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## ISRAEL COMPLAINS TO U. N. AGAINST EGYPT'S RENEWED SUEZ BLOCKADE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 18. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, lodged a formal complaint today against the United Arab Republic for "flagrant violations" of a Security Council resolution and various other international commitments in the UAR seizure of the cargoes of two ships attempting passage through the Suez Canal.

Mr. Eban's complaint, addressed to Sir Pearson Dixon of Britain, this month's president of the Security Council, demanded "immediate release of the cargoes."

The ships are the S. S. Capetan Manolis, flying the Liberian flag and the S. S. Leglott, flying the flag of the West Germany. The Capetan Manolis was underway from Haifa, carrying 400 tons of potash, five tons of fruit juices and 1120 tons of cement. The Leglott carried 6300 tons of Israel cement. Both cargoes were ordered unloaded by the UAR authorities at Port Said.

These acts, Mr. Eban stated in his letter, constitute "flagrant violations" of an 1888 convention regarding freedom of passage through the Suez Canal, the United Nations charter and a Security Council resolution adopted here September 1, 1951, which called on Egypt "to terminate the restrictions on the passage of international commercial shipping and goods through the Suez Canal wherever bound." The 1951 resolution had been adopted in response to an Israel complaint at that time.

Reserving Israel's right to take further action, and asking that the letter be circulated to all members of the United Nations, Mr. Eban declared that "persistence in these illicit acts would gravely impair peace and security. Nothing short of an immediate release of the cargoes can remedy the situation. It is equally necessary to ensure that these grossly illegal interceptions do not occur again."

### Eban Demands Immediate Release of Israel Cargo Removed from Ships

The gravity with which Israel viewed these interferences with Suez shipping -- the first since the period prior to the Sinai campaign of 1956 -- was emphasized by Mr. Eban at a press conference held later today to elaborate on the Israel Government's complaint. At the press conference Mr. Eban publicly accused the United Arab Republic twice of having "stolen" cargoes belonging to nations other than Israel. In demanding the immediate release of the seized cargoes, Mr. Eban charged the United Arab Republic with "comprehensive, unreserved and unconditional" violation of international law by "plundering cargoes of foreign nations being carried from Israeli ports."

Making it clear that the Israel Government feels that its protests to date have not exhausted the possibilities of further Israeli action -- possibly including a call for a Security Council meeting on this issue -- Mr. Eban pointed out at his press conference that Egypt has been accused five separate times since 1951 of violating a Security Council resolution, adopted Sept. 1 of that year, specifically enjoining Egypt from restricting the passage of international commercial shipping going through the Suez Canal "wherever bound."

Mr. Eban called attention to the fact that on Feb. 20, 1957, at the time Israel was being urged to withdraw its armed forces from the Sinai Peninsula, President Eisenhower had made this statement: "We should not assume that, if Israel withdraws, Egypt will prevent Israeli shipping from using the Suez Canal or the Gulf of Akaba. If, unhappily, Egypt does hereafter violate the Armistice agreement or other international obligations then this should be dealt with firmly by the society of nations."

In answer to a question, Mr. Eban said that he knows that Israel's complaint with regards to these seizures is "not the only one." He did not identify what other members of the United Nations have entered complaints against these seizures, but he pointed out that in effect "the power in the territory through which the Suez Canal passes, has stolen goods belonging to Ceylon -- payment having already been made for these goods prior to the act of piratical assault."

Arab correspondents were present at the press conference but asked no questions. However, in answer to an American correspondent's questions as to whether any statement

on the seizures had been made by the UAR, Mr. Eban said that evidently "nothing has been said on the Egyptian side because there is nothing to say. The action is indefensible in law and flouts the United Nations own position in regard to the Suez Canal."

After complaining to Sir Pearson in the formal letter, Mr. Eban conferred personally with the British representative and then made contact with Henry Cabot Lodge, chairman of the U.S. delegation and set in motion a series of other conferences which will include within the next 24-48 hours all other members of the eleven-nation council.

