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## ISRAELI FREIGHTER PASSES TIRAN STRAIT EN ROUTE TO ELATH PORT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The Israeli freighter, S.S. Athlit, passed through the Tiran Strait at the mouth of the Gulf of Akaba this morning and was scheduled to arrive at Elath this afternoon with a cargo of oil seeds, hides and similar materials. It was the second transit of the waterway by the Athlit.

The S.S. Martha, a 500-ton vessel chartered by Israel, was due to arrive at Elath tomorrow on the same route, carrying 700 tons of oil seeds from Massawa in Eritrea. The Martha will load cement for African ports on her return trip.

The Israeli-chartered Danish ship, the S.S. Mars, was scheduled to enter the Suez Canal Wednesday, bound for Haifa with 5,000 tons of copra from the Philippines for Israel's oil industry. The Norwegian S.S. Hubro, which arrived last week at Haifa, after passing through the Suez Canal, was scheduled to sail for Japan via the Suez Canal with 3,700 tons of potash.

## ISRAEL CAN COMPETE AGAINST SOVIET JETS SENT TO EGYPT AND SYRIA

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The Israeli Air Force can successfully compete against the new Egyptian and Syrian air weapons like the Soviet MIG-17, Col. Dan Tuliowski, the Air Force commander, said in a statement issued in connection with Air Force Week which began today. He said the Air Force was making the utmost efforts to ensure preparedness "if we shall have to meet the new Egyptian arms."

The need for technicians skilled in electronics to lead a modern army was stressed today by Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israeli Army Chief of Staff, in an address to new cadets. The 22-man French Parliamentary delegation currently touring Israel, the French Ambassador and many other notables attended the ceremonies at which Gen. Dayan also called for perpetual alertness despite the "present lull" along Israel's borders.

## ISRAEL EXTENDS PACT STATIONING U. N. OBSERVERS AT SYRIAN BORDER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Israel was reliably reported today to have agreed to a month's extension of the agreement stationing United Nations observers on the Israeli side of the Syrian border.

The original agreement to accept UN observers was made when the Syrians stepped up incursions and shootings in what Israeli officials thought might be a deliberate attempt to provoke Israeli retaliation. This strategy was laid to the Syrian internal political situation.

UN Truce headquarters asked Israel for extension of the agreement and Israel agreed, reportedly both for local security reasons and to avoid new friction with the UN whose General Assembly is being convened next month.

Israeli sources cited UN "impotence" in relation to the Arabs. They stressed the fact that the Truce Supervisory Organization has been unable to obtain permission to station observers on the Syrian side of the border.

## BEN GURION SHUNS FORMAL ALLIANCE WITH FRANCE; PREFERS PRESENT TIE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion reportedly expressed his view, during a 30-minute meeting today with Jacques Soustelle, head of a 22-man French Parliamentary delegation currently visiting Israel, that a de facto Franco-Israeli alliance was already in existence.

Mr. Ben-Gurion was understood to have taken that stand after Mr. Soustelle reiterated his conviction that a formal alliance was necessary. The Premier's comment led to speculation that he did not necessarily favor formal alliances for alliance's sake alone.

The belief of the French delegation in the need for a formal alliance was stressed last night by Mr. Soustelle in a speech before the Israeli-French Friendship League when the French leader said the need stemmed not only from goodwill between the two countries but also from the basic needs of both nations in the Middle East. Mr. Soustelle told the meeting that if Israel had not been in existence, the world would by now have witnessed Syrian "volunteers" with Russian weapons participating in the North African rebellion.

POSITION OF JEWS IN SYRIA REPORTED WORSE THAN IN ANY ARAB LAND

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The position of the 6,000-member Jewish community of Syria is the worst of any Jewry in Arab countries and perhaps throughout the world, a trustworthy Western traveler, who has just arrived from a tour of five Arab countries, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

He said the Jews in Damascus, Aleppo and smaller communities were living in constant fear "comparable to that of the German Jews in the early days of Nazi rule." This fear, he stated, was caused principally by Syrian police who arrest and torture Jews on the flimsiest excuses.

