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### U. S. REPORTED URGING ISRAEL TO GO SLOW ON THE SUEZ CANAL ISSUE

JERUSALEM, June 7. (JTA) -- For the third successive weekly meeting, the Israel Cabinet today discussed the United Arab Republic's halting of the Danish freighter Inge Toft, which had attempted to pass through the Suez Canal with an Israeli cargo destined from Haifa to the Far East. Once again, no far-reaching decision on the issue was taken by the Cabinet.

It is believed here that the Western powers, particularly the United States, are strongly urging Israel against taking any drastic move on the matter, either by demanding a U. N. Security Council meeting on the issue, or by attempting to have a special session of the U. N. General Assembly summoned to consider the matter.

The Cabinet reportedly obtained information in regard to the attitude taken by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold at his press conference at United Nations headquarters last Thursday. It is believed that the Cabinet has been informed that official United Nations circles asserted that Mr. Hammarskjold's statements at the press conference are not to be interpreted as a recommendation that the Israel-UAR dispute regarding the Suez issue be taken to the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

United Nations officials have even reportedly asserted that the Secretary General is very actively engaged in pursuing a request to Cairo for the release of the Inge Toft's cargo, and has every intention to follow through on this course in the future. However, informed Jerusalem circles privately expressed considerable doubts regarding reports that both Mr. Hammarskjold and the United States have sent strong notes to Cairo on this issue.

### ACTIONS COMMITTEE DISCUSSES NEW CONSTITUTION FOR ZIONIST MOVEMENT

JERUSALEM, June 7. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee, now in session here, today discussed the draft for a new constitution for the World Zionist Organization, as well as recommendations concerning the distribution of mandates to the Zionist Congress.

The draft of the new constitution, as presented to the session, is built on the concept that the Zionist movement is composed of territorial organizations with each organization authorized to determine its own structure in accordance with local conditions. The draft, thus, envisages that organizations, and not individuals, will be the members of the world Zionist movement. It also provides for non-Zionist bodies, with smaller influence, to join the movement in accordance with agreed representation.

The draft proposes the abolition of the Small Zionist Actions Committee, which is not authorized to adopt any decisions. It limits the number of delegates to the World Zionist Congress to 360, and reduces the number of members of the Zionist Actions Committee to 96. The Jewish Agency executive is to be composed of 15 members only, and would have no deputy members. The seat of the executive is to be in Jerusalem, and the executive will have the right to establish an additional head office abroad.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, in expressing his view on the draft of the constitution, said that the Shekel will no longer be sacred under the constitution as drafted, and will serve for purposes of local elections only. At the same time, the Noy Committee, which deals with reorganization problems facing the World Zionist Organization, today presented recommendations to the Actions Committee, suggesting that 40 per cent of the mandates to the World Zionist Congress should be allocated for delegates from Israel, 28 per cent for delegates from the United States, and 32 per cent for other countries.

### ISRAEL GOVERNMENT BANS PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ON IMMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, June 7. (JTA) -- An order published in the Official Gazette prohibits all news media in Israel to disseminate any information about immigration unless it appears in an official communique or is released by the Prime Minister. The Gazette invoked the State Secrets Law to make the ban effective.

The new order is aimed to prevent publication of immigration reports by any source, even by the Jewish Agency, that are deemed as endangering immigration. This is the first time the Government has employed the State Secrets Law on this subject.

## CONGRESSIONAL BODY REPORTS ASSURANCE OF U.S. GRANT AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 7. (JTA) -- The Administration has assured the House Foreign Affairs Committee that American grants in aid to Israel will be continued during the coming fiscal year at the current level, it was revealed in a report issued by the Committee yesterday. The current level of American grant aid to Israel is \$7,500,000 a year.

In its report, the Committee noted that Israel still suffered from an adverse trade balance and that it is in need of hard currency for oil, which Israel cannot purchase from its Arab neighbors, as well as for industrial imports, since Israel's economy is not as yet on a self-sustaining basis.