#### BEN GURION VOICES WARNING ON ARAB INTERFERENCE WITH ISRAELI SHIPPING

JERUSALEM, March 18. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion warned today that "Israel might be forced once again to fight for freedom of shipping in the Red Sea. If our neighboring ruler continues to put obstacles in the path of Israel's navigation."

Mr. Ben Gurion voiced that declaration at Elath, the Gulf of Akaba port leading through the Straits of Tiran into the Red Sea. He was at Elath to launch a celebration there of the tenth anniversary of the liberation of that Israeli port.

"Our navigation," said the Prime Minister, "and our freedom in the Red Sea is again being threatened. We might be forced again to fight for it." He was cheered loudly by the large assemblage at Elath, including many veterans of the fight for the liberation of that city from Arab domination, a decade ago.

Mr. Ben Gurion's warning was related by all in Israel to the latest interference by the United Arab Republic with shipping through the Suez Canal. While he was speaking, a representative of the Foreign Ministry, here underscored the gravity with which the Government views the seizures of the cargoes at Port Said, by announcing that the entire Cabinet would discuss the issue at its forthcoming meeting, next Sunday.

The spokesman described the action of the Cairo government as "a deliberate policy of interference." He said that all of Israel's envoys at the capitals of the countries represented on the Security Council, as well as in the capitals of all maritime countries, have been instructed to take up the matter with the governments to which they are accredited.

#### Two Ships With Israeli Cargo Detained by Egypt; Third Passed

The first ship whose cargo was seized, the Liberian flag freighter, S.S. Capetan Manolis, had been chartered by the Traders Shippers Company of Haifa. In that ship's cargo was a shipment of cement and fruit juices destined to an importer in Ceylon who had bought the goods F. O. B. Haifa. It is known here that the Ceylonese legation at Cairo has already protested against this seizure and was told by the U. A. R. that the cargo was confiscated because it carried "enemy goods inside Egyptian territorial waters."

The second ship, the German freighter, S.S. Leglott, is owned by the Gold Star Line, a firm belonging to Hamburg shipowners. Meanwhile, however, a Greek ship has passed through the Suez Canal, carrying an Israeli cargo, and was not molested.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman declined to speculate on the reasons for the Cairo Government's renewal of the hostile Suez policy, but he pointed out that the Arab League's boycott committee had decided at a recent session to strengthen the anti-Israeli boycott.

The cargo seizures against which Israel is now protesting are the first instances of that type since the reopening of the Suez Canal to shipping following the Sinai-Suez campaigns of 1956. Other ships have been refused water or other servicing if they carried Israeli cargoes. But there seemed to be a tacit agreement that Israel would not attempt to force passage through the Suez of shipping under its own flag, while the U. A. R., in turn, would not interfere with shipping carrying Israeli trade as long as such vessels did not fly the Israel flag.

#### HEBREW UNIVERSITY STUDENTS GO ON STRIKE; PROTEST HIGHER TUITION FEES

JERUSALEM, March 18. (JTA) -- Students at the Hebrew University staged a strike and street demonstration today in protest against an increase in tuition fees recommended by a special inquiry committee.

The increase was from 260 to 400 pounds a year, as recommended by the committee which had been headed by Supreme Court Justice Simon Agranat. The increase had been approved by the Ministry of Education, which noted that the higher fee was still less than that paid in many senior classes of high schools. Both press and public were critical of the student action.

A delegation of the striking students was received today by Premier David Ben Gurion who, after hearing their grievances, promised to consider their demands. The Premier spent about 90 minutes with the delegation. During that time, about 1,000 students demonstrated outside of the Premier's office unhampered by a sudden drizzle. Mr. Ben Gurion told the delegation he will study the Agranat recommendations and will also discuss them with the Hebrew University authorities.