He described the position of Egyptian Jews as slightly improved from the all-time low immediately after the start of the Sinai operation last October. He said about half of Egyptian Jews had emigrated since last fall and the number currently remaining was 22,000. Reporting that Jews were in greater difficulty in Cairo than in Alexandria, he said the two main Jewish problems were unemployment--Jews having been widely fired from their jobs--and low morale. The Cairo Jewish school, he declared, will be out of funds in four months.

He said he found Iraq's 5,000 Jews concentrated mostly in Bagdad and called their position "tolerable," although they were discriminated against when they sought to travel abroad. Any Jew planning such a trip, he reported, must sign a statement before leaving in which he pledges to return by a certain date on pain of confiscation of his properties for failure to return as promised. Lebanon's 6,000 Jews are in about the same position as those of Iraq, he said.

TITO REITERATES WISH TO VISIT ISRAEL; TELLS IT TO ISRAELI ENVOY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- President Tito of Yugoslavia reiterated his wish to visit Israel "on a suitable occasion," during a meeting with Aryeh Levavi, Israeli Ambassador to Belgrade, the envoy disclosed today. Mr. Levavi, who returned to Israel to become Deputy Director General of the Foreign Ministry, said Marshal Tito told him there were no issues in dispute between Israel and Yugoslavia and expressed a desire for closer economic and cultural relations.

In the conversations, which took place at a lengthy farewell meeting, Marshal Tito echoed the Middle East views of Premier Nehru of India in saying that a "cooling-off period" of no incidents was necessary on Israel's borders, Mr. Levavi said. The Yugoslav leader also said that in spite of everything, he considered President Nasser of Egypt "the most reasonable" Arab ruler, the Israel diplomat reported.

FRENCH GROUP DISCUSSES IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- While public attention was focussed on the visiting 22-man French Parliamentary delegation now touring Israel, members of another French delegation, who arrived without fanfare, were reported today as engaged in discussions with top Israeli officials on the finalization of far-reaching development projects.

The projects reported under consideration in talks with economic experts of the Israeli Foreign Ministry and other ministries included French-aided programs to decrease substantially Israel's overland fuel transportation costs and to improve harbor facilities, particularly on the southern Mediterranean coast.

It was recalled that during Finance Minister Levi Eshkol's visit to Paris last month, France increased a \$30,000,000 credit to Israel to \$45,000,000, the additional credits being for the special development projects currently under discussion in Israel.

Members of the Parliamentary delegation meanwhile learned today at first hand about life in Israeli settlements in the Huleh area in the shadow of Syrian gun positions. The delegation visited the Gonan settlement, scene of repeated acts of Syrian aggression. Members also saw the results of reclamation efforts in the Huleh and Arfa areas. The delegation also visited Nazareth and a Druze village in northern Galilee.

A third French delegation was scheduled to arrive in Israel today for a ten-day visit to study Israeli farming development. A spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry said the delegation would include two Moslem members and that it was headed by Modeiba Keite, deputy minister of French overseas territories.

EBAN DEPARTS FOR ISRAEL; WILL REPORT ON TALKS IN WASHINGTON

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban saw United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold this morning for a short period to finish his discussions on the UN official's views concerning the forthcoming twelfth General Assembly.

Mr. Eban left this afternoon for Israel to report on his conversations with both Mr. Hammarskjold and State Department officials. He will return to the United States shortly before the opening of the UN Assembly sessions next month.

### GOLDMANN STRESSES NEED FOR ISRAELI-WORLD JEWRY PARTNERSHIP

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The future of Israel and the destiny of the Jewish people depend on a mutual partnership, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, world Zionist leader, told delegates last night to the International Jewish Ideological Conference taking place here at the Hebrew University.

