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### QUIET FORESEEN ON SYRIAN BORDER AS MOSCOW CALLS THE TURN

TIBERIAS, Israel, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Calm reigned today along the newest extension of the Iron Curtain--the Israel-Syrian border. Vacationers disported themselves in the sun here today and swam in Lake Tiberias. Farmers continued to work their land right up to the frontier, displaying little concern over the fact that the Soviet Empire now stretched almost to their doorsteps.

The new extension of the Iron Curtain was still far from a completely solid and impenetrable wall. Relatively free movement continued today between Syria and its Arab neighbors - The Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq. Some points remained open along the long and twisting Israel-Syrian border for passage by the white jeeps of the United Nations Truce Observation Organization.

No unusual troop movements were reported along the border today and there was a general belief that the border would now remain quiescent for some time to come. But there was no reason to doubt that the Israel Army, on first reports of the Syrian coup, had made all the necessary dispositions to meet any developments that might arise.

#### New Rules Need Time to Consolidate Positions

The reasons for the belief that the border situation would remain quiet were that the new controlling junta in Syria would require time to consolidate its position and entrench Communist rule and that the apparent resolution of the internal power struggle in favor of the Communist group made new foreign adventures unnecessary.

(It was reported from Tel Aviv today that news received here of the arrest of Col. Elazem, Syrian commander along the Israel border, had given rise to apprehensions of renewed Syrian border provocations.

(Israel authorities indicated today that they were not prepared to comply with a United Nations truce observation force request that they agree to an increase in the number of UN observers stationed in the four UN observation posts on Israel territory along the Israel-Syrian border.)

#### Continued Quiet Seen Dependent on Moscow

A JTA correspondent visited the border settlement of Gonen in northernmost Israel, where Israel territory projects into Syria and is surrounded by Syria on three sides. Gonen was the scene of the most recent Syrian aggressions - aggressions which coincided with the climax of the desperate internal power struggle in Damascus which preceded the Communist coup. Gonen and the surrounding areas were quiet today. How long this quiet might continue probably depended, not on Damascus, but on Moscow. No one was prepared today to predict the next Soviet moves, but there were two general lines of speculation.

If, with the Syrian coup, Moscow aimed at ensuring recognition of the Soviet presence in the Middle East in the event of a general East-West settlement, Russia's primary interest would be to dig in in Syria, fortifying its gains and creating a fait accompli. If, however - according to the second line of speculation - the Soviet rulers intended to continue to expand their area of influence and domination, then support of new Syrian provocation of Israel might be a means towards such end.

In the opinion of many informed observers, Western influence in the Kingdom of Jordan could not be maintained for long if Syria remained under Communist influence. They said today that as soon as the situation in Syria was consolidated, the struggle for domination in Jordan would be resumed.

Observers commented today that if Israel had not been prepared to stand by and see Jordan partitioned among pro-Communist countries, it would certainly not stand by if an outright Communist country tried to take over the kingdom, thus increasing Israel's frontier with the Soviet Empire tenfold.

They expressed the hope, however, that if Israel were constrained to move under such conditions, the Western Powers would show more understanding of any possible Israel defense action.

### NO PLAN NOW TO INVOKE EISENHOWER DOCTRINE IN SYRIAN SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Wall Street Journal reported from Washington today that State Department officials saw little chance as of now that the Eisenhower Doctrine would be invoked in the Syrian situation. Under the doctrine, the President would have authority to extend economic and military aid to Middle Eastern countries threatened by Communism.

The paper said that "if Syria were judged by the U. S. as being Communist dominated--which the U. S. isn't ready to do now--her neighbors could ask the U. S. for help against any Syrian threats, officials explained. They noted, however, that as of the moment such a move isn't imminent. They noted too that nothing is automatic about the Eisenhower Doctrine and the U. S. is free to make up its own mind whether or not a country is Communist and whether or not some other country should get help."

### EBAN REPORTS IMPROVEMENT IN ISRAEL-AMERICAN RELATIONS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A "significant improvement" in American-Israel relations was reported today by Abba S. Eban, Israel Ambassador to the United States and head of the Israel delegation to the United Nations, on his arrival here for consultations with the government.

Mr. Eban told reporters who met him at Lydda International Airport that his task in recent months had been to overcome differences that had existed for some months. He could note a "significant improvement," he said, but there was still much to be done.

While here, Mr. Eban will consult with the government on the stand Israel is to take on the various problems to be raised at the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly, the effect of the latest Middle East developments and the course of American-Israel relations.

### JORDAN CALLS TREE-PLANTING ON JERUSALEM SLOPE AN 'AGGRESSION'

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Israeli sources expressed surprise today over Jordan's complaint of alleged Israeli aggression in the Jerusalem area, then asserted that the only "action" in the area was some tree-planting.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the tree-planting was taking place in territory near Government House, formerly the residence of the British High Commissioner and now the headquarters of the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization.

