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EGYPT RELEASES CREW OF SEIZED ISRAELI VESSEL; ISRAEL RECIPROCATES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The six crew members of the Israeli fishing vessel Doron, which was seized on the high seas by Egyptian gun boats last September, were released by Egypt today. Israel promptly turned over to Egypt six Arab fishermen from the Gaza Strip whose boat was seized last December off the Askelon coast.

The technicalities of the release of the five Israelis and their Italian skipper, were negotiated by the headquarters staff of the United Nations Emergency Force at Gaza. Although the Israelis never publicly stated they were holding the six Arabs, they had informed UNEF. Israeli officials stated today that the Egyptians had not linked their release of the Israeli fishermen to the freeing of the Gaza inhabitants. The exchange of prisoners took place at a UNEF checkpoint near the Gaza Strip border.

Israel attacked the seizure of the vessel--which the Egyptians have not yet released and which Jerusalem demands unconditionally--as an act of "piracy" and threatened to appeal to the Security Council. UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold persuaded Jerusalem to let him make a personal appeal to Cairo. Several such appeals, one in person to Egyptian President Nasser, were made and only after repeated Israeli prodding was Mr. Hammarskjold able to win Egyptian agreement to the release of the six fishermen.

The Israeli crewmen and the Italian captain met today with the press and recited a tale of torture, terror and beating for nearly six weeks after their capture while their Egyptian captors tried to get them to confess, firstly, that they were inside Egyptian territorial waters and, secondly, that they had been spying when apprehended after midnight of September 22.

The first visit by a representative of the International Red Cross, the men said, marked a change in the treatment they received. The beatings ended, they were placed together in one large cell instead of separately in dark dungeon-like rooms. The Captain said that he attempted to produce his depth sounder records and his charts to prove to the Egyptians that he was on the high seas, but they would have none of his tale, insisting he was inside Egyptian waters.

Israel is likely to make a sharp protest to the Red Cross over the treatment the men received. It will also press its demands for the 73-ton Doron, which is equipped with modern electronic devices for locating schools of fish. It was considered highly unlikely that the Egyptians would bargain for the simultaneous release of the six-ton Arab fishing smack in which the six Gaza fishermen were apprehended.

IRAQ PRESSING FOR DISCUSSION OF ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE AT ANKARA PARLEY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Iraq seems to be the only one of the five Baghdad Pact members pressing for a discussion of the Arab-Israel conflict at the meeting of the pact nations which opened here today with Secretary of State Dulles and Foreign Secretary Lloyd of Britain present.

Information reaching here says that Iraq insists that the final communique issued at the pact meeting should include a demand for Israel's return to the borders visualized in the 1947 United Nations partition decision.

Neither the United States, which has only observer status at the parley, and Britain, a full member of the pact, are interested in a discussion of the Palestine issue, feeling that such a move could only serve to sidetrack the deliberations from the main issue--prevention of Soviet penetration of the region. Even Turkey is reported to believe that a Palestine discussion could only serve Moscow's interests.

Britain Adheres to Tripartite Declaration on Arab-Israel Issue

LONDON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- British policy regarding the Israel-Arab conflict remains based on the principles of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 and the government supports the territorial integrity of the Middle East states and their existing frontiers "where these may be considered as final and internationally accepted," Alan Noble, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told Parliament today.

Replying to Laborite questions in Commons, Commander Noble said there had been no change in the government's policy and protested what he called attempts to "twist" the

Sir Anthony Eden's Guildhall statement which called on Israeli to surrender part of its territory in "border adjustments" as the price of a peace settlement. He also expressed the opinion that UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's recent visit to the Middle East had reduced tension "noticeably" in the region.

