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### ISRAEL REPORTED SEIZING EGYPTIAN VESSEL; MAY EXCHANGE IT

LONDON, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Israel has seized an Egyptian freighter which entered Israel territorial waters, according to press reports from Athens reaching here. The Israeli Navy has as yet made no announcement about the capture.

According to the reports, the Israel Navy intercepted and captured the 1,000-ton Egyptian ship last Tuesday afternoon. There was speculation that Israel would hold the ship and its 11-man crew until Egypt released an Israeli fishing boat, the Doron, and its six-man crew seized September 25.

(From Jerusalem it was reported today that Israel insists on the immediate release of six fishermen and the fishing trawler Doron captured nearly two weeks ago off the Egyptian coast and has instructed its delegation to the United Nations to inform members of the Security Council of the seizure and related information. The six arrested fishermen, five Israelis and an Italian national--the captain--have been held incommunicado since their capture. The vessel was acquired through the German reparations framework at a cost of \$60,000.)

### GOLDA MEIR APPEALS TO BIG POWERS TO STOP SENDING ARMS TO ARABS

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Big Powers to discontinue sending arms to the Arab countries was voiced here tonight by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, addressing a dinner given in her honor by the Israel Bond Organization. Speakers at the dinner, at which more than \$650,000 were raised for Israel through the sale of bonds, included Governor Averell Harriman and Mayor Robert Wagner.

Responding to tributes paid to her, Mrs. Meir said that peace in the Middle East will be attained when the Arabs begin to realize that there is no possibility of destroying Israel and when the Big Powers of the world stop sending them arms.

"Only when the Big Powers realize that peace in the Middle East, as anywhere else, is built on a foundation of constructive effort, of doing something that is essential for the lives of the masses of people and not for the vanity of military dictators, only in that kind of a world will Israel be able to work and build in peace and absolute security," Mrs. Meir said.

The Israel Foreign Minister asserted that "to our sorrow" Israel has been proven right with regard to its stand on President Nasser of Egypt. She said that one year ago this month when Israel troops marched into Sinai, Israel warned that the Arab countries have as much to fear from Nasser as Israel has. "I say to our sorrow that we were proven right," she added. "Nasser and the developments in Syria today cannot be disconnected. What has happened in Syria in the last few months is a direct result of the regime of Nasser in Egypt.

"The volume of armaments that is flowing into Syria, the propaganda that goes with the arms into Syria and into the entire Arab world by radio and by press, spells a clear, definite danger to the security of Israel," Mrs. Meir continued. Pointing out that Israel must be economically strong in order to survive, she declared that Israel is dependent upon Israel bond investment funds "because these bonds give us the means of strengthening our financial resources for our economic development."

### JEWISH AGENCY ADOPTS SIX-MONTH BUDGET OF 119,200,000 POUNDS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive adopted today a six-month interim budget of 119,200,000 pounds for the period between October 1, 1957 and March 31, 1958. Called a minimum budget which does not meet the realistic demands of the many tasks facing the Agency by Agency treasurer Dr. Dov Joseph, it compares with 221,000,000 pounds spent in 5717, the Jewish year just concluded.

The budget assumes an immigration of 26,000 men, women and children between now and April 1, 1958. Three-quarters of the budget will be spent inside Israel for services to immigrants; 16.5 percent will be used to repay loans and the remainder will cover administrative costs, education abroad and a reserve.

One feature of the new budget is an allocation of 225,000 pounds to the economic department to assist 500 middle class families settle in Israel during this six-month period.

## ISRAELI JOURNALISTS BOYCOTT FOREIGN MINISTRY; RESENT NEW REGULATIONS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The Israel Journalists Association and the Editors Guild today instructed their political correspondents to continue an unofficial boycott against the Israel Foreign Ministry after the failure of efforts to ease regulations which the groups charged jeopardized normal journalistic work.

The disputed regulations provide for special advance announcements of intended visits by reporters to Foreign Ministry officials, special security officials to accompany reporters to and from interview sites and similar requirements. The Journalists Association also announced its intention to return all official press cards as a protest. Its 500 members also asserted that the cards proved to be worthless even in government offices.

Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, who is at the United Nations General Assembly, cabled the journalists' groups asking them to comply with the new regulations temporarily and to review them with her on her return later this month. Her request has been refused by the executive board of the Editors Guild and the Journalists Associations of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

## GREEK MERCHANT ARRESTED IN ISRAEL ON SUSPICION OF ESPIONAGE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A Greek merchant who made a large number of visits to Israel without apparent business here was arrested this week-end on suspicion of espionage for Egypt. He was found to be in possession of material whose publication would have an adverse effect on Israel's security.

The merchant, a Greek national who served with the Allied forces in this country during World War II, aroused the authorities' suspicion because of frequent visits during which he transacted no business. As a result of his wartime service he was quite familiar with various parts of Israel.

## BRITISH LABOR PARTY STUDIES "CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY" ON MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The executive of the British Labor Party was studying today a "coherent and constructive" policy for the Middle East offered last week at the Party's convention by the Poale Zion, an affiliate of the Labor Party.

