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SAUDI ARABIA INDICATES INTENTION TO CLOSE AKABA GULF TO ISRAEL

GENEVA, March 13. (JTA) -- Indicating that Saudi Arabia intends to close the Gulf of Akaba to Israeli shipping, the Saudi Arabian representative to the maritime conference of 87 nations, which is being held here, said today that a royal decree was issued last month by his King extending Saudi Arabia's territorial limits from the present three miles to 12 miles beyond its coastline. The gulf is only 12 miles wide along most of its 100-mile length.

Ahmed Shukairy, the Saudi Arabian delegate, bitterly attacked Israel in his speech today. Declaring that the Gulf of Akaba is entirely an "inland Arab waterway," he said: "Neither on the Mediterranean nor on the Gulf of Akaba has Israel any lawful standing. The Gulf of Akaba is entirely in and its waters under the exclusive sovereignty of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Republic and Jordan. The Eastern Mediterranean is entirely within the domain of the United Arab Republic, Palestine, Lebanon, Turkey and Greece."

The delegates of the United States, England and France at this conference are backing Israel's right to innocent passage through the straits at the entrance to the gulf, through which alone ships can reach Israel's port of Elath. A United Nations police force is now guarding the Egyptian shore of the strait, keeping it open to all shipping.

In announcing King Saud's decree at the conference today, the Saudi Arabian representative told the delegates of the 87 nations: "Israel is without international frontiers either on land or sea. Under the Palestine armistice agreements, as endorsed by the United Nations Security Council, Israel's status is one of military occupation and armistice lines dictated by military considerations and has no political significance."

Mr. Shukairy then extended his speech to a reckless attack on Israel, and was rebuked by the conference chairman for raising political considerations at a non-partisan international conference. He especially took issue with Michael Comay, Deputy Director General of the Israel Foreign Ministry, who had rejected his claim that the Gulf of Akaba is "entirely an inland Arab waterway."

ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE RAISED IN HOUSE OF LORDS; GOVERNMENT VIEW STATED

LONDON, March 13. (JTA) -- A British Government spokesman in the House of Lords said today that the government would not attempt to dictate to either the Arab States or Israel what concessions either should make in the interests of a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. Lord Gosford, who called Sir Anthony Eden's Guildhall speech a "misunderstood" statement, did stress that there would have to be a compromise if a settlement were to be reached.

Lord Silken, a Labor peer, hit out at Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd for making a statement recently similar to Eden's. He called it "quite unrealistic" to expect Israel to begin negotiations on the basis of its surrender of territory.

Another Laborite, Lord Hendersson, voiced a plea that the projected summit meeting of Western and Soviet leaders bring forth an agreement on the Middle East which would guarantee the Arabs whatever unity they sought and Israel the right to live--both without interference from outside.

He suggested that the minimum agreement to come out of the summit parley should include guarantees of the existing frontiers against all change; a ban on arms shipments to the region, and an understanding not to introduce nuclear weapons or bases in the Middle East.

JEWISH AGENCY MEETS; PLANS AN ADVISORY COUNCIL; TO INCLUDE NON-ZIONISTS

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA) -- A three-day plenary meeting of the Jewish Agency executive opened here last night to prepare for the forthcoming Zionist Actions Committee which is scheduled to get under way next Tuesday. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, outlined the problems facing the committee.

The executive discussed a plan for the establishment of an advisory council to the Agency executive which it will recommend to the Actions Committee. It is understood that among the points of this plan is the inclusion of non-Zionist members who have demonstrated their friendliness toward Israel. President Itzhak Ben Zvi of Israel will address the Actions Committee on "Sixty Years of Zionism."

DR. GOLDMANN URGES ISRAELI YOUTH TO STUDY JEWISH LIFE IN OTHER LANDS

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA) -- A warning to Israel youth against ignoring the Jews outside of Israel "lest they disappear as a community, an irreparable loss to Israel," was voiced by Dr. Nahum Goldmann in an address to Hebrew University students yesterday.