Stressing that Israel was a great mutual undertaking of the Jewish people, Dr. Goldmann said that the unique and unprecedented problems emerging from the new and revolutionary chapter in Jewish history marked by the advent of the Jewish State could be solved only by such a partnership.

He asserted that culturally, too, Israel must depend on the non-Israeli Jewish world, if it was to ward off the danger of provincialism and become a world center of thought and spiritual values. He cited the "anonymous and automatic assimilation" going on in the "free world," and said that the loss of six million Jews murdered by the Nazis and the destruction of Jewish centers and intellectual fortresses could not be replaced by any other Jewry, including American Jewry.

Both Israel and the non-Israeli Jewish world must readjust their attitudes to create a mutual relationship without which, he said, "there is a dim future for Israel and none for the Jewish people." He said Jews outside of Israel must overcome the "bogey" of dual loyalty and must realize it was fully justified for them to take responsibility for Israel's welfare, and to have the courage to reject the notion that loyalty to the nation in which one resides is exclusive.

Branding the theory of the exclusivity of the state as an immoral concept which was gradually being eclipsed, he said that the time had come for Jews everywhere to openly proclaim their identity with Israel. The modern human being, he said, has many loyalties of which he is proud and Jews must not be hyper-sensitive on this point, while Israel similarly must avoid overglorification and remember that its history does not begin with establishment of the state but goes far back into the past.

Israelis, he said, must consider themselves the heirs of thousands of years of history. They cannot select Isaiahs and Maccabees and discard those parts of Jewish history they do not relish, he asserted, warning that such a course would lead to Levantinism and end in frustration and collective neurosis. He was warmly applauded for his concluding statement that only as bearers of the same responsibility and as fulfillers of the same destiny would Israel and non-Israeli Jewry achieve the vision of one people re-building its center and securing its survival everywhere.

### EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF B'NAI B'RITH OPENS; 10 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

ZURICH, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Five hundred delegates assembled here today from ten European countries for the Second European Conference of B'nai B'rith heard Philip M. Klutznick, international president, report that a renaissance of the European Jewish Community had taken place in the post-war years.

He warned that "European Jewry must not have a lost generation," but rather must try to achieve a real and complete renaissance appropriate to its own cultural forms. Fifty visitors from England, Israel and the United States are among the participants. An Institute of Judaism is being held as part of the conference.

### ISRAELI DELEGATION ATTENDS WORLD TEACHERS CONFERENCE IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- S. S. Levin, Secretary General of the Israeli Teachers Association and head of an Israeli delegation to the World Conference of Teachers meeting here, told the conference that this was the first time Israeli teachers had attended a meeting in Germany.

Recalling the slaughter of one million Jewish children by the Nazis, he adjured his professional colleagues from 40 countries to heed the lesson of the Nazi era by holding aloft, in consonance with the high ideals enunciated by the prophets of ancient Israel, the principles of humanity and justice as well as the right of each nation to an independent existence.

After this speech was greeted with strong applause, Sir Ronald Gould, the conference chairman, stressed its significance and warmly welcomed the five-man Israeli delegation. In addition to A. A. Yellin, honorary president of the Israeli Teachers Association, the delegation included two representatives from Israel high schools, Dr. Eliav and Mr. Ginsburg, and two from the elementary schools, Dr. Sahavi of the Mizrahi educational system and Mr. Levin.

### SEMINARY FOR TRAINING CATHOLIC PRIESTS OPENED IN FORMER SYNAGOGUE

MUNICH, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- A seminary for training Catholic priests has been opened in the building which for twelve postwar years housed the main synagogue of Foehrenwald, the Jewish DP camp that was the last of its kind in Germany and whose disappearance, when it closed down in March of this year, marked the end of an epoch.

