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EGYPT RELEASES DETAINED ISRAELI SAILOR; PERMITS OTHER TO PASS SUEZ

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Raphael Eylon, the Israeli sailor taken off an Israeli-chartered ship at the Suez Canal July 22 by Egyptian police, was released today to Israeli authorities at a Gaza Strip border checkpoint.

While the Egyptians were preparing to release Eylon, another Israeli citizen with an Israeli passport went through the Canal on an Italian ship without being molested. He was the first Israeli to go through the Canal without interference from the Egyptians.

Eylon, who was taken off the Briggitte Toft and detained for 23 days during which the Egyptians rejected all requests to allow an International Red Cross representative to check his condition, was handed over to Israeli police in the presence of United Nations observers. Israel had been informed of the impending release by UN officials but did not publicize the Egyptian decision until the sailor was safely across the border.

The Israeli citizen who traveled through the Suez Canal without interruption was Wolf Reichman, who arrived in Haifa yesterday on the Italian ship, "Australia," en route from Sydney, Australia, to Genoa, Italy. Reichman said that when the ship arrived in Suez, an Egyptian officer questioned him closely, seeking particularly to learn whether he was a member of the Israeli armed forces. He was kept under Egyptian guard in his cabin while the ship was in the canal. When the ship arrived at Port Said, the Egyptians returned Reichman's Israeli passport and withdrew the guard.

An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said the Eylon detention should serve as "another warning of Egypt's flouting of international law and human rights." The official noted that the Egyptian Government had given no "plausible explanation" of Eylon's detention, that vague charges of espionage were never substantiated, that Eylon was never brought to trial and that despite all efforts of the United Nations and the Red Cross, he was not visited during his detention.

The spokesman asserted that the situation proved again "Egypt's flagrant disregard for free passage in the Suez Canal and for compliance with the six articles of the maritime powers" on such passage accepted last year by Egypt.

U. N. Secretary General Informed of Eylon's Release by Egypt

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold was informed this morning by Major General E. L. M. Burns, commander of the UN Emergency Force, that Mr. Eylon, the Israeli national taken off the Danish ship Briggitte Toft by Egyptian authorities on July 22, was handed over to Israeli authorities at 10:00 A. M. today at the armistice demarcation line in the Gaza Strip. General Burns was present at the transfer.

With Eylon's release by the Egyptians, it was revealed here today that Secretary Hammarskjold became intensely interested in the case upon the first announcement of Eylon's detention and made frequent representations to the Egyptian Government concerning his release. Mr. Hammarskjold and the Secretariat were obviously happy over the news.

(In Jerusalem, Foreign Ministry officials said police at the Gaza border heard Eylon tell his mother that he had been beaten by the Egyptians during his imprisonment. The sailor's watch and cigarette lighter were "missing," they said. Eylon was forced to broadcast over Radio Cairo but Israeli legal experts said this was not an offense under Israeli law.)

ISRAEL'S AIR FORCE STRONGER NOW THAN EVER, COMMANDER DECLARES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The Israeli Air Force is stronger now than it was in the period before the Sinai operation, Brig. Gen. Dan Tulkowski, its commander, asserted today.

Refusing to answer any press questions as to whether the Air Force had either new types of planes or greater quantities than before, the Air Force commander said only that "without exaggerating we may be certain that our Air Force can successfully handle Arab air forces."

U. S. JEWISH SCHOLARS ADVISE ISRAEL ON APPROACH TO AMERICAN JEWS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Two American Jewish scholars, including the first non-Zionist to appear at the International Ideological Conference now taking place at Hebrew University, agreed today that any strategy of trying to frighten American Jews into settling in Israel was futile.

Prof. Salo Baron of Columbia University asserted that neither an emphasis on anti-Semitism, nor a harping on Jewish misfortunes, past or future, would inspire American Jewish youth to settle in Israel. He said the "splendor and glory" of Jewishness and Israel's constructive achievements should be emphasized in proposals for Israeli settlement.