The Poale Zion resolution was referred to the executive for consideration at the recommendation of Aneurin Bean, Laborite leader. It pledged the Labor Party to oppose armed intervention in the affairs of Middle East nations except under the auspices of the United Nations and outlined the following "main principles" of the proposed party policy:

1. Recognition of the sovereign, and territorial integrity of all states in the area;
2. The need for agreement among the Great Powers to end the arms race in the region;
3. The need for a comprehensive mutual aid plan under UN auspices for the economic development of all countries in the area, including the ownership, production, distribution and consumption of oil;
4. The necessity of tangible UN guarantees and an understanding among the Great Powers for the security and peaceful development of Israel.

5. The UN must take immediate steps to work out plans for resettlement of the Arab refugees;
6. The Arab states must give up their proclaimed policy of belligerency against Israel;
7. Free navigation through the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba must be secured for all nations without discrimination;
8. The anti-Jewish boycott and border attacks against Israel must be condemned by the international community; and
9. The UN must place in the forefront of international action on the Middle East direct talks between Israel and the Arab states to settle all outstanding differences.

## ISRAELI INVESTORS SUSPEND TALKS ON PURCHASING SHELL OIL INTERESTS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Negotiations between a group of private investors, including Soler Boneh, the Histadrut's industrial complex, and Shell Oil Company for the purchase of British oil interests in Israel have been suspended, the Israeli press reported today.

According to reports from London, the Soler Boneh group offered 4,500,000 pounds sterling (\$12,600,000) for all installations, gasoline stations and oil stocks in Shell tanks in Israel. Soler Boneh was said to have offered to pay the entire purchase price within four months. Such prompt payment, unusual in oil deals, led to speculation here that the private group had the blessing of the government because it could only hope to obtain such a large sum of foreign currency from the Israel Treasury.

## TWO ARAB INFILTRATORS KILLED IN CLASHES WITH ISRAELI PATROLS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Two Arab infiltrators were killed this week-end in clashes with Israeli patrols. One, a Jordanian, died at Ashdot Yaacob when a gang of nine Arabs attempted to shoot it out with an Israel patrol which surprised them plundering a fish pool in the settlement. The second Arab was killed on the Gaza Strip border when he and three companions were caught trying to steal irrigation pipes.

## WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS FORMS GROUP IN HUNGARY; GOVERNMENT APPROVES

LONDON, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The formal establishment of a Hungarian Committee of the World Jewish Congress in Budapest during a visit there of Dr. G. M. Riegner, WJC representative, was announced in an official communique from the Central Board of Hungarian Jews received here today.

Heading the Hungarian affiliate of the World Jewish Congress is Dr. Paul Weinstein, a noted physician and professor at the University of Budapest. Other members of the committee are well-known Jewish writers, newspapermen, scientists, artists and religious leaders.

The inaugural session of the committee, which was followed by a dinner attended by Hungarian Government leaders, was held September 22, the announcement said. Andreas Sos, president of the Central Board of Hungarian Jews, told the meeting that Hungarian Jewish Association with the World Jewish Congress emphasized freedom of religion and gave Hungarian Jewry an opportunity to develop an intense religious and cultural life.

Dr. Riegner, who also spoke at the founding meeting, stressed that the association of Hungarian Jewry was an important contribution to the World Jewish Congress as a comprehensive organization of Jews throughout the world. Dr. Imre Benoschofsky, Chief Rabbi of Budapest, expressed the community's thanks to the WJC representatives who had come to Hungary.

Among the government leaders at the gala dinner marking the establishment of the new unit were Imre Miklos, deputy head of the Office of Church Affairs, and Paul Veress, a departmental chief in the office.

## CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT PERMITS OPENING OF TALMUD TORAH IN PRAGUE

LONDON, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak Government has established the opening of a Talmud Torah in Prague for the first time in many years, it was reported here today at a meeting of the Agudas Israel executive.

The situation of religious Jews in Slovakia has also improved, H. A. Goodman, chairman of the executive, reported. He said that Chief Rabbi E. Katz of Slovakia has requested religious articles for which there is a growing need. Jews who in the past had no association with Jewish communal life in Czechoslovakia are rejoining communities, he reported. He revealed that arrangements were being made with Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen of Bucharest to send two Orthodox rabbis to Hungary.

## INTERMARRIAGE AMONG JEWS IN SOVIET UNION REPORTED DECLINING

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A declining rate of intermarriage between Jews and non-Jews in the Soviet Union as a result of growing Jewish consciousness of younger Soviet Jews was reported here today by the New York Times on the basis of interviews with recent travelers to the USSR.

The Times noted that cases were reported of children born of mixed marriages who subsequently insisted on being classified as Jews on their passports. These were among numerous signs noted at the recent Moscow Youth Festival which point to a renaissance of interest in and identification with Judaism by younger Soviet Jews.

## EHRENBURG DENIES HE HELPED LIQUIDATE JEWISH WRITERS IN RUSSIA

PARIS, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The Soviet Jewish writer Ilya Ehrenburg, in a letter to the French newspaper Le Monde, has denied a report in that newspaper to the effect that he was partly responsible for the liquidation of Jewish writers in the USSR during the Stalinist period.

