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## MARITIME PARLEY UPHOLDS ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO USE GULF OF AKABA

GENEVA, April 2. (JTA) -- The international maritime conference here approved today a new principle of international law which, without mentioning the State of Israel, confirms the right of access to and from the port of Elath. The vote by which this new principle passed in the 87-nation gathering, was 31 to 30, with the Soviet and Arab blocs lining up in opposition while the Western nations supported Israel.

The new principle guarantees foreign vessels the right of innocent access from the high seas through straits to the ports of coastal nations. Elath lies at the head of the Gulf of Akaba, which stretches more than a hundred miles southward to the Strait of Tiran. Egypt fortified and closed off the strait against shipping bound into or out of the Israeli port until the Sinai operation freed the area.

## ISRAEL TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS HULEH DIGGING TO AID U. N. INQUIRY

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- To assist United Nations observers surveying the demilitarized zone between Israel and Syria, scene of two days of intense fighting which left one Israeli dead and an unknown number of Syrians casualties, Israel has agreed to suspend activities where bulldozer work might hinder the UN investigation.

But authoritative Israeli sources underlined that Israel has no intention of interrupting the drainage canal digging south of Lake Huleh to which the Syrians objected.

It's action came after the new UN truce chief, Maj. Gen. Carl C. von Horn, in his second meeting with Foreign Minister Golda Meir in three days, asked for yet another UN survey to satisfy himself that Israel's work is, as Israel claims and as several previous UN surveys have established, on Israeli soil outside the demilitarized zone. Certain of the result, Israel has agreed in advance to accept the decision of the UN surveyors and has provided them with modern measuring instruments. The surveying is expected to be completed in a matter of days, if the Syrians do not resort again to action with machine guns, tanks and mortars.

The digging to which the Syrians objected so murderously was on the sixth and final of a series of secondary ditches meant to keep the former Huleh swamp dry and arable. As in the case of the other five canals, the Israelis informed UN truce observers in advance of their intentions, then, with UN observers in attendance, Israeli surveyors laid out the route of the canal. On the next day, when the digging equipment and laborers appeared, the Syrians opened fire.

Meanwhile, conditions appeared normal in the disputed area after the UN arranged cease-fires, but tension was great. Field workers of settlements continued their regular chores and road communication was maintained but extensive precautionary measures were taken by settlements. Israel officials reported that Syrians, for the first time in their attacks on Israel settlements, had used long range Russian-type 122-millimeter guns.

## ARAB THREAT TO APPEAL TO SECURITY COUNCIL ON BORDER CLASHES FADES

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 2. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic threat to make an issue before the Security Council of the Syrian-Israel clashes in the Huleh Lake area faded today after both sides issued statements here.

Mondecal R. Kidron, Israel's acting permanent representative to the United Nations, told the Security Council that the two Syrian attacks were a repetition of "a familiar pattern of Syrian aggression," and that Israel "has not submitted" to such attacks "in the past nor will it submit in the future."

The assertion of Israel's insistence that its work in the Lake Huleh area is permitted under the Syrian-Israel armistice agreement was made in a letter submitted by Mr. Kidron to Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., American chief delegate and this month's president of the Security Council.

Simultaneously, the UAR delegation issued a statement asserting that "now that Israel hostilities in the Lake Huleh region have stopped, and in view of the earnest efforts being undertaken by the United Nations itself, the United Arab Republic has considered the

postponement of convening an urgent meeting of the Security Council." The statement contained a warning that the UAR would ask such a meeting "if hostilities were resumed by Israel."

Mr. Kidron, who asked that Israel's letter be circulated to all members of the Security Council, pointed out that Syria has been trying to hamper Israel's work in the region by various means since 1951. He said Syria used "full-scale armed aggression against Israel" in the area in 1951, 1953 and 1957.

The Israel representative rejected UAR claims that current reclamation work trespasses on Arab-owned land, asserting that no Arab land was involved and that the armistice agreement also was not involved because the current work was "wholly outside" the demilitarized zone in the reclaimed area of Lake Huleh.