The world Zionist leader said that because of "wealth, comforts and good conditions" in America, American Jewish youth find they have nothing specific to fight for or against as Jews and Jewish identification was therefore fading. Nothing but a living contact with Israel, he said, could help the situation.

He added that if Israel wished to influence Jews in other countries, it must also take them into account, study and understand them. Politically, Israel will always need world Jewry, he said, because no state in the modern world can be entirely independent and Israel will be able to resist Arab pressures only if backed by the Jewish people.

Dr. Goldmann urged young Israelis to study Jewish life in countries outside of Israel so that they will have some understanding of such Jews for the time when the Israel-born generation takes over the leadership from the present generation which has first hand knowledge of Jewish life abroad.

MEMORY OF MURDERED DR. KASTNER HONORED IN ISRAEL; LAUDED BY LEADERS

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Hungarian-born Jews met here last night to commemorate the first anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Rudolph Kastner, central figure in a two-year controversy involving charges that he had collaborated with the Nazis during World War II.

Giora Josephthal, General Secretary of the Mapai Party of which Dr. Kastner was a member, told the assembly that Dr. Kastner, who was posthumously cleared by the Israel Supreme Court of charges of collusion with the Nazis when he arranged for the emigration of more than 600 Jews from Nazi-occupied Hungary, was a "symbol of Jewish martyrdom." He said that Dr. Kastner, unlike other leaders who either withdrew seeing no hope for survival or found refuge for themselves alone, decided to remain and struggle to save Hungarian Jews.

Mr. Josephthal stressed that the Mapai movement supported Dr. Kastner and that the assassins' bullets were actually directed against the movement. Dr. Kastner was shot and killed March 3, 1957 as he was returning home from his work as editor of a local Hungarian language daily. Three suspected terrorists were convicted last January 7 of intentional murder in the slaying.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, world Jewish leader, stressed in a message to the meeting the "important task" of Dr. Kastner during the European holocaust. Participants in the commemorative meeting decided to establish a committee in Dr. Kastner's memory by a memorial project and by research into Dr. Kastner's efforts to save European Jews.

Earlier this week, a "Public Committee Investigating the Genocide of the Jewish People in Europe" made up mainly of members of the right-wing Herut party and scholars like Prof. Joseph Klausner, Dr. Joseph Schechtman and Itzhak Levinson of South Africa, started a campaign to establish an independent worldwide Jewish committee to investigate the actions of Jewish leaders during the European tragedy.

GOLDA MEIR PLEDGES ISRAEL'S TECHNICAL AID TO GHANA; VISITS VILLAGES

ACCRA, Ghana, March 13. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, went on record publicly today as pledging further technical aid for the new African republic. Her promise was made after a second meeting today with Premier Nkrumah and a tour of a number of important Ghana rural and urban centers.

Mrs. Meir, whose car with its blue-white Israeli flag flapping in the wind has become a familiar sight in the country about the capital, is cheered in every village and city where she visits. She has spoken to wildly enthusiastic students and women's groups, on the radio and at government receptions in her honor.

Today, Mrs. Meir visited Kumasi, a town in the center of a Ghana's rich cocoa area, and met with the traditional leader of the Ashantis, one of the larger peoples making up the Ghana population. She visited Kumasi Technical College, which is headed by an Israeli technical expert on two-year loan, the town's museum and its modern hospital.

FRENCH CAPITAL TO AID ISRAEL'S NEW ECONOMIC PROJECTS IN HAIFA AREA

PARIS, March 13. (JTA) -- French capital will soon assist Israel with new economic projects, including construction of a sewage disposal unit for the Haifa region and a new chemical plant, Abba Hushi, Mayor of Haifa, told a press conference here today. He said the projected plant will produce many chemical products derived from the residue of phosphate factories operating in the Haifa area.

JEWISH YOUTHS REPATRIATED FROM RUSSIA SHUN COMMUNISM IN POLAND

LONDON, March 13. (JTA) -- Jewish 'teenagers repatriated from the Soviet Union to Poland do not take too well to lengthy Marxist-Leninist speeches in youth clubs organized for them by Polish Jewish Communist leaders, the Warsaw Yiddish language daily "Folkstimme" reports.