Mr. Ehrenburg's letter noted that among the Soviet citizens who were "victims of Beria" were people of many nationalities including a number of famous Jewish writers among whom were "some of my most intimate friends." Although such charges have been circulating for quite a time, this is the first time Mr. Ehrenburg has issued a denial.

## CROWN PRINCE OF MOROCCO ATTENDS SYNAGOGUE SERVICES; GREETES JEWS

RABAT, Morocco, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Prince Moulay Hassan, Crown Prince of Morocco, attended the Yom Kippur services at a synagogue here yesterday. It was the first time a member of the ruling family of this Moslem country attended High Holy Day services.

In a short address to the congregation, the Prince extended his father's greetings to Moroccan Jewry and called for a "common Arab-Jewish effort to build the new Morocco." Prayers were offered in Arabic and Hebrew for King Mohammed V, the Prince's father, and for other members of the royal family.

Last Thursday, the King presided over a pageant of 4,000 volunteer workers who built a road between the sections of Morocco formerly held by France and Spain. Among the volunteer laborers were a large number of Jews, many of them students in the ORT schools of this country.

# 1,000 U.J.A. LEADERS TO HOLD CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL NEXT JUNE

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The largest group of American leaders ever to meet in the State of Israel will gather in Jerusalem next Spring when the nationwide United Jewish Appeal expects more than 1,000 delegates from communities throughout the United States at an extraordinary three-day UJA anniversary conference to be held in June. Plans for this spectacular event were made public today by Morris W. Berinstein, president of the UJA.

The overseas gathering, Mr. Berinstein said, "will give Jewish communal leaders and UJA supporters who will be in Israel at a time when its people are celebrating their 50th Anniversary of Independence, the opportunity to see and assess for themselves the great humanitarian achievements they helped bring into being."

The UJA president pointed out that the conference will be a high-spot of the year in which UJA will mark its own twentieth year of humanitarian effort. "During the past two decades the organization has aided more than 2,600,000 persons in need and saved more than 1,300,000 lives," he stated.

## NEW YORK UNIVERSITY TEAM TO ORGANIZE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Two members of New York University's nine-man staff that will organize a management program in Israel left New York today for Jerusalem. Professor Andrew Barta sailed on the S.S. Cristoforo Colombo and Dr. Sylvain Ehrenfeld went by airplane. They are the third and fourth members of the team to depart. Five more are expected to reach Israel by the end of the year.

The NYU program, the first business administration project of its kind in the Middle East, has been arranged with the aid of the United States International Cooperation Administration and the Israel Government. Mr. Barta will spend two years helping to develop a management curriculum at the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Dr. Ehrenfeld will assist in establishing a graduate industrial management program at the Technion in Haifa.

## HEBREW UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT RECEIVED BY POPE; GOES TO SPAIN

ROME, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Benjamin Mazar, president of the Hebrew University, was received by Pope Pius XII in his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo and presented the Pontiff with a recent Hebrew University publication on the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Pope thanked Dr. Mazar and expressed great interest in the work of the University.

Dr. Mazar also conferred with Cardinal Tisserant, the head of the Oriental Rites Congregation. At a ceremony in the Israel Embassy, the educator presented an honorary membership in the Oriental Institute of the Hebrew University to Giorgio Levi Della Vida of Rome University, a noted Italian Jewish scholar. Present for the ceremony were the president of Rome University and representatives of the Vatican's Biblical Institute.

Dr. Mazar was scheduled to return to Israel after studying Phoenician remains in Spain. He also met Jewish leaders in London, Paris and Switzerland to discuss Hebrew University problems and plans for completion of the campus and academic expansion. A new Committee of Hebrew University Friends was established in France whose members included the Sorbonne University rector and Guy de Rothschild as president.

## SEN. LEHMAN RECEIVES HEBREW UNIVERSITY AWARD; PRESENTED BY EBAN

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Former United States Senator Herbert H. Lehman received tonight the Solomon Bublick Public Service Award of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for this year. The bronze plaque citing Sen. Lehman as a "statesman and humanitarian" and a check for \$1,000 were presented by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban at a dinner of the Philadelphia chapter of the American Friends of the University.

The dinner kicked off a campaign in this city for \$375,000 for a Humanities Wing to be established at the Jewish National and University Library planned for the University's new campus at Givat Ram. One thousand persons attended the function.

## MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS ATTEND YOM KIPPUR SERVICES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Members of the diplomatic corps attended Yom Kippur services in the Great Synagogue here and in the suburbs where most of the diplomats live.

This year's Yom Kippur was marked by a large pilgrimage to Jerusalem of Chassidic rabbis and other devout Jews. Government offices in Israel were closed before noon Friday to enable personnel to prepare for Yom Kippur services and the fast and by one o'clock in the afternoon all factories and workshops were closed for the solemn Day of Atonement.

Only emergency telegrams were handled by the Israel Post Office until dusk Saturday and state broadcasting services were suspended until after the fast day was over. Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim addressed the people Thursday night via Kol Israel on the significance of Yom Kippur and called for a strengthening of the moral, religious and spiritual heritage which had served as guideposts in the nation's vicissitudes for so many generations.