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### EGYPT REPORTED CAPTURING ISRAELI FISHING VESSEL; DETAINS SIX ISRAELIS

LONDON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Egyptian gunboats today captured an Israeli fishing vessel 30 miles from the Sinai coastal town of El Arish, it was reported here today from Port Said. A Reuters dispatch said that the Egyptians arrested six Israelis aboard the vessel, charged them with violating Egyptian territorial waters and sent them to Cairo for interrogation. El Arish is on the Mediterranean coast.

### "BIG THREE" SEND NOTES TO RUSSIA ON MIDDLE EAST; CHARGE INCITEMENT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The United States today charged that Russia is aggravating Middle East tensions by shipping "large quantities of arms and ammunition" into the area. The charge was made in a note delivered to the Soviet Government today in reply to the Soviet note of September 3 regarding the Middle East. The French and British Governments today presented similar notes to Russia.

(A report from London stated the British note told Moscow that "continuation of the Arab-Israel dispute is the basic reason of the tension in the Middle East." The British Government "would welcome any evidence of a genuine desire of the Soviet Government to seek a solution of this fundamental problem," the note added.)

The U.S. note accused Russia of distorting American objectives and actions in the Middle East. It said the Russian note sought only to serve Soviet propaganda interests rather than promote peace and stability in the Middle East. Responsibility for the present Middle East tension was placed on Russia.

The U.S. note said that "by shipping large quantities of arms and ammunition into the area during a period of tension there, the Soviet Union set in a motion a chain of events leading to the present dangerous situation. Furthermore, inflammatory Soviet statements and propaganda have served to impede the relaxation of tension and the solution of the serious problems existing in the area." The U.S. note made clear that this government will carry out the policy enunciated in the Eisenhower Doctrine.

### BRITAIN BLAMES RUSSIA AT U. N. FOR GROWING TENSION IN MIDDLE EAST

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Israel-Arab tensions continue to face the world as the most important problem in the Middle East, Selwyn Lloyd, Britain's Foreign Minister, told the General Assembly here today. He backed John Foster Dulles, U.S. Secretary of State, in Mr. Dulles' proposal to the Assembly last week that the Assembly should use a 1949 resolution dealing with the "Essentials for Peace" in an effort to halt the Soviet Union's "indirect aggression" in the Near and Middle East.

"The Middle East is the area of greatest tension at the moment," Mr. Lloyd declared. "The outstanding issue for nearly ten years has been the conflict between Israel and the neighboring Arab states. We have tried in all sincerity to promote a just and honorable settlement. We still believe that a just settlement of the tragic refugee problem is a primary element in a wider solution."

The British Foreign Minister attacked the Soviet Union with a charge that Moscow's entire purpose in the Middle East seemed to be "to perpetuate and not to reduce tension." He returned to Israel's early history at the United Nations to point out that "it was the votes of the Soviet bloc that gave the necessary majority for the State of Israel to be created." He also reminded the Assembly that "it was the Soviet bloc which first sent arms to Israel. He said that now the situation in Syria must be viewed with "grave concern."

### Hammar skjold to Report on U. N. Troops on Israel-Egyptian Front

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammar skjold's report to the General Assembly about the operations, deployment and financing of the United Nations Emergency Force seemed virtually certain today to be laid before the Assembly this week. Mr. Hammar skjold held the first meeting in several months with his seven-nation UNEF Advisory Committee. The countries represented on the committee are Brazil, Canada, Ceylon, Colombia, India, Norway and Pakistan.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Israel President Isaac Ben Zvi, Premier David Ben Gurion and Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog greeted today, in special Rosh Hashanah messages, the Jews of Israel and of all other countries. Rosh Hashanah starts tomorrow evening.

Declaring that 5717 was "a year of mighty struggle such as has not been our lot since the War of Independence," President Ben Zvi expressed the hope that the coming year would witness Israel's moving "yet a stage further towards our exalted goal--the building of our country and the ingathering of our exiles." He added the hope that the world would see during 5718 "truth and peace in Israel and all the nations, near and far."

Discussing Israel's operation in the Sinai Peninsula, President Ben Zvi said that "the world came to appreciate the justice of our struggle and our ability to defend with all our might Israel's right to existence and to free movement in the waters bordering her coasts. And if, in the end, despite tyrants and despots, this freedom is preserved for us and for the nations of the world, and unhindered contact between us and the Indian Ocean is assured, we too shall have played a worthy and honorable part in these achievements."

In his New Year's message greeting the Jews of the world, Premier Ben Gurion prayed that 5718 would be a year of "peace and security, freedom and progress, unity and cooperation" among the nations, a "year of tranquillity and constructive development for Israel and spiritual advancement for the whole Jewish people."

Israel's Achievements of the Year Cited; "New Clouds" Seen

Reviewing the passing year 5717, the Premier called it one of the great years in the annals of the state and of the Jewish people's long history. He cited expansion in every town and village, strengthening of the armed forces and the improved economy with its increased exports as evidence of his estimate of 5717. He insisted, however, that despite these achievements "we are not yet even half-way to our goal and we must not cease our unremitting efforts to make further progress."