Prof. Oscar Handlin of Harvard University, frankly describing himself as an assimilated Jew, said the best way to persuade American Jews to go to Israel was not to frighten them but instead to appeal to their Americanism. The appeal should be on the basis that there was a "worthwhile task" for them to perform, he said. He pointed out that there were 5,000,000 Americans now living in other countries because they felt they could accomplish more in foreign lands than in the United States.

Dr. Raphael Mahler, another American Jewish scholar, argued that any solution other than settlement in Israel was a "palliative" and that the real choice for all Jews was either to settle in Israel or assimilate. Bezalel Sherman, American Labor Zionist ideologist, contended that Jewry could not develop under the conditions of assimilation and integration into American life without deriving sustenance from Israel to maintain Jewish identification.

Dr. Arich Tartakower, head of the Israeli section of the World Jewish Congress, said use of the threat of assimilation was as valueless as warnings of anti-Semitism in inducing Jews to settle in Israel.

ISRAEL CARRIES OUT "BLITZ OPERATION" IN BUILDING ROAD NEAR SYRIA

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- In a 14-hour sunrise-to-sunset blitz engineering operation, an Israeli crew manning heavy equipment completed a two-kilometer road which will make possible the reclamation of a huge area in the Israeli demilitarized zone on the western slopes of Tel Azaziat, Israeli officials reported today.

The intensive work, carried out under police protection in an area repeatedly trespassed by Syrian peasants, will provide passage for agricultural machinery into land hitherto uncultivated or only hand cultivated, mainly by the Syrian peasants, a practice which Israeli officials hope the new road will end.

The Syrians made no effort to interfere with the road-building although they did protest to United Nations observers. When it was determined that the work was being carried on entirely within Israeli territory, no further Syrian complaints were made. There was an unconfirmed report that the Syrian Chief of Staff was called to the scene and that he inspected the entire operation.

ISRAEL AND GHANA TO ESTABLISH JOINT SHIPPING FIRM; HOLD TALKS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Plans are nearing completion for the establishment of a new Israeli-African shipping firm operating under joint ownership of Ghana and the Zim-Israel Shipping Company, under the name "Black Star," it was reported today.

The project is being negotiated in talks between Zim officials and members of the Ghana economic delegation now visiting Israel to discuss expansion of Israeli-Ghana trade. The project was initiated by Dr. Naphthali Wydra of Zim on a recent visit to Ghana. He was scheduled to make another trip there to discuss details of the forthcoming agreement.

The Israeli-Ghana talks also covered the possibility of Israeli investment of capital and know-how to boost Ghana diamond production. Israeli sources explained that such an increase would mean a larger quota from the London diamond syndicate for Israel's diamond-finishing industry.

JEWISH AGENCY INCREASES ITS BUDGET FOR SETTLING NEW IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency has decided to increase its settlement department budget by 5,500,000 Israeli pounds, loaned to the Agency from the Israeli Government's Development Budget, to handle the current increase in immigration, it was disclosed today.

Avraham Harman, member of the Jewish Agency executive, announced at the same meeting of the executive that the Agency information department film division would expand its program to produce educational films for Jewish youth in non-Israeli communities. The department now makes mostly information and publicity films.

ISRAEL BANS AMERICAN FILM CLAIMING STALIN IS ALIVE IN GREECE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The Israeli Censorship Board today banned the showing of an American film, "Behind the Kremlin Walls." The film story claims that Stalin and Lavrenti Beria, the executed Soviet police boss, did not die in Russia but are hiding in the Greek mountains with a large share of the Soviet state treasury.

ARAB BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL CONSIDERED FAILURE BY 'FORTUNE' MAGAZINE

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The boycott which the Arab countries have proclaimed against Israel "has not been successful" as a policy of economic strangulation, the current issue of Fortune, leading American business magazine, states. "Not enough foreign companies have been intimidated to halt the growth of Israeli foreign trade, which has jumped 29 percent to \$470,000,000 in the last four years," an editorial in the publication emphasizes.