The spokesman stressed that the planting was part of a general plan to create a "green belt" around new Jerusalem, adding that while the area around the house had been termed "no-man's land" by the 1949 Israeli-Jordanian armistice agreement, subsequently the two countries agreed to divide the area for civilian activities.

On the basis of this subsequent agreement the spokesman said, Jordan had been permitted to build a new road to Bethlehem which crossed the no-man's land.

### ISRAELIS CHARGE DELIBERATE HARASSMENT OF SHIPPING BY EGYPTIANS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Action by the Egyptian authorities in delaying ships under Israel charter when they seek passage through the Suez Canal was condemned by Israel sources today as a deliberate policy of harassment of Israel commerce.

By holding up the transit of vessels bound to or from Israel ports, they said, the Egyptians were seeking to establish the principle that transit of such vessels was not a matter of right but was a question of Egyptian goodwill in each individual case. It was suggested that this position was intended by the Egyptians as much for other Arab countries as for Israel.

The Israel complaint followed the latest action by the Egyptian authorities in holding up two Norwegian vessels under Israel charter. The Hubro, out of Haifa for the East with a cargo of potash, was delayed twenty-four hours before being admitted into the Canal. The Mars, bound for Haifa with cargo from the Philippines, was delayed more than three days.

### GERMANS DELIVER FREIGHTER TO ISRAEL UNDER REPARATIONS TREATY

HAMBURG, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The 9,500-ton freighter Har Canaan, built here under the reparations pact by Germany's largest shipyard, was delivered today to her new Tel Aviv owners, Bulk Carriers, Ltd. The vessel is 415 feet long and can carry a maximum of 14,750 tons of such cargo as coal, steel or grain. The carrier will be employed on freight routes between Israel, European and American ports.

The freighter is the third of four sister ships being constructed under terms of the Israeli-German agreement. Two others are already in service and a fourth will be within a few months.

## ISRAEL OFFICIAL DECLARES OIL FIRMS YIELDED TO ARAB THREATS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- An Israel Government official charged today that the British Petroleum Corporation and the Shell Oil Company, which recently announced plans to halt sales operations in Israel, had "surrendered to economic aggression," and that the British Government was a party to the action.

Moshe Bartur, director of the economic division of the Israel Foreign Ministry, told the Israel-British Chamber of Commerce "the Israel Government believes that whoever surrenders to economic aggression associates himself willingly or unwillingly with aggressors and aggression."

He declared that just as no government would permit its citizens to carry out a hostile act against a friendly nation, no government should allow acts of economic aggression to take place within its own territory. He said this was particularly true when such acts involved prevention of regular trade and shipment of legitimate supplies, especially when so vital a commodity as fuel was involved.

Declaring that the action of the two oil firms was partly in response to Arab boycott demands, Mr. Bartur asserted that the British Government could not "wash its hands" of the matter. He noted that the British Government was a majority stockholder in British Petroleum.

Such actions by the British, he said, might endanger and even cost England her position in the Middle East which "can best be protected by Israel." He added that he believed Britain would eventually discontinue its "policy of appeasement" of Arab "blackmail."

Mr. Bartur predicted that Israel would emerge unhurt from the oil firm withdrawal, adding that except for a "small number of successes," the Arab boycott has failed. Israel, he said, was continuously increasing her foreign trade but "cannot and will not remain silent in view of such actions as were taken by the British companies."

## PLAN FOR HIGH FEE ON EXIT VISAS AROUSES STORM IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A decision of the Economic Committee of the Israel Cabinet to levy 150 pounds (\$83) fee on exit visas, compared to the present fee of five pounds (\$2.80) created a public uproar in Israel today.

The proposed increase, aimed both at reducing travel abroad and at providing additional tax revenue of 4,500,000 pounds annually, would normally be implemented by the Ministry of the Interior which is responsible for immigration matters.

However, Israel Bar Yehuda, Minister of the Interior, publicly declared his opposition to the new levy as most of Israel's influential newspapers blasted the proposed fee increases. A typical editorial appeared in Haaretz with the headline, "Israel Is Not Jail."

## SOUTH AFRICAN LEADERS CONDEMN REVISIONISTS FOR INDEPENDENT DRIVE

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The South African Zionist Federation and the Board of Jewish Deputies issued a joint statement today denouncing a Revisionist fund-raising campaign as a "breach of communal discipline" in the growing furor sparked by the activities of two Herut leaders for the Revisionists.

The right-wing party was expelled from the Zionist Federation for rejecting a compromise proposal and proceeding with an independent campaign for funds. Menachem Beigin, Herut party chief, and Chaim Landau, his deputy, came here last week to help the campaign.