When, in reply to a query, the Minister said that the British Government would welcome disarmament in the Middle East, he was attacked by Aneurin Bevan who found this statement "astonishing" in view of Britain's refusal to accept Russian offers to end the arms supply to the region. Commander Noble suggested Mr. Bevan wait for Prime Minister Macmillan's reply to Premier Bulganin's latest letter and subsequent discussions. He denied a charge by Mr. Bevan that Britain opposed disarmament because of its own obligations to Moslem states under the terms of the Bagdad Pact.

SHIFTS IN ISRAEL'S HIGH COMMAND BRINGS PROMOTIONS TO COMMANDERS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The elevation of Maj. Gen. Chaim Laskov to the post of Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Army set in motion a chain of changes in the entire Army high command. Some of these changes were announced within the past 24 hours, others are anticipated shortly.

Gen. Laskov was succeeded as commander of the southern front by Col. Chaim Vivian Herzog, who served for a time as Israeli military attache in Washington. Brig. Zvi Tsur, the commander of the central front, was promoted to Deputy Chief of Staff while the current deputy, Brig. Meir Amit will take command of the central front.

Russian born, Gen. Laskov came to this country as a young child. He received his baptism of fire as a youth in high school during the Arab riots when he became associated with the Haganah. That association continued throughout his life except for a five-year period when he served as an officer with British forces in Italy and Belgium during World War II.

During the war of liberation Gen. Laskov served with distinction in a number of important campaigns, including the one which broke through from Central Palestine to the Negev, the assault on Latrun and the Galilee fighting. Brig. Moshe Dayan, who will remain on active status with the army, will take a long leave to resume his studies at the Hebrew University.

MEMBERS OF KIBBUTZIM TURN OVER THEIR RESTITUTION TO THE KIBBUTZ

TEL AVIV, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Some 1,750 members of Achdut Avodah-affiliated collective settlements have received personal restitution payments from West Germany and fully 85 percent of the recipients have turned over the individual payments to the kibbutz in line with the left-wing Socialist principles of the movement, it was revealed here last night at the conclusion of a meeting of Hakibutz Hameuchad, the council of settlements identified with the Achdut Avodah.

It was also revealed that in the discussions in various settlements over whether to turn over the money, 24 individual members were expelled for refusing to contribute these payments to the common treasury and 12 others left voluntarily rather than surrender the funds. The Socialist movement insists that members of the kibbutzim may not hold individual property.

The conference decided to lay down rules governing personal expenditures of settlement members, including even spending on such items as household furniture and clothing. Earlier, Itzhak Tabenkin, ideological leader of the Achdut Avodah party, attacked the current "mood" for "material enrichment" and charged that it was coupled with "growing ideological poverty" in the kibbutzim. The "no personal property" principle was upheld by other party leaders. The conference also voted formal affiliation of the kibbutz council with the Achdut Avodah.

FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; WELCOMED IN KNESSET

TEL AVIV, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- A 17-member French parliamentary delegation arrived here today for an 11-day visit as guest of the Knesset of Israel. Alighting from the plane, Henri La Forest, former Minister for Aviation in the Mollet Government, said the visit was another indication of France's friendship for Israel.

The French deputies were met by a group of distinguished Israeli leaders including the four Deputy Speakers of the Israel Parliament, the heads of department of the Foreign Ministry, Israeli Ambassador to France Yaacov Tsur, French Ambassador to Israel Pierre Gilbert, and three Brigadier Generals of the Israeli armed forces.

Later in the day, the French parliamentarians were guests of a special session of the Israel Knesset. They sat among Israeli deputies and several were at the government table with members of the Cabinet. Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak welcomed them warmly. The French deputies witnessed the formal swearing-in of Minister for Religion Moshe Shapira who did not take his oath of office when the rest of the Cabinet did because he was still recuperating from injuries suffered in a madman's bomb attack on the Knesset.

AUSTRIAN FINANCE MINISTER CONFERS ON RESTITUTION TO NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Austrian Finance Minister Reinhardt Kamitz presided today over a special Austrian Government commission which began negotiations with representatives of groups demanding restitution for loss and damages sustained during the Nazi regime.