#### HAMMARSKJOLD MEETS FAWZI IN GENEVA TODAY; TO DISCUSS MID-EAST TENSIONS

GENEVA, April 2, (JTA) -- A long overdue attempt to ease the Middle East tension is expected when United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold confers here tomorrow with United Arab Republic Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi.

Despite denials by United Nations sources, the two statesmen are expected to discuss the latest clashes on the Israel-Syrian frontier as well as the announced agenda of UAR legal relations with various UN bodies--arising from the merger of Egypt and Syria, both UN member states, into one republic.

However, reliable sources here expect the entire range of Middle East problems to come under survey and, in this connection, place particular emphasis on the fact that Mr. Hammarskjold has just been in Moscow talking with Soviet leaders while UAR President Nasser is scheduled to pay an early visit to the Kremlin. Among the subjects which will be on the agenda will be the status of the UN Emergency Force in Sinai and the Gaza Strip and the issue of freedom of shipping through the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba.

#### SENATE FOREIGN UNIT CHAIRMAN ASKS U.S. TO "GET ALONG" WITH NASSER

WASHINGTON, April 2, (JTA) -- Chairman Theodore F. Green of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee urged today that the Administration adopt a friendlier attitude toward the United Arab Republic and try to "get along" with President Nasser. He suggested that the United States provide economic aid to the UAR to replace assistance furnished by the Soviet bloc.

Speaking before the 11th annual conference of the Association of International Relations Clubs, Sen. Green said Col. Nasser may be responsive to friendly overtures from America. He added the United States has "no real Middle East policy at all." He said it has not prevented or "even impeded the communist economic offensive in the Middle East."

#### NATUREI KARTA LEADER SENTENCED TO PRISON AFTER JERUSALEM RIOT

JERUSALEM, April 2, (JTA) -- Amram Blau, Naturei Karta leader, his son, Uri and two other members of the ultra-Orthodox sect were sentenced today to four months' imprisonment on charges of having disturbed the peace in a violent demonstration in February against a swimming pool in which mixed bathing will be permitted.

A fifth defendant was sentenced to three months in jail and a sixth to 28 days, in magistrate courts, with additional terms of three weeks for those zealots who had been previously convicted and given suspended sentences.

Eleven others received fines ranging from 15 to 150 pounds and ordered to sign 250-pound bonds to guarantee good behavior or receive sentences of two weeks to two months. Three flatly refused to sign such bonds and the other eight, while insisting they too refused to recognize the Government of Israel or any of its courts, entered bond to avoid being in jail during Passover.

Another trial, involving 20 others who demonstrated later against the projected pool, will be heard after the holiday. They included three yeshiva students from abroad who have been free on bail.

#### ISRAEL SUPREME COURT REJECTS APPEAL FROM TEL AVIV PORK SALES BAN

JERUSALEM, April 2, (JTA) -- The Israel Supreme Court today rejected an appeal from a vendor of pork against a Tel Aviv municipality ban on the contention that he should be exempt from the ban because he did not sell his products in the city. He testified that the factory he represented supplied only persons living outside Tel Aviv and contended that the municipality could only prohibit sales and not production. The Supreme Court dismissed the appeal and ordered the defendant to pay a fine of 100 pounds and costs.

#### GERMAN CREWMAN FINED FOR PAINTING SWASTIKA ON SHIP IN HAIFA HARBOR

TEL AVIV, April 2, (JTA) -- A member of the crew of a German ship who painted a swastika on the ship in broad daylight in the Haifa harbor was fined 100 Israel pounds by a Haifa magistrate yesterday. The sailor, Paul Biagansky, 18, was stopped by police who had been called by dockworkers. The sailor said he had "recalled" that the swastika was a German "official emblem" and that he had no intention of irritating anyone.