"New clouds have begun to appear across our borders and the enemy has continued to accumulate large quantities of arms," the Premier warned. Noting that the new year will be the tenth of the state's existence, he said the nation would have to sum up the achievements of the decade this next year and lay plans for the next ten years. He expressed confidence that Jews throughout the world will help Israel celebrate its first decade of independence and would rally "round Israel as never before."

In his message, Chief Rabbi Herzog made a powerful plea for unity to weld together the Israeli people in one nation. He called on Israelis to "stretch out a faithful, brotherly hand to the incoming brethren, to give their fullest support to government institutions in absorbing newcomers and to mobilize as one to lend a shoulder in their speedy integration. Sephardic Chief Rabbi Isaac Nissim expressed the hope that the new year would be one of "inspiration, rejuvenation, peace, salvation and redemption."

Ben Gurion Stresses Dangers for Israel in Message to Army

TEL AVIV, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Increased tension between East and West and recent developments in Syria constitute the main dangers facing Israel for the New Year, Premier David Ben Gurion said today in a special interview in "Bamachaneh," the Israeli army weekly.

Declaring that the continued supply of arms to Syria and Jordan both were a grave danger to Israel which must maintain its armed forces in a position of high preparedness and utmost efficiency, the Premier added that Israel must strive to win the friendship of nations friendly to France, including Germany and other nations participating in the European Common Market plan.

Summing up Israel's achievements during the past Jewish year, the Premier said it would be impossible to exaggerate the value of French aid to Israel, which he called of "paramount importance." He urged finding means to help Afro-Asian nations to help themselves with the aid of Israel's scientific and technical know-how and with Israel army personnel as had been done with Ghana and Burma.

In listing Israel's recent achievements, he stressed the gains of the Sinai campaign, increased immigration, free navigation in the Gulf of Akaba and completion of the Elath-Mediterranean oil pipeline, the first public announcement of the completion of the Beer-sheba-Mediterranean section which is carrying oil from Elath toward the Mediterranean.

He said the Israel army was progressing in modern scientific and technical developments of modern warfare, adding this was "not done in talks or in papers."

Israel Chief Rabbi Sends Religious Items to 180 Communities Abroad

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Shofars, prayer books and complete sets of citrons and reeds have been sent by Israel Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi to 180 Jewish communities abroad, it was revealed here today. The religious items, personal gifts of the Chief Rabbi, were sent to all parts of the world including Eastern Europe.

## ISRAEL CAN DEAL WITH EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN AIR FORCES, COMMANDER SAYS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Israel's Air Force has been strengthened recently to such an extent that it can "deal simultaneously" with both the Egyptian and Syrian air forces, Brig. Dan Tulkowsky, Israel's air chief, said today.

He stressed that the Egyptian air force was currently in better condition than it was during the Sinai operation, reporting that the backbone of the Egyptian air arm was the Soviet-made MIG-17 and the Ilyushin-28 bomber.

He said that in the long run the Syrian air force was "even more dangerous" than that of Egypt, adding that many Syrian airmen were being trained in air bases of the "Eastern bloc." He gave an oblique warning that the same distances existed between Syrian bases and Israel as between Israel and Syria.

He revealed that the Israel Air Force mission had completed its assignment for Burma and that at present there were no Burmese cadets in Israeli training schools.

## ISRAEL COURT STARTS HEARINGS AGAINST SEAMAN HELD BY EGYPTIANS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- A preliminary hearing began in Magistrate's Court here yesterday on government charges that Raphael Eylon, Israeli seaman-newspaperman removed by the Egyptians from a Danish vessel passing through the Suez Canal, had given the Egyptians information of military value. Mr. Eylon was reported to have been promised an interview with President Nasser in return.

The charges apparently grew out of an investigation and questioning of Mr. Eylon after his release by the Egyptian authorities. This is not the first time preliminary charges have been placed against Israelis held by the Arabs and later released. The court must rule after hearing such testimony whether the government has enough evidence to warrant the placement of formal charges against a defendant.

The District Attorney asserted in court yesterday that on July 27, while held by the Egyptians, Mr. Eylon had given them information "infringing on the security of the state and of utility to the enemy." A police witness told the court that the journalist had admitted under questioning that he described military installations at the Israeli port of Elath and had identified for an Egyptian colonel military objectives on an aerial photograph.

Mr. Eylon's removal from the vessel Brigitte Toft in the Suez Canal two months ago created an international furor and widespread protests against Egypt's violation of freedom of navigation through the waterway.

## ISRAELIS NEGOTIATE IN LONDON ON BUYING SHELL OIL INTERESTS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- A delegation representing Solel Boneh, the Histadrut construction cooperative, and private investors left Israel last night to negotiate with Shell Oil Company in London for the purchase of Shell's marketing interests in Israel. Shell and another British company announced last month their decision to give up the Israeli market by the end of 1957.

Meanwhile, the Finance Ministry claimed today that the mission left for London without consulting it. The Ministry, which has also been negotiating with Shell, indicated it intended to take steps to interfere with the new group's activities.

