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## KNESSET DEFEATS MOTION ON NATIONALIZATION OF HAIFA REFINERIES

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament overwhelmingly rejected today a Communist demand that the Haifa oil refineries, owned in part by Shell Oil Company, be nationalized because of the company's decision to withdraw from sales operations in Israel.

The Knesset defeated a motion, introduced by Communist deputy Esther Wilenska, to debate the question. Finance Minister Levi Eshkol said that even a debate was unnecessary since up to this point all crude oil brought to the refining plants had been processed.

Meanwhile, A. P. de Boer, resident representative of Shell Oil Company, began discussions today with Israeli officials on problems flowing from the company's decision to end its operations in Israel within six months.

At the same time, Israel continues its efforts to convince the British Foreign Office to reverse the decision, which is generally considered to have been motivated by a desire to court the favor of the Arab states.

Similar negotiations with the Netherlands Government ran up against the blank wall of a rejection, on the grounds that the Dutch Government has rather limited control over the decisions of the company, which is partly owned by the government. At the same time, The Hague expressed in the strongest terms criticism of Shell's knuckling under to the Arab boycott.

In Israel, criticism has been mounting against the "policy of silence" clamped down on unfavorable developments in the Arab boycott of Israel. What has come in for particular criticism is the silence which surrounded negotiations in which Socony Vacuum withdrew from the Israel market, handing over its interests to a newly formed Israeli company. Silence on this matter, the critics insist, was a contributing factor in Shell's acquiescence to Arab demands.

### Difference Between American and British Oil Firms Stressed

However, observers here note that there was an important difference between the American and British oil companies' behavior. Socony informed Israel in advance of the growing Arab pressure and conducted lengthy consultations with the Israelis on how to withdraw with the least harm to Israel. In these discussions acceptable arrangements were found before Socony announced its withdrawal.

Shell, on the other hand, negotiated no such arrangements nor showed any interest in minimizing damage to Israel resulting from its action. Another fact of importance, is that Shell's property and interests in Israel are several times greater than Socony's were.

Of particular significance in the oil picture is Shell's interest in the Haifa refineries. Officials maintain the question of the refineries has not yet been touched in the Shell-Israel discussions. It is clear, however, that Shell is not free to close down the refineries since the Israel Government has the legal authority to operate them in behalf of any owner as a vital industrial enterprise.

Moreover, Israeli legal experts are studying the complicated clauses of the concession under which the refinery was built. They provide that the companies cannot dispose of the installations without the consent of the government.

## HEAD OF COPTIC CHURCH IN ISRAEL SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS AS SPY

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- Rev. Joachim el Anthony, head of the Coptic Church in Israel, was sentenced today to 12 years imprisonment following his conviction in Jerusalem District Court on espionage charges. He was found guilty of having collected military information dealing with Israel's air force and army and of having made preparations to transmit this information to the enemy.

The prelate, who is 47, had enjoyed free access to Israel from Jordan and Egypt. He denied espionage, asserting that he had gathered the information in order to write

a book. In passing sentence, the court denounced the prisoner for having exploited an exalted office and having desecrated the cloth. Presiding Judge Schloimo Kassan refused the prisoner's request to order special treatment for him in prison, saying that his treatment would be a matter for the prison authorities.

#### SYRIAN FORCES WITHDRAW FROM ISRAEL BORDER; EVADE U. N. OBSERVERS

TEL AVIV, July 31, (JTA) -- Syrian forces stationed in the Tel Azaziat area were hastily and secretly withdrawn last night before the entrance of United Nations observers into the area today to investigate complaints.

Israel had strongly complained to the United Nations truce organization against repeated Syrian incursions into the 300-dunam area and the illegal presence of Syrian forces there. The Syrians refused to agree to have UN observers from the Israel side investigate the complaints.

#### "BIG THREE" DISCUSS SYRIAN-ISRAELI BORDER PROBLEM WITH U. N. HEAD

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 31, (JTA) -- The representatives of the United States, Britain and France yesterday met with the Secretary General of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjold, to discuss the situation on the Syrian-Israeli demarcation line, it was learned here today. The talks were described as a continuation of discussions held among the Western Big Three and the Secretary General last week. No details of yesterday's meeting were revealed.

The question whether Western-oriented Lebanese Foreign Minister Charles Malik will be officially nominated as the "candidate of the Arabs" for the presidency of the 12th regular session of the UN General Assembly was discussed today at an Arab caucus here. Earlier this month, Lebanon had announced Mr. Malik's candidacy for the Assembly's top office.

No final decision was reached at the meeting, Arab sources said. It was emphasized, however, that whatever objections Egypt and Syria might have to the nomination of the Lebanese Foreign Minister, who has not concealed his opposition to their anti-Western policies, Cairo and Damascus seem to have little choice but to support Mr. Malik as the Arab nominee.

The only other serious challenger at the present moment for the presidency is New Zealand's Sir Leslie Munro who, in view of his government's position in the Suez crisis last fall, will find it difficult to muster support among the numerically powerful Afro-Asian group. Israel would like to see Sir Leslie president of the General Assembly.