#### KU KLUX KLAN EXTENDS ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGN TO ARGENTINA, JEWS CHARGE

BUENOS AIRES, April 2. (JTA) -- The Ku Klux Klan has extended its anti-Semitic activities to Argentina, the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, revealed here today in a memorandum asking government action to quash new anti-Semitic propaganda which is appearing in many parts of the country.

The memorandum reveals that KKK literature has been received from Texas and photostats of KKK envelopes bearing the Texas postmark are attached. KKK leaflets here announce: "We have arrived in South America." Swedish anti-Semitic leaflets are also arriving via the mails.

Local anti-Semitic organizations continue active, the DAIA disclosed, including such sheets as the German-language Der Weg which the DAIA called anti-Argentinian as well as anti-Semitic.

Additionally, the swastika has again made its appearance on walls, together with criminal incitement such as the well known Argentine fascist slogan: "Help the Fatherland. Kill a Jew." The last had been suppressed for many years in this country, the DAIA memorandum pointed out, asking the Ministry of Interior to take speedy and effective action to halt the revived anti-Jewish campaigns.

#### JANNER ASKS POLICE POWER TO ACT AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH SLOGANEERS

LONDON, April 2. (JTA) -- A proposal for the widening of a Metropolitan police bill to cover writing of abusive slogans on public walls was made today by Barnett Janner, M. P. and British Jewish communal leader.

The bill, which is now in committee, would increase the maximum penalties for threatening, abusive or insulting words or behavior in public places. Mr. Janner, who called such slogan-writing "one of the most cowardly and vicious things that can possibly be done," cited his experiences as an M. P. for Whitechapel when the Fascist movement made "that type of attack on my own Jewish people," a "very serious one, indeed." He said that recently the walls of Buckingham Palace "were actually used for swastikas and anti-Semitic word scribbles."

David Benton, Joint Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Home Office, replied that since "slogans are generally either in threatening, abusive or insulting words and the marking up of them on a wall is behavior," such activities would be covered in the current bill.

#### JEWISH CEMETERIES IN POLISH CITIES BEING RESTORED UNDER J. D. C. AUSPICES

PARIS, April 2. (JTA) -- Restoration work in Poland's three principal Jewish cemeteries in Breslau, Warsaw and Lodz, which were in a state of neglect through abandonment during the war years and by a dwindling Jewish community, will be completed this month, a spokesman for the Joint Distribution Committee said today. Under JDC auspices, a special committee undertook to restore the cemeteries and to erect a monument in memory of Poland's Jewish martyrs, he said.

#### GERMAN WORLD WAR I PENSIONS TO BE RESTORED TO NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, April 2. (JTA) -- The Bonn Parliament has approved two draft measures stipulating compensation payments to victims of Nazis who were deprived of pensions authorized as a result of injuries they suffered in World War I.

#### JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADER MURDERED BY NAZIS HONORED IN STUTTGART

STUTTGART, Germany, April 2. (JTA) -- A new bridge across a canal in this city has been named in honor for a Jewish community leader tortured to death in the Mauthausen concentration camp.

The bridge bears the name of Otto Hirsch, a lawyer who served on various government commissions until Hitler came to power, and then accepted the post of executive chairman of the Reichsvertretung, the central organization of German Jews. In this post he struggled against the Nazis until his arrest and subsequent murder.

#### BERLIN OFFICIAL ASKS JEWS TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN GERMAN YOUTH

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Jewish people throughout the world to have confidence in the new generation's efforts to create a new Germany was made by Senator Joachim Lipschitz of the City of Berlin at a luncheon given in his honor here by the World Jewish Congress.

"It is humanly impossible" to compensate for all the losses Jewry had suffered in the period 1933-45, but it was the only way Germany could do anything to atone, Sen. Lipschitz said. "No one should say 'thanks,'" the Senator added, "it is our obligation. We have to be thankful that the other side accepted what we offered."