WORLD JEWRY URGED TO FIGHT FOR JEWISH CULTURAL RIGHTS IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The World Congress for Jewish Culture today marked the fifth anniversary of the "liquidation" in the Soviet Union of all prominent Jewish writers there by issuing an appeal to world Jewry to intensify the fight for restoration of Jewish cultural rights by the Soviet Government.

The appeal emphasized that during the last two years a number of memoranda have been submitted to the Soviet embassy in Washington inquiring of the fate of 450 prominent Jewish writers, painters, actors and musicians who "disappeared" since 1952, but that no reply has been received as yet. A direct appeal cabled to Moscow under the signatures of 40 prominent American intellectuals has similarly been ignored by the Soviet Government, the Congress for Jewish Culture pointed out.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION GRANTS \$93,000 TO JEWISH INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The Rockefeller Foundation today announced a total of \$93,100 in grants to Israeli and American Jewish educational and research institutions. The largest single grant was for \$62,000 to the Israel Foundations Trustees in Jerusalem for continued research in the Virus Laboratory of the Israeli Ministry of Health on relationships of insect-transmitted viruses.

The announcement said that Dr. Natan Goldblum and his co-workers at the Virus Laboratory had "contributed greatly to understanding of the clinical aspects" of West Nile fever and that the grant would enable the Israeli virus experts "to expand and intensify their research." The sum of \$5,000 was allocated to Dr. Curt Wormann, director of the Jewish National and University Library at Hebrew University, for visits to American libraries and library schools.

The sum of \$20,600, including an outright grant of \$5,000 for use as working capital, was given to the YM-YWHA Poetry Center in New York City for support for the next three years. The announcement said the poetry center "has made it possible for many people to hear such poets as W.H. Auden, T.S. Eliot, Robert Frost and the late Daylan Thomas read and comment on their own and others' work."

A grant of \$5,500 was made to Dr. John F. Roche, chairman of the Department of Politics at Brandeis University, to complete a study of the changing nature of American liberty.

RESERVATIONS FOR MRS. ROOSEVELT CANCELLED IN HOTEL PRACTICING BIAS

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was scheduled to stay at the home of two long-time Jewish friends today after officials of the Greater Miami chapter of the United Nations Association cancelled reservations for her at the Key Biscayne Hotel when they learned the hotel management prefers Gentile to Jewish guests.

The Jewish Floridian reported that the local UN group had made the reservations some time ago and that when its officials were informed of the hotel's policies, they cancelled the reservations and informed Mrs. Roosevelt of the change in plans.

EISENHOWER'S PASTOR URGES ISRAELI-ARAB "COOLING-OFF" PERIOD

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower's pastor, Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, who just returned from a six-week visit to Middle East countries, yesterday recommended the introduction of a "cooling-off and settling period" between the Arab states and Israel. He said that such a "cooling-off" period would be "antiseptic."

Rev. Elson voiced this recommendation in a sermon at the National Presbyterian Church here. He told Mr. Eisenhower and others in the congregation that "in the light of recent events it is probably more important for a while to keep the Arabs and Israeli apart than to try to bring them together in direct negotiations."

But by next year, he suggested the time might be ripe for the United Nations to make "a new study of boundaries, waterways, resources and other factors" in the Arab-Israel relations. "There is some promise in the Promised Land," Dr. Elson told his congregation, "even though its main problem is that the land has been promised to too many different people." Dr. Elson is chairman of the National Council of the American Friends of the Middle East.

LEE M. FRIEDMAN, NOTED AUTHORITY ON AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY, DEAD

BOSTON, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Lee M. Friedman, noted authority on American Jewish history and member of the American Bar Association, died here at the age of 85. He was the past president of the American Jewish Historical Society and honorary president of the Jewish Publication Society of America.

Born in Memphis, he came to Boston at an early age. He was graduated from the Harvard Law School in 1895. Among the books he wrote are "Early American Jews," "Jewish Pioneers and Patriots," "Pilgrims in a New Land" and others. He was a member of the executive of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.