUSALEM

WASHINGTON, July 24. (JTA) -- Israel Embassy Minister Reuven Shiloah paid a farewell call on Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today. He is departing for home on Friday. A farewell reception honoring Mr. Shiloah on completion of his tour of duty here was tendered tonight by Ambassador and Mrs. Eban.

Among those who attended the affair were the dean of the diplomatic corps, the Ambassador of Norway, and the Ambassadors of the Netherlands, New Zealand, India, Finland, Switzerland and diplomats of many other nations. Also attending were a number of members of Congress, Robert D. Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State, Eric Johnston, Ambassador James P. Richards, and other personages.

SEVENTY-FIVE JEWS DONATE \$7,600 TO PROTESTANT CHURCH IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA) -- A Protestant minister revealed that 75 Jews have contributed at least \$7,600 toward the refurbishment of a church adjunct in the Gramercy Park section of this city.

The Rev. G. Clare Backhurst, rector of Cavalry Episcopal Church, a 140-year-old edifice, announced the news today. Most of the gifts were actually made in June, at the annual dinner of the Printers and Publishers division of the UJA. The gifts were given in token of friendship to William A. Rogers, head of a magazine distributing firm and a vestryman at Calvary Church.

Some time ago, Mr. Rogers had asked Joseph Ottenstein, a Washington magazine distributor, for advice on soliciting people in the vicinity of the church. Mr. Rogers mentioned that Calvary had lost most of its parishioners through being located in a predominantly business district, and that the majority of residents in the area were now Jewish.

Mr. Ottenstein gave more than advice. He made a \$100 contribution to the church fund and so did 74 other Jewish business friends of Mr. Rogers when they heard about the church's campaign. Checks totalling \$7,100 were waiting for Mr. Rogers and Rev. Backhurst at the United Jewish Appeal dinner, and \$500 more was pledged on the spot.