It was revealed that the Austrian Government group consisted of three subcommittees, one of which was dealing with restitution to Nazi victims under the terms of the Austrian State Treaty. No other information was released about the meeting, on the grounds that publicity might interfere with a settlement.

GERMAN TEACHER ARRESTED; BOASTED OF KILLING JEWS UNDER NAZIS

FRANKFURT, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Ludwig Zind, a high school teacher in Offenburg, was arrested today on charges of libel against the Jews, condoning crimes against humanity, defamation of the memory of the dead and on suspicion of having committed other unnamed crimes.

Zind's arrest followed nationwide protests by teachers and others against the failure of the Baden-Wuerttemberg authorities to act against the high school teacher who told a Jew that not enough Jews had been gassed in the Nazi death camps. He is also said to have boasted participating in the killing of Jews during the Hitler regime.

The charge of defamation of the memory of the dead was filed against Zind by the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

NAZI PUBLISHER SENTENCED IN BERLIN FOR SPREADING ANTI-SEMITISM

BERLIN, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Guenther Daiquen, publisher of the S. S. newspaper Schwarze Korps, was sentenced to pay a fine of 28,000 Deutschmarks following his conviction on charges of having helped spread anti-Semitism and been responsible for the persecution of Jews during the Nazi regime.

Testimony in a Berlin court underlined the fact that between 1935 and 1945 not a single edition of Schwarze Korps appeared without some story spreading false accusations and racial hatred against the Jews. On occasion, it was noted, the S. S. newspaper outdid Julius Streicher's more notorious Der Sturmer.

HADASSAH RECEIVED \$250,000 IN GRANTS FOR RESEARCH DURING YEAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Hadassah received research grants in 1957 totalling \$250,000, it was reported here today at the annual mid-winter conference of the organization. Mrs. Abraham Tulin, national chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization Committee in the United States, said that of this sum \$110,000 was awarded to the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School and to the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel for clinical and pre-clinical research by the Ford Foundation through the Israel Government.

Mrs. Tulin said that \$50,000 was received from the Florina Lasker Research Fund for "The Study of Man in Israel." The grants from the Florina Lasker Research Fund are earmarked for definite projects which include: 1. Determination of the incidence of diabetes in various groups, old-time residents of Israel and new immigrants, urban dwellers and farmers, according to their countries of origin; 2. A study of nutrition and health among Cochins Jews; 3. Smoking in pulmonary cancer among Yemenite and Bulgarian Jews in Israel.

Dr. Kalman J. Mann, director-general of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel, who arrived from Israel last week to participate in the Hadassah conference, disclosed that "a new and successful technique has been developed by Hadassah surgeons for replacement of the esophagus with an artificial one, thus giving new hope to victims of cancer of the upper esophagus, which is fairly common in the United States and Israel. He said the new technique was developed and used successfully by Dr. Zvi Neuman, acting head of the Department of Plastic Surgery, and Dr. Hanoeh Milwidsky, head of the Department of Thoracic Surgery, both of Hadassah's Ziv Hospital in Jerusalem.

ORT UNION PARLEY APPROVES BUDGET OF \$5,000,000 FOR 1958

GENEVA, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Representatives of ORT committees in 20 countries of Europe, North Africa and the Middle East and the United States endorsed today a record World ORT Union budget of over \$5,000,000 to help train 30,000 men, women and young people with a variety of skills in 1958.

Dr. William Haber, president of the Union, reported that in Israel the ORT training program will require considerable enlargement to meet the needs of an anticipated 80,000 immigrants, that in Europe 7,500 Hungarian and Egyptian Jewish refugees would require training assistance and that in North Africa the ORT's services would be required.