(In London today, Joseph Jacobson, who represents the private investors interested in dealing with Shell, said that the delegation had left with the knowledge and consent of Finance Minister Levi Eshkol. "I personally spoke to him," Mr. Jacobson said.)

## TUNISIA ACCEPTS EGYPTIAN ARMS OFFER; MAY AFFECT STATUS OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The status of Tunisia's 80,000 Jews was seen jeopardized today by reports received here that the Tunisian Government has accepted an offer of arms from Egyptian Premier Nasser and is negotiating with Communist Czechoslovakia for additional weapons.

Tunisian authorities in the past assured Jews they had nothing to fear. The Tunisian press and radio, however, are increasingly supporting Arab League attacks on Zionism and Israel.

## KLUTZNICK TO REPRESENT U.S. ON LEGAL COMMITTEE OF UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Philip M. Klutznick, international president of B'nai B'rith, who is a member of the American delegation to the General Assembly, has been assigned by the delegation to represent the United States on the 82-member Legal Committee of the Assembly.

Among the important issues coming before that committee this year are a report by the International Law Commission, which will deal with the rights of all nations, including Israel, through international waterways; and the question of defining aggression, which will be brought to the Assembly through the report of a special committee of which Israel is a member.

#### NEW YORK U. J. A. ANNOUNCES RAISING \$30, 000, 000 SINCE FEBRUARY

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York has raised \$30,000,000 since February 1 toward the local share of the regular 1957 financial needs of its eight major beneficiary agencies and of the Emergency Rescue Fund set up to speed the resettlement of refugees from oppression and persecution.

Treasurer Samuel D. Leidesdorf made this interim report on New York UJA's 1957 activities to a luncheon meeting of its board of directors in the Biltmore Hotel. Other speakers at the meeting included Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Senator Jacob K. Javits, Eddie Cantor and board chairman Samuel Hausman, who presided.

#### PHILADELPHIA JEWRY URGED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO UNITED FUND CAMPAIGN

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations in Philadelphia have been urged to defer all special fund-raising drives and give full priority to the 1958 United Fund Campaign, a general drive to raise \$13,500,000 of which nearly \$2,000,000 will be allocated to the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia.

Abraham L. Freedman, president of the Federation, made the appeal in a public message asking for a moratorium on "all other causes and campaigns" for the duration of the United Fund drive which will begin October 1.

The appeal cited a resolution approved by the Federation Board of Trustees asking Jewish organizations not to conduct any fund-raising programs during both the United Fund drive and the Allied Jewish Appeal campaign in the spring. The United Fund drive will end November 14.

The message to Philadelphia Jewish organizations noted that the United Fund provides support for the 19 local health and social services of the Federation, as well as such general welfare causes as the Community Chest, Salvation Army, Mental Health Association and similar service groups.

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL TO HOLD CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Plans for a national organizational conference of delegates from major American communities, to be held next March 14 to 16 in Washington, were announced here today by the American Jewish League for Israel following a meeting of its board of directors. The conference will be preceded by intensive organizing of chapters of the League in major American cities, the announced said.

Louis Lipsky, honorary president of the League, announced that the first issue of the new 32-page "American Israel Review," edited by M. Z. Frank, had been distributed to more than 8,000 community leaders. Ezra Shapiro, League president, hailed the magazine as "a source of healthy ferment in keeping with the American tradition that only by discussing ideas in a forthright manner, can intellectual stagnation be avoided."

Samuel Rothberg, chairman of the board, reported that the League's youth pilgrimage program, approved by the board, authorized Mr. Shapiro to appoint a special commission to be made up of prominent Jewish educators and lay leaders, to plan details. "The pilgrimage," Mr. Rothberg said, "is conceived not merely as a method of acquainting our youth with the State of Israel, but also as a powerful instrument for the intensification of Jewish education in this country."

#### HEBREW UNION COLLEGE PUBLISHES TEXTBOOK ON COMPARATIVE RELIGION

CINCINNATI, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The beliefs and practices of the great religions of the world are set forth with explanatory maps and charts for Jewish religion school pupils in a new textbook just published by the Department of Jewish Religious Education of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, rabbinic seminary here.

The new volume, "Our Religion and Our Neighbors" is the joint work of Dr. Sylvan D. Schwartzman, Professor of Jewish Religious Education at the Cincinnati school of the College-Institute, and Rabbi Milton G. Miller, rabbi of Temple Beth El, Elizabeth, N. J. The book, Reform Judaism's first text in the field of comparative religion, is issued for experimental use in a limited number of Reform congregations this fall.

#### AMERICAN BASKETBALL TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP IN WORLD MACCABIAH

TEL AVIV, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The American basketball team beat an Israeli five yesterday to take the basketball championship of the fifth World Maccabiah Games here. The score was 79 to 62. The Israeli team was previously undefeated.

The Israeli swimming team took the championship in that division, edging out the American and South African squads which were tied one and one-half points behind the Israelis. The only American gold medal winner yesterday was Rina Mendelson, a woman's diving champion. Mike Wolk, another American, received a bronze medal for coming in third in the 100 meter free style; he had previously won two gold and one silver medal in other races. Byron Krieger, an Olympic champion from Detroit, placed first in the saber competition.