MOSCOW TO PERMIT PUBLICATION OF YIDDISH BOOKS, TASS ANNOUNCES

JERUSALEM, March 18. (JTA) -- Reports disseminated by the Soviet Embassy here today indicated that the Soviet Government will permit the publication this year of several books by Jewish authors in Yiddish and some possibly with Hebrew translations

The reports, according to newspapers here, emanate from the Soviet news agency Tass but were not published in the Soviet press. However, they were communicated to foreign embassies in Moscow. They mention the names of a number of Jewish authors whose works will be published, but do not specify which of the works would appear in Yiddish and which would be published in Russian or Hebrew translation.

OFFICIAL OF MUNICH BROADCASTING STATION CHARGED WITH ANTI-SEMITISM

MUNICH, March 18, (JTA) -- A charge of anti-Semitism has been lodged against Dr. Walter Becher, chairman of the policy committee of the Munich Broadcasting Station, and the accusations has been coupled with a demand for Dr. Becher's removal from his post.

Dr. H. Muller-Meiningen here has alleged publicly that, in 1938, Dr. Becher had written an anti-Semitic article which appeared in an organ of the Nazi Party, attacking a Jewish author. Dr. Becher today replied against the accusation without, however, denying that he had written such an article. He said merely that his accuser is "discriminating" against him and that the information regarding the 1938 anti-Semitic writing had come from "the Communist underground."

EX-GESTAPO LEADER SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT; KILLED JEWS

VIENNA, March 18. (JTA) -- Josef Gabriel, a former Gestapo leader in Galicia during the Nazi regime, was sentenced today to life imprisonment after a one-week trial on charges of multiple killings of Jews.

Witnesses testified that the defendant personally shot several hundred Jews in Polish towns, including 50 children. The jurors unanimously rejected Gabriel's defense that he had acted under "irresistible compulsion."

"AMERICAN MERCURY" USES ANTI-SEMITIC INNUENDOES IN PROMOTION

MIAMI, Fla., March 18. (JTA) -- Promotional material for subscriptions to the American Mercury loaded with anti-Semitic innuendoes has been received by many Greater Miami residents, including many Jews, it was reported here today.

The material includes a "warning" about the "coming war in the Middle East" in which American support of Israel is asserted to be "to the detriment of our country." The statement charges that "the secret manipulators" were "arranging things so as to have us Christians fight" Moslems, Arabs and Hindus.

Another item in the promotional material assails Eleanor Roosevelt who "has nothing but praise for Israel and the Soviet Union." The material describes Mrs. Roosevelt as "a racial troublemaker." In an equation of Judaism with Communism, Zionism and Israel and with alleged plots at world domination, the pamphlet declares that "Mercury warned you. The Rothschilds interests 'advise and guide' the Rockefeller interests. The anti-Christ forces are making real progress in their determined efforts to weaken and divide us."

The American Mercury, under the editorship of the late H. L. Mencken, was a leader in the shaping of American literary and social opinion. In recent years, according to the Anti-Defamation League, it has become "crudely reactionary," frequently using language "which to the bigot can have strong anti-Semitic meanings."

ISRAEL SCIENTIST DEVELOPS VACCINE FOR UNDULANT FEVER; REPORTS IN U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18. (JTA) -- A new vaccine for undulant fever, which is expected to largely eliminate the disease in Israel, has been described here by its developer, Dr. Aryeh L. Olitzki, professor of bacteriology and head of the bacteriology department of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem.

Dr. Olitzki described his discovery at a luncheon given by the Mount Zion Hospital and Medical Center. He is ending a six months research project at the University of California financed by the U. S. Public Health Service.

Dr. Olitzki said he found that some strains of the undulant fever vaccine can become dependent on streptomycin, a drug used to fight infections. He said he found that in such cases, the drug becomes a nutrient to such strains which cannot reproduce without it. Using this principle, he developed the new vaccine which has been tested on 100 patients in Israel with a finding of 96 per cent effectiveness in protection.

MRS. PROSKAUER, WIFE OF PROMINENT JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- Mrs. Alice Naumburg Proskauer, a civic leader in many philanthropic organizations, died today. She was 77 years old. She was the wife of Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee.