He placed special emphasis on the vocational training program in Poland where Jews repatriated from the Soviet Union must be retrained. The ORT has already opened workshop classes in Wroclaw and Stettin and will set up classes in 14 cities for an anticipated 1,500 students during 1958, Dr. Haber said.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL OPENS THREE-DAY CONFERENCE IN ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower was urged today to call a "summit conference" of religious leaders of all faiths in the United States to mobilize public opinion against Communism. The suggestion was voiced at the opening session of the three-day conference of the Rabbinical Council of America at the Breakers Hotel here.

Rabbi Solomon Sharfman, president of the organization, which claims a membership of 750 Orthodox rabbis, opened the conference with a call for a mass pilgrimage of American Jews to Israel during the 10th anniversary celebrations there this year. At the same time, he urged Israel to "fully incorporate Talmudic maxims in her legislative codes."

Rabbi Sharfman concluded his address by announcing to the conference that "the Rabbinical Council of America recognizes the Chief Rabbinate as the sole authority for the adjudication of religious matters in Israel. In return, the Rabbinical Council of America is to receive full recognition from the Chief Rabbinate as the liaison rabbinical unit in the United States." Over 500 rabbis from the United States and Canada are participating in this three-day parley.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN U.S.; LAUDS MT. SCOPUS TALKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Benjamin Mazar, president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, said here today that he is most gratified at the successful conclusion of negotiations between the governments of Israel and Jordan, which will enable the Israel university to bring down its priceless collection of books and manuscripts from its original campus on Mt. Scopus.

Speaking at a press conference, Dr. Mazar said: "I am very pleased and welcome the successful conclusion of the talks which have been conducted by Dr. Francisco Urutia, personal representative of Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, the Secretary General of the United Nations. For ten years our faculty and student body have been cut off from over 500,000 priceless books, manuscripts and other irreplaceable material which is the heart and lifeblood of our University and desperately needed for our current training and research program. This new development is most heartening."

Dr. Mazar, a noted archaeologist and historian, is visiting the United States to stimulate wider interest in the work of the Hebrew University, and to exchange information with United States scientists and leaders in the field of education. He disclosed that in the past year alone, the University has given refuge to 150 students from Hungary, Poland and Egypt, a number of whom have been enrolled as upperclassmen in the University's Schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy. He also noted that six refugee scholars had been added to Hebrew University's faculty.

"We need funds for additional buildings. At the same time, we cannot let down the students who have fled their native lands to come to us for haven. We must do all in our power to aid and encourage these young people whose education has been interrupted and who are brutally cut off from family and funds due to the intolerances of international politics," Dr. Mazar stated.

He announced that Hebrew University was expanding its research activities in many fields. He mentioned particularly atomic and solar energy.

J.N.F. HONORS CONSULS GENERAL OF FRANCE AND ISRAEL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Simcha Pratt, Consul General of Israel, and Jacques Baeyens, Consul General of France, were honored last night at a dinner here of the Jewish National Fund. The French diplomat was presented with a JNF Citation of Merit hailing Franco-Israel friendship.

Mr. Pratt, in his address extolled the work of the Jewish National Fund as "one of the greatest instruments for the rebuilding of the State of Israel." Turning to his French colleague, he said "Israel will never forget the aid it received from France during its hour of peril in the conduct of the Sinai operation against Egypt."

M. Baeyens, accepting the citation said: "France saw the justice of Israel's side in the defensive action of Sinai against Egypt and it is no wonder that France has acted accordingly and said so publicly at the General Assembly of the United Nations." He recalled that "the French Revolution set the stage for the emancipation of the Jews from age-old restrictions and for the full equality of the Jew as a citizen."

ASHES OF DR. HALE, FORMER HEAD OF U.S. AID MISSION, MAY BE BURIED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The ashes of the late Dr. Lincoln Hale, former director of the United States Operations Mission in Israel, may be laid to rest in Israel, it was learned today. Dr. Hale suffered a heart attack and died in New York last week while delivering a lecture on Israel.

The Premier's Office has received information that Dr. Hale's widow wishes to bring his ashes to Israel. This may be in accordance with his last wishes.