The latest issue to arrive here from Warsaw notes that the young people prefer social activities such as dancing in clubrooms to what their Communist "instructors" offer in the way of political lectures. Folkstimme also reports that Communist-led Cultural and Social Union of Polish Jews finds the younger generation disappointingly "hollow" because they want a good time. The newspaper asserts that efforts to bind the younger Jews to Communism and to Poland appear doomed by the disillusionment of the youngsters with the Soviet Union and their feeling of strangeness in Poland, their new home.

The majority of 'teenagers--those who grew up in Poland as well as those who were recently repatriated from Soviet territory--are not assimilating into the Polish population, Folkstimme reports. It attributes this to the anti-Semitism which they encounter among Polish school-age boys and girls. Even the children of assimilated Jewish families are now looking for Jewish companions, the newspaper says. For the others, with an imperfect knowledge of Polish, there is only the company of other Jews in the Communist-organized clubs and centers.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT DISCUSSES HUMANE SLAUGHTER; HEARS VIEW ON SHECHITA

LONDON, March 13. (JTA) -- The House of Commons today discussed a proposed humane slaughter bill and heard Barnett Janner, Labor M. P. and president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, explain shechita.

Mr. Janner declared that "many of my co-religionists and I have studied this question seriously for many years and are satisfied, as is the Council of Jews and Christians, that the shechita method used for killing animals, the Jewish method, is as humane as any in existence at the present time." He noted that Biblical writings also described the shechita method as the most humane in use in ancient times.

J. B. Godber, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, commented: "I am glad to hear what Mr. Janner says relating to the humanity of this particular method."

ANNE FRANK FUND ESTABLISHED IN GERMANY; TO AID ISRAELI STUDENTS

FRANKFURT, March 13. (JTA) -- The life and death of Anne Frank, Dutch Jewish 'teenager murdered by the Nazis, has become the theme for a broad movement to demonstrate the German people's desire to make amends for the crimes of the Nazis.

On the occasion of Brotherhood Week, which officially opens in Germany Saturday, major West German radio stations have been broadcasting a condensed version of a biography of Anne written by Ernst Schnabel. They have also informed the public that the author, the Association of German Broadcasting Stations and publisher S. Fischer have all agreed to pay fees, royalties and profits into an Anne Frank Scholarship Fund to provide grants for Israeli students to study in European schools.

In an appeal to the public for contributions to the fund, the radio stations stress that this would be a "people's" contribution as distinct from Bonn Government reparations to the Israel Government.

AMERICAN BANK TO SELL DEBENTURE STOCK OF NEW ISRAEL CORPORATION

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- Tourist Industry Development Corporation Limited, an Israel Corporation, today announced that it had entered into an indenture with Bankers Trust Company of New York City covering \$2,250,000 of the corporation's perpetual seven percent subordinated debenture stock.

Registration of the corporation's offering offering with the Security and Exchange Commission became effective on February 28, 1958, according to Lawrence G. Laskey of Boston, chairman of the board of the American section of the corporation. Mr. Laskey, motion picture executive and New England chairman for Israel bonds, said the corporation's debenture stock offering is being issued to enable private investors in the United States to take part in financing Israel's growing tourist industry.

The new capital will be used to provide sound, long-term mortgage and other loans to Israel's hotels, restaurants, sightseeing and companion tourist industries. Mr. Laskey stated that interest of the TIDC debenture stock is payable in dollars and the investment is also linked to the dollar. It is intended that investment of TIDC assets will be made only in profit-earning tourist enterprises.

The chairman of the 15-member board of directors of TIDC is Theodor Kollek, director general of Premier David Ben Gurion's Office. It's American members, beside Mr. Laskey, are: Jacob Arvey, Benjamin H. Swig, Louis H. Boyar, and Rudolf G. Sonneborn.

GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA ORDERS BAN ON KU KLUX KLAN DEMONSTRATIONS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 13. (JTA) -- Gov. LeRoy Collins today instructed Florida's sheriffs to ban as far as lawfully possible any demonstrations by the Ku Klux Klan. The KKK in Florida has recently made violent expressions against Negroes and Jews.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM OPENS ANNUAL CONVENTION; REITERATES ANTI-ZIONISM

HOUSTON, Texas, March 13. (JTA) -- The four-day 14th annual national conference of the American Council for Judaism opened here tonight with George L. Levinson, vice-president of the organization, delivering the keynote address. A message from President Eisenhower hailing as a "real contribution to the forces of freedom" the ACJ efforts to "apply the universal values of the Jewish faith to the problems of the day" was read to the several hundred delegates assembled here from all over the country.

Mr. Levinson, once a State Department officer, urged American Jews to "break out of the Zionist pattern" and follow the Council's way. "There is no compromise possible," he declared, "between the Jewish nationalist, Zionist position and ours. Judaism will be a universal religion or it will be a tribalism."

Granting that the State of Israel was now a fact of history, Mr. Levinson said: "We can see hope for a normal Israel, whose nationalism, national rights and obligations are confined to its own citizens; an Israel no longer commissioning a world-wide Zionist movement to organize its immigration, to supply it with political lobbies, to mobilize its fiscal needs, to dispense its national culture." He called specifically for:

1. A "clean and clear break with Zionist-dominated institutions," though, he added, "we have no intention of cutting ourselves off from the traditions of Judaism or from other Jews."
2. Continue to "analyze, expose and disclose the 'Jewish' nationalist program and the ineffectiveness of 'non-Zionist' strategy."
3. Greater energy than ever before in the field of public affairs, particularly in advocating that Israel and American Jews "free themselves from their Zionist leadership."
4. Expanded efforts in the field of religious education, to create "institutions where the universalities of Judaism may be taught and where we may give them more meaningful expression in our American lives."

JEWISH CONGRESS LEADER TESTIFIES AGAINST SUNDAY BILLS IN NEW JERSEY

NEWARK, March 13. (JTA) -- Rabbi S. Joshua Kohn, American Jewish Congress leader appearing today at a public hearing before the New Jersey State Assembly on bills to amend the state Sunday law, vigorously opposed any law requiring the observance of Sunday as a religious day of rest.

"We of the American Jewish Congress believe that these laws establishing religion infringe upon the religious liberty of American citizens in violation of the constitution of the United States and of a large majority of the states including New Jersey," he said. "As Jews we are particularly concerned because of the special hardship that these laws impose on persons who observe the seventh day of the week as their day of rest."

Four bills have been introduced in the New Jersey State Assembly that would in various ways establish the state Sunday law. The American Jewish Congress differs with the contention that the Sunday law is a health measure rather than a religious law. "Reasons of health may require persons to abstain from work one day in seven, but there is no health reason why the day of rest must be the Christian sabbath," Rabbi Kohn said. "A measure designed only to insure that no one works seven days is easily drawn. Selection of Sunday marks the statute as religious and sectarian in motive and effect," he stressed.

The American Jewish Congress, Rabbi Kohn stated, believes that the present unsatisfactory law could well be replaced by a law requiring one day of rest in seven, allowing each person to make the choice that conforms to his religious belief. "Such a law would in fact be a health measure," he said, "not open to criticism as an effort by the state to enforce religious doctrines or as an unfair discrimination against any religious group."

JEWISH AGENCY AND ARTS FOUNDATION TO SHOW HEBREW FILMS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- A Hebrew Arts Film House to serve Americans of all ages who are studying Hebrew will be inaugurated with a series of special film showings, it was announced today by the Hebrew Arts Foundation.

The project, which is being undertaken with the cooperation of the Jewish Agency, presents an opportunity to audiences to see and hear films in basic Hebrew as an entertaining supplement to their Hebrew courses. Among the pictures to be shown are a quartet of Hebrew Song Films: "Shabbat Sholem Umevorach," "Tzena," "Dunam Po V'Dunam Sham," and "Hasheevanu"; "Vistas of Israel," continuing three scenes of modern Israel, and "Falle Alone in the World," the prize-winning Danish short which has been dubbed into Hebrew.