The article points out that while some American and British firms are allegedly submitting to Arab pressure, West Germany is ignoring the Arab requests to boycott Israel. It expresses the opinion that the Arab boycott has served as a stimulus to Israel's intensified economic evolution by promoting the need for greater self-reliance. It also stresses the fact that the Israelis would prefer a free exchange of goods across borders now sealed by Arab hatred.

"Businessmen throughout the world were in receipt some months ago of a strange questionnaire," Fortune editorial says. "Dated Cairo, Egypt, the questionnaire pressed them for information on whether their firms were guilty of having Jewish ownership or participation. To such shenanigans as Egypt's Nasser been reduced in his untiring effort to enforce on Israel a boycott that was first promulgated in 1945 by the Arab League and is now technically the law in every Arab state. Under the boycott there is today no telegraphic or telephone connection between Israel and the Arab states, nor is there any rail or sea communication. Planes using Israeli airfields are forbidden to fly over Arab land and ships calling at Israeli ports are blacklisted by the boycotters. The current blacklist numbers some 100 vessels, over half of British registry.

"The boycott has been strictly observed by Middle East oil companies anxious to please their Arab landlords," the editorial continues. "Aramco, for instance, has reportedly gone so far as to threaten to cancel its contracts with European firms producing such innocent apparatus as floating roofs for water tanks if those firms do business with Israel. Other companies allegedly abiding by the squeeze include BOAC, Phillips, American Express, and British-American Tobacco, all of which have shut down operation in Israel in recent years.

"On the other hand, Arab states have been reluctant to bar lucrative trade with foreign areas simply on the grounds of the boycott. A case in point is West Germany, which was threatened with loss of all its business with the Arabs if it signed a reparations agreement with Israel. Bonn signed, and the Arab League looked the other way; there is quite a flourishing trade today between West Germany and the Arab states. All in all, the Arab boycott must be regarded as an immense irritant for Israel. As a policy of economic strangulation it has not been successful." Fortune states.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS TO MEET WITH SHELL OIL CO. ON BOYCOTT ISSUE

BOSTON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Officials of the Jewish War Veterans of America, meeting here on the eve of the opening of the JWV 62nd annual national convention, indicated to delegates today that no action would be taken on a proposal to boycott the Shell Oil Company without full deliberations by the organization and a hearing of all parties. The proposal was developed for JWV consideration in retaliation for the British-owned parent firm's decision to withdraw from Israel under Arab pressure.

Abraham Kraditor of New York, past national commander and chairman of the JWV foreign affairs committee, revealed that Shell representatives and JWV officials will meet Thursday evening to discuss the issue. He added that such a serious step as a boycott "cannot and will not be taken" by the JWV without "careful and judicious study of all the facts."

The issue was raised at the national executive committee meeting yesterday and referred to a special committee to report to the full convention. Behind JWV consideration of the proposal was the fact that for some time extreme pressure has been exerted by Arab nations against businessmen all over the world to put into effect an economic boycott against Israel and against all firms either owned by or employing American Jews, JWV officials said.

They added that this campaign has created a serious problem both in the United States and Israel, adding that until the present time, responsible representatives of the American Jewish community had refrained from any counter-action but the deteriorating situation as exemplified by the action of the British oil company in Israel, has brought the matter to the forefront.

EINSTEIN COLLEGE DEDICATES \$60,000 LABORATORY FOR HEART RESEARCH

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- A \$60,000 laboratory for basic research on the heart and blood circulation, made possible by a grant from the Jack Kriendler Foundation, was dedicated yesterday in the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. Dr. Marcus D. Kogel, dean of the college, said the new laboratory contains such research innovations as electronic measuring devices and special protective units to protect researchers from radioactive fumes. The laboratory was built in memory of Jack Kriendler, a noted restaurateur who died of a heart attack in 1947 at the age of 48.