## 50,000 CHILDREN ATTEND ALLIANCE ISRAELITE SCHOOLS, LEADER REPORTS

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish educational facilities conducted in North Africa and the Middle East by Alliance Israelite Universelle are more necessary now than they ever were, Prof. Rene Cassin, of Paris, declared here yesterday. There are now 50,000 children in the Alliance schools.

Prof. Cassin, head of the French Council of State, and head of his country's delegation to the current session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, is the president of the Alliance. He was the principal speaker here at the annual meeting of the American Friends of Alliance Israelite Universelle. "Never were the schools of the Alliance in North Africa and the Middle East as necessary as they are now," he said. "Without these schools the Jews from those areas would be unable to contribute fully to the development of their countries." He expressed his strong belief that North African governments will continue to grant their assistance to the Alliance schools.

French Consul-General Raymond Laporte, addressing the audience, cited the friendship between France and Israel as a politically important factor. "It is certainly comforting to think that beyond the Mediterranean Sea, in a part of the world where political instability has been the constant rule, a strong and solid democratic state is at work," he said. "And for us, French people, such a vision is probably more comforting than for any one else," he added. He praised the work done by the Alliance in order to bring Western civilization and ideas to the Jews of the Mediterranean area.

Other speakers at the meeting were Marcel Franco, president of the American Friends of the Alliance; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency; and Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-president of the Joint Distribution Committee. Former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman was reelected honorary president of the American group. Alan M. Stroock was chosen again as chairman of the board; and Mr. Franco was reelected as president.

## CENTRAL JEWISH FUND-RAISING BODY IN FRANCE DOUBLES GOAL FOR 1959

PARIS, March 18, (JTA) -- The central fund-raising organization for Jewish welfare and cultural needs in France-Fonds Social Juif Unifie--today set a record goal of 300,000,000 francs for its 1959 drive. The sum is almost double the amount raised last year, when subscriptions totaled 170,000,000 francs.

Guy de Rothschild, president of the fund, announced at the annual meeting that the FSJU and Keren. Hayesod, fund-raising arm of the Zionist organization, will conduct a joint campaign during part of the year "to meet the critical needs arising from the emigration of Jews from Eastern Europe."

Gen. Julien Samuel, director of FSJU, announced that plans have been made this year to solicit contributions from many thousands of potential givers who have not contributed heretofore. Included among these will be many Jews in this country who were formerly recipients of aid from Jewish welfare organizations, and are now well enough established to help the FSJU's work.

A plea for return "to traditional Jewish sources as a means of strengthening Jewish life and assuring its continuance" was voiced at the meeting by Emanuel Levinas, director of schools for Alliance Israelite Universelle.

## JEWISH BOARD OF GUARDIANS IN ENGLAND CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

LONDON, March 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish Board of Guardians celebrated its centenary last night with a dinner at which plans were announced to raise an endowment fund of 500,000 pounds.

Justice Seymour E. Karminsky, president of the board, presided at the dinner which was addressed also by Derek Walker, Minister of Health, Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie and others. Guests included the Viscount and Vicountess Bearsted, Sir Herbert and Lady Cohen, and the Marchese and Marchioness of Reading.

When the Board was founded a century ago, its work was mainly with the Jewish immigrants pouring into the London East End from Central and Eastern Europe. The goal then was to enable the newcomers to learn a trade and set up their own businesses. The Board's principal activities now are apprentice programs for Jewish youth, job placements and protection of the general welfare of the indigent and of women, girls and children.

## H. U. C. ESTABLISHES CHAIR IN AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY; FIRST IN U. S.

CINCINNATI, March 18. (JTA) -- Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion has established the nation's first chair in American Jewish History, Dr. Nelson Glueck, president, announced today. Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, professor of history at the College-Institute's Cincinnati school, has been appointed as first occupant of the chair which carries the name of Adolph S. Ochs, late publisher of the New York Times.