An American spokesman here categorically denied this afternoon reports from Arab sources that the United States would take a neutral position between Sir Leslie Munro and Dr. Charles Malik for the presidency of the General Assembly. "We some time ago promised our support to Sir Leslie and our position remains so unequivocally," the spokesman declared.

#### ARABS BLACKLIST DANISH SHIP FOR CARRYING CARGO TO ISRAEL

LONDON, July 31, (JTA) -- The Danish freighter Brigitte Toft was today added to the Arab blacklist. The Egyptian Middle East News Agency reported the ship would be denied loading and unloading privileges in Egyptian ports. The Toft passed through the Suez Canal on July 21 en route to Haifa with a cargo from Burma.

A report from Cairo today said Egypt's new Soviet-built submarines are equipped with guided missiles which can be launched below surface. The report also said that Communist Czechoslovakia has delivered a new 300,000 watt radio transmitter to Egypt, doubling the power of the powerful anti-Israel "Voice of the Arabs."

#### BEN GURION PLEDGES OBSERVANCE OF SABBATH BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

JERUSALEM, July 31, (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion pledged today that where the security of the state is not involved government departments will observe the Sabbath to keep from offending religious citizens of Israel.

In response to a query in Parliament on why the pipeline installations to receive the first tanker cargo of oil at Elath had to be completed on the Sabbath, rather than waiting for the following day, the Premier insisted that a delay would have meant "extensive loss." He promised that instructions would go out to all government departments to observe the Sabbath in their activities.

#### NEW BRIDGE SWUNG INTO POSITION OVER YARKON RIVER; ENGINEER IS WOMAN

TEL AVIV, July 31, (JTA) -- A new bridge over the Yarkon River in northern Tel Aviv on the Tel Aviv-Haifa road was swung into position today in one of the biggest operations of its type ever seen in Israel. The bridge, weighing 360 tons, was erected in one unit under supervision of Mrs. Shoshana Shaham, an engineer for the Department of Public Work.

#### ISRAEL MAY RAISE ARAB BOYCOTT ISSUE IN U. N. ; AWAIT EBAN, S ADVICE

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is studying the possibility of raising the question of the Arab boycott in the United Nations in the not too distant future, it was learned here today. A final decision, however, must await the arrival here for consultations of Ambassadors Abba Eban from Washington and Eliahu Elath from London next month.

These deliberations will be given new urgency by the decision of Shell Oil Company to abandon its oil operations in this country. Meanwhile, Israel is collecting material on the legal and economic aspects of boycott -- regarding both Arab activities in the past and possible Israeli counteractions in the future.

Three main types of Arab boycott affect Israel: the stoppage of oil supplies from the nearby Arab oil fields from which there are pipelines directly to the Haifa refineries; the Suez blockade and, until last November, the Akaba blockade; and the pressure on foreign companies not to trade with Israel.

Economic damage resulting from the boycott is of two kinds: actual losses occasioned by having to bring oil over great distances rather than from nearby fields or through the Suez Canal, and a loss in trade from Arab pressure. While the loss of trade cannot be fixed in exact amounts, it is estimated that it has cost Israel already between \$200, 000, 000 and \$300, 000, 000 to make up for the closing down of nearby oil sources and the Egyptian refusal to permit Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal.

Israel action against the boycott, which has been contemplated in the past but never got under way, could include the following: action in the UN; action to hurt Arab foreign trade, and punitive action against foreign firms which knuckle under to the boycott. Since the extent of the Arab states' foreign trade is extremely limited, this form of reprisal is unlikely to have much meaning, but effective steps could be taken on the international political level or against companies which boycott Israel at Arab behest.

#### CABINET TOOK NO STAND ON TOURISM FROM GERMANY, BEN GURION SAYS

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet has not discussed the question of tourism from Germany, but the Foreign Ministry and the Ministry of the Interior have promulgated certain regulations on such visits, Premier David Ben Gurion told the Knesset today.

His statement was made in response to a query from General Zionist deputy Israel Rokach on a newspaper report that the government had decided to encourage German tourists. Mr. Rokach also asked whether in view of the strong feeling in Israel against Germany it would not be appropriate to ban all tourism from Germany.

#### REPUBLICAN PARTY IN TURKEY ADVOCATES EQUAL RIGHTS FOR MINORITIES

ISTANBUL, July 31. (JTA) -- Equal rights for all national minorities in Turkey were advocated at the annual convention of the Republican Party here by Kasim Gulik, secretary general of the party.

Addressing the 200 delegates attending the convention, Mr. Gulik said: "In our view, there are no minorities in Turkey. All citizens living within our boundaries are considered as the sons of this country and are therefore entitled to enjoy full rights."

Another opposition group to the present regime of the Democrat Party, voiced a more favorable attitude towards the minorities in Turkey. The party's newspaper, Yeni Gan, commenting on the Government decision to pay compensation to those who suffered losses in the anti-Greek riots of Sept. 6, 1955, among whom were many Jews, said that every effort should be made to make the minorities feel at home in Turkey and secure. The objective should be, the paper said, to prove to the world that there are no minority problems in Turkey.