AMERICAN GROUP URGES UNITED "BIG THREE" ACTION ON MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The Society for the Prevention of World War III today proposed a United Nations effort to establish peace in the Middle East based on the first step of an Eisenhower Administration bid for "unity of action in the Middle East with France and England."

In a strong denunciation of the policies of President Nasser of Egypt, the Society asserted that the Israeli Sinai campaign disclosed "all of the hidden ramifications of Nasser's conspiracy" against the west, a conspiracy which "constituted nothing less than a major threat to world peace and security."

"The denial of Israel's sovereign rights through unlawful economic blockade and acts of physical terror and attack run counter to the UN Charter and violate resolutions adopted by the Security Council," the Society declared. It added the warning that "in terms of its own security, the West can no longer sit by and accept as a matter of course Nasser's defiance on this question."

The view of President Eisenhower that "free and innocent passage" through the Gulf of Akaba for Israeli commerce was "in accordance with international law" was hailed as "a hopeful sign." The Society stated "As a logical sequence to the President's position, support of all nations' rights of passage through the Suez Canal, including Israel, must be unequivocal."

The other points listed in the program were: A fundamental Israeli-Arab settlement of outstanding differences through peaceful negotiation. Insistence that all "hate-inciting" propaganda in the Middle East against the West cease and that Arab leaders publicly recognize the rights of the Israeli people to live a normal economic life with all of her neighbors. A United Nations program to help the distressed Arab refugees and to contribute to the development of the resources of all the Middle Eastern states.

Asserting it had "no illusions with regard to the complexity and difficulties attending the situation" in the area, the Society stated that "if the actions of the United States are based on these principles of justice, we shall have safeguarded our own interests while, at the same time, give new faith and confidence in the United Nations as man's best hope for world peace."

The Society stressed that the Arab refugee problem "would never have developed in its present form had not the Arab leaders made war on Israel in the first place, and having done so, induced the Arabs living in Israeli territory to leave." "Fortunately," the Society added, "public opinion is getting to know these facts and this is reflected in new efforts by the United Nations as well as by our own representatives at the UN to solve this problem in a concrete and just manner for all concerned."

GERMAN AUTHORITIES BOW TO PROTESTS FROM NAZI VICTIMS ON DACHAU

MUNICH, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- German authorities have bowed to protests from Nazi victims' organizations and rescinded previous instructions to tear down the watch-towers at the edge of the former Dachau concentration camp, which is located at a distance of only ten miles from this Bavarian capital city.

The dilapidated condition of these structures served as official explanation for the demolition order, but among one-time inmates the belief is general that it was mainly motivated by the desire to obliterate all possible traces of the camp and to expunge the memory thereof. The "International Dachau Committee," on the other hand, seeks to preserve the remaining installations as a permanent memorial.

BIERINGER NAMED HEAD OF MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON REFUGEES

BOSTON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Walter H. Bieringer, vice-president of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies of Boston and member of the Truman Administration Advisory Committee on Displaced Persons, has been appointed chairman of the Governor's Commission on Refugees. An expert on immigration problems, Mr. Bieringer has held a similar Massachusetts post under three governors during the past ten years.

LAST MINUTE NEWS

SYRIAN AMBASSADOR DECLARED PERSONA NON-GRATA BY U.S. GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The United States today declared the Syrian Ambassador, Farid Zeinmeddine, and Second Secretary Dr. Yassin Zakaria, persona non grata and sharply protested Syrian charges of U.S. involvement in an alleged plot to overthrow the present Damascus Government with purported promises to provide \$400,000,000 in U.S. aid to a new government which would make peace with Israel.

Zeinmeddine's career in Washington has been marked by repeated protests from Americans because of his scurrilous attacks on Zionism in particular and Jews in general in speeches around the country. Such protests have been ineffective, the State Department holding that anti-Jewish speeches derogating American citizens did not constitute adequate grounds for handing him his passport.