One of the most striking developments was a public appeal in the Great Synagogue of Johannesburg by Chief Rabbi Louis Rabinowitz, made directly to Mr. Beigin who was one of the congregants at Friday evening services. Rabbi Rabinowitz urged the Herut leader to "present a fair picture of Israel and exercise restraint" during his fund-raising tour.

Rabbi Rabinowitz deplored the "breach in South African Jewry's hard-won unity" and expressed hopes for a healing instead of widening of the breach if "wisdom and restraint" were manifested. Mr. Beigin told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he "deplored" the "attacks" made upon him, "especially by the Zionist Federation," adding that "we come to South Africa with good will towards all and rancor to none but since our arrival we have met with vilification and abuse."

The joint statement was "unauthorized" and said that the Revisionist campaign was being held "in the period reserved for the United Communal Fund at the very moment of launching the 1957 campaign."

"This is particularly deplorable because so much is at stake for the well-being of South African Jewry and especially for Jewish education in the current campaign," the statement added.

## ARGENTINE ASKED TO EXTRADITE PAVELICH, CROATIAN NAZI

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Association of Israelis of Yugoslavian Origin today urged the Argentine Government to consider Yugoslavia's request for the extradition of Ante Pavelich, Croatian Nazi responsible for the murder of hundreds of Yugoslavian Jews during World War II.

The appeal was made in a memorandum submitted to Buenos Aires through Dr. Gregorio Topolevsky, Argentine Ambassador to Israel. The Yugoslav settlers said in the memorandum that every one of the 7,000 families in the Yugoslav Jewish community have lost at least one relative as a result of Pavelich's activities.

The bid was made in the hope that the new Argentine regime would be more sympathetic to the appeal than was President Peron's Government which consistently evaded extradition requests by claiming it knew nothing of Pavelich's whereabouts. The memorandum also noted that an assassination attempt five months ago put Pavelich in a Buenos Aires hospital.

## ISRAEL COMMUNIST GETS COLD RECEPTION IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A fund-collecting visit to Brazilian Jewry by Dr. Adolf Berman, a leader of the Israel Communist party, was reported today to have been a complete failure.

Dr. Berman, it was reported, failed to obtain any funds from party followers in Brazil who were understood to be disappointed and dispirited.

Two of the Communist leader's public appearances ended in near-riots. A fist fight nearly occurred at the third public meeting when Dr. Berman called Israel leaders "aggressors." The party leader fled from the hall when excited listeners started after him. Calls from the audience of "Nasser" and "traitor" marked Dr. Berman's hasty departure.

## HOLLAND'S FIRST WOMAN JUDGE IS JEWISH ATTORNEY

THE HAGUE, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Anna Minkenhof, a Jewish lawyer practicing at Groningen, has been appointed to a judgeship here. She is the first woman of her profession to be named to the bench in Holland. She is unmarried.

## WEINTRAUB TO BE SWORN IN AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF N. J. SUPREME COURT

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Associate Justice Joseph Weintraub will be sworn in this week as Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court following action by the State Senate yesterday in unanimously confirming his nomination by Governor Robert B. Meyner. Justice Weintraub, who is the only Jewish member of the seven-man court, will serve for a term of seven years.

The new Chief Justice, who is 49 years old, has long been considered one of New Jersey's outstanding attorneys. He was admitted to the bar in 1931 after having worked his way through college and law school. He was designated by Gov. Meyner as his personal counsel in 1954 and later that year was appointed New Jersey member of the Bi-State Waterfront Committee. He was appointed to the State Superior Court bench in March, 1956 and elevated to the Supreme Court eight months later. He succeeds the late Chief Justice Arthur T. Vanderbilt who had presided over the court from 1947 until his death last June.

## SENATE APPROVES EXEMPTION OF B'NAI B'RITH FROM D. C. PROPERTY TAXES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Senate, by a voice vote today, approved a bill giving the B'nai B'rith exemption from District of Columbia real estate taxes. The bill was previously passed by the House. President Eisenhower is expected to sign the bill into law next week.

## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN BRANCH ADDS HEBREW TO CURRICULUM

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A four-credit course in beginners' Hebrew will be given at the University of Wisconsin branch in Milwaukee next fall, officials announced here. The course will be taught by Dr. William Furie, director of the Milwaukee Bureau of Jewish Education.

The Wisconsin Society for Jewish Learning called the new addition to the curriculum "a giant step forward" in its efforts to further Jewish education in this city.

## GIFT FROM BEN GURION PRESENTED TO KENTUCKY GOVERNOR

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A silver-bound Bible, a gift from Premier Ben Gurion of Israel, was presented today to Governor Albert B. (Happy) Chandler in ceremonies at the Israel Embassy. The Bible carried a personal inscription to the Kentucky governor, who recently visited Israel.

The presentation was made by Ambassador Eliahu Elath in the presence of Walworth Barbour, American Minister in London, Mrs. Chandler, and Col. and Mrs. John O. Gottlieb, personal friends of the Governor.