The action of the Turkish Government in recalling its Minister from Israel last autumn after Israel launched the Sinai operation against Egypt, came under sharp attack at the Republican Party Convention. The Republicans, who held office until 1950, are the principal opposition to the present regime of the Democrat Party.

#### NETHERLANDS PARLIAMENT GETS GOVERNMENT BILL TO AID JEWS FROM EGYPT

THE HAGUE, July 31. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Luns, the Foreign Minister, has introduced a bill in the Dutch Parliament providing for allocation of 160, 000 guilders (\$45, 000) for assistance to Jewish refugees from Egypt who were victims of President Nasser's anti-Jewish measures.

#### KLUTZNICK DISCUSSES WITH BEN GURION PLAN OF BUILDING TOWN IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion received Philip Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, this morning. It is believed they discussed a plan by Mr. Klutznick and associates to erect an entire town near Migdal Askelon on the Mediterranean coast.

### ARGENTINE JEWRY STARTS DRIVE AGAINST RUMANIA'S BAN ON EMIGRATION

BUENOS AIRES, July 31, (JTA) -- A campaign to inform the Argentine public, Jewish and non-Jewish alike, of the Rumanian Government's refusal to permit the emigration of younger Jewish men and women whose parents are in Israel, has been initiated by the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry.

The Argentine press, led by La Prensa which published a two-column letter from DAIA officers on the situation, has devoted considerable space to discussions of the situation. A large mass meeting attended by Argentine Jews heard Idov Cohen, a member of the Israel Parliament and leader of Rumanian Jews in Israel, accuse the Rumanian Communist regime of cynicism and bad faith in closing its doors to the emigration of these Jews.

### PHILADELPHIA RABBIS URGED TO HELP COMBAT "BLACK MARKET" IN BABIES

PHILADELPHIA, July 31, (JTA) -- Rabbis in the Philadelphia area were urged today to help combat the Philadelphia "black market" in babies. The appeal was made by Alfred J. Goldsmith, president of the Association for Jewish Children, an agency set up by the Federation of Jewish Agencies.

"The demand for children is now the greatest social problem besides old age, in the United States," Mr. Goldsmith asserted. "In 1956, alone, the Association had over 300 requests for babies. The need for babies far exceeds the supply."

Mr. Goldsmith noted that although there are relatively few unwed mothers in the Jewish community, a large proportion of them fall into the hands of unscrupulous people who "sell" the babies to childless couples. He pointed out that the agency is the only recognized Jewish adoption agency in Philadelphia and said it offered complete help to unwed mothers.

### LOUISVILLE UNIVERSITY TO BUILD PLANETARIUM IN MEMORY OF RABBI

LOUISVILLE, Ky. July 31, (JTA) -- A committee appointed by Mayor Broadus of Louisville will open solicitation within two weeks for a \$60,000 fund for construction of a planetarium on the campus of the University of Louisville as a memorial to the late Rabbi Joseph Rauch, who was for 44 years Rabbi of Temple Adath Israel here.

Wilson W. Wyatt, chairman of the Rauch Memorial Committee, said the planetarium would be "most appropriate as a living memorial." Its location on Belknap Campus, he said, recalled the deep interest Dr. Rauch had in education and youth. Dr. Rauch had served as a trustee of the university for 13 years.

The planetarium, to be located near the University's Natural Science Building, will be air-conditioned. It will have seating accommodations for 120 persons and will be the only planetarium in Kentucky. Construction is expected to begin this Fall and to be completed in the late Spring. Dr. Rauch died last February.

### DR. WEILER, SO. AFRICAN REFORM RABBI, PLANS TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 31, (JTA) -- Rabbi Cyrus M. Weiler, founder and Chief Rabbi of the Progressive Judaism movement in South Africa, is making final arrangements to spend a sabbatical year studying at the Hebrew University with the "ardent wish of eventual permanent settlement in Israel," he said here today.

Rabbi Weiler, who resigned his rabbinical post in South Africa, said he has been offered a number of "tempting positions" outside Israel in the pulpit and as professor of Jewish theology, but has turned them all down to "redeem my spiritual and cultural resources in Jerusalem." Rabbi Weiler will bring his family to Israel by the end of this year when he will begin his research at the university.

### SITE OF ANCIENT TOWN DISCOVERED IN ISRAEL; DATES BACK TO BRONZE AGE

TEL AVIV, July 31, (JTA) -- The site of an ancient town, possibly dating back to the bronze age, was discovered in the vicinity of Nitzana, near the Egyptian Sinai border, it was announced here today.

The remnants of ancient buildings were discovered by a kibbutz settler who is also an archaeologist. A well which provides pure drinking water was discovered near the site of the town.

### CORNERSTONE FOR "GINGOLD CULTURAL CENTER" LAID IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 31, (JTA) -- The cornerstone of the Pinchas Gingold Cultural Center, sponsored by the Farband-Labor Zionist Order of America, was laid at Raanana, near here, this weekend. The late Mr. Gingold was a longtime leader of Labor Zionism in the United States and head of the Jewish Teachers Seminary in New York.