## ONTARIO MOVES TO PUT TEETH INTO ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROGRAM

OTTAWA, April 2. (JTA) -- A bill providing for an anti-discrimination commission to oversee administration of Ottawa's FEPC and Fair Accommodation Practices Act has been passed by the Ontario provincial legislature.

The Legislative Assembly voted \$100,000 for a budget for a commission of three or more members which will make recommendations to improve the administration of the anti-bias legislation and to develop educational programs explaining the legislation to the public.

## COMPLAINTS OF ANTI-JEWISH BIAS DROPPING IN N. Y. STATE, OFFICIAL REPORTS

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- The New York State Commission Against Discrimination reported yesterday that bias against Jews in the areas of employment, public accommodations and publicly-assisted housing has dropped substantially in recent years but still represented a major portion of cases handled by the agency.

Charles Abrams of the Commission said that 4,685 complaints have been brought to the agency since it was started in 1945 and 567 of these involved Jews.

Asserting that discrimination against Jews, "while diminished, has not been eradicated," Commissioner Abrams said such biased behavior toward Jews "is not always due to prejudice on the part of personnel managers or executives, but frequently may be attributed to the surviving vestiges of old practices."

More than three-fourths of the Jewish complaints involved jobs, including such complaints as refusal to hire, conditions of work and practices of job agencies. Abrams said 85 percent of all cases were filed in New York City. Abrams said that the commission sustained the complaints of 82 of the 504 cases brought by Jews and closed by the agency.

### New York Planning Educational Program to Support Anti-Bias Housing Law

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- Officials of New York City announced plans today for an educational program as the foundation for enforcement of the nation's first law banning racial and religious discrimination in private housing. Dr. Frank S. Horne, executive director of the Committee on Inter-Group Relations, which will administer the new law, said that a \$200,000 appropriation will provide the means for such a program.

The Fair Housing Practices Law, bans discrimination because of race, creed or national origin in all private multiple dwellings with a minimum of three families. One and two family houses are exempt except those that are part of developments of ten units or more. Cooperative apartments are included.

The Jewish Labor Committee and the American Jewish Congress hailed the new law. The JLC said that the law was "proof that, given the opportunity, democracy can answer both racial bigots and political tyrants." The Congress statement urged all New Yorkers to support the law and added they "can take pride in the precedent."

## ISRAEL MADE GREAT HEALTH PROGRESS IN DECADE, HADASSAH PRESIDENT SAYS

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- Despite ten years of Arab hostility and interference, the State of Israel has made some of the most important health advances in the world, Dr. Miriam K. Freund, president of Hadassah, declared here last night upon her return from a visit to Israel where she inspected Hadassah medical and welfare institutions.

Dr. Freund noted that life expectancy in Israel has risen to a point where it rivals that of the United States, being higher for men and only slightly lower for women than in this country. Infant mortality rate has dropped steadily for 127 per 1,000 in 1922 to 32 per 1,000 last year. She pointed out that official reports credit Hadassah and other voluntary organizations working in Israel for their contributions toward those favorable developments.

## ISRAEL RED MOGEN DOVID TO COOPERATE WITH U.S. HEALTH AGENCY

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- The central blood processing institute of Magen David Adom, Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross, will cooperate with the United States Naval Medical Research Institute at Bethesda, Md., in experiments in the indefinite preservation of whole blood.

Congressman Emanuel Celler, national chairman of American Red Mogen Dovid, announced that two top researchers of the Bethesda Institute will go to Israel early this month. They are Dr. H. T. Meryman, chief of the Institute's Biophysics Division, and his assistant Dr. Emanuel Kafig.

## U.S. MAY RELEASE EZRA POUND; ANTI-SEMITIC POET CHARGED WITH TREASON

WASHINGTON, April 2. (JTA) -- The United States is considering releasing from a mental hospital here Ezra Pound, 73, widely known American poet, who was charged with treason against the United States in the late World War but was never tried because of his mental condition. Attorney General Rogers announced here yesterday. Pound's poetry is shot through with anti-Semitic references.