The report declared: "The Committee is of the opinion that special assistance to Israel should be continued at the current level in the 1960 fiscal year program." Administration witnesses assured the Committee, according to the report, of their willingness to give effect to the Committee's views.

The Administration had planned originally to discontinue special grant aid to Israel in fiscal 1960. After members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voiced opposition to this intention, Undersecretary of State C. Douglas Dillon expressed willingness to reconsider the earlier decision, but did not commit himself definitely to restore Israel to the grant aid list. However, the language used by the Committee in its report implies that now a firm commitment has been received from the Administration.

Israeli circles here are gratified by the development. Yaacov Herzog, Israeli Charge d'Affaires here, expressed his appreciation to Undersecretary of State Robert Murphy and Assistant Secretary of State William Rountree for the State Department's attitude of taking into account the economic situation in Israel.

## OGDEN REID TO LEAVE FOR ISRAEL AS U.S. AMBASSADOR WITHIN MONTH

WASHINGTON, June 7. (JTA) -- Ogden R. Reid, former president and editor of the New York Herald Tribune, was sworn in this weekend as United States Ambassador to Israel. The Senate had confirmed his nomination to the post by voice vote, after a 10-4 vote in his favor by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Present at the swearing-in ceremony, in addition to Mr. Reid's family, was Israel's Charge d'Affaires here, Yaacov Herzog. Mr. Reid said he intends to leave for Israel soon, perhaps about July 1.

Most of the Senators who had opposed Mr. Reid's nomination in committee were absent when the Upper House of Congress finally voted for confirmation late Thursday. However, Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, his principal opponent, spoke in opposition to Mr. Reid's nomination on the floor of the Senate. A number of other Senators praised the nomination and the appointee before the vote was taken.

During the swearing-in ceremony, at the State Department, Undersecretary of State Robert Murphy told Mr. Reid: "We consider this mission of yours to the Middle East as one of our most important diplomatic missions." In response, Mr. Reid declared: "We approach the post humbly. We consider it an opportunity to serve the United States." He said he was eager to meet the Israeli people, whom he lauded for raising their standards of living and culture and for achieving progress in fields involving the peaceful uses of nuclear and solar energy.

## ISRAEL FIGHTS HUGE SWARM OF LOCUSTS; NEGEV SETTLEMENTS LOSE CROP

TEL AVIV, June 7. (JTA) -- An around-the-clock struggle was being waged today against a huge swarm of locust hoppers which covered a 250,000-dunam area of the central Negev and which were headed for Beersheba.

Four spray planes and 12 pest-destroying units of the Israeli Plants Protection Department, aided by hundreds of Negev settlers, fought the invasion, spearheads of which have already reached the Beersheba area, where hundreds of municipal workers have joined the battle.

A number of agricultural kibbutzim were stripped of crops by the locust hoppers. Agricultural experts said that the current battle was only the first stage of a much larger offensive to be launched when the hoppers sprout wings.

## USE OF NUCLEAR POWER FOR INDUSTRY PLANNED IN ISRAEL; COMPANY FORMED

TEL AVIV, June 7. (JTA) -- Formation of a company to plan projects in nuclear engineering and the use of nuclear power in Israel for industry, medicine and agriculture, was announced here today. The announcement was made by the Delek-Israel Oil Company, which declared it will establish the new firm in cooperation with "Isratom," a new corporation initiated by private investors.

The Delek-Israel board of directors also voted today to participate in the financing of the new 16-inch oil pipeline, now being constructed to join Elath and Beersheba.

## A. A. J. E. CONFERENCE DECIDES TO INTENSIFY JEWISH EDUCATION IN U. S.

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- A series of resolutions and action programs designed to strengthen Jewish education in this country was adopted here yesterday at the closing session of the three-day national conference of the American Association for Jewish Education. Philip W. Lown, Jewish communal leader, was re-elected president of the Association for a fourth term.

Acting on evidence presented in an AAJE national survey that -- despite growing interest in Jewish schooling -- "the work of most schools indicates a low level of achievement and there is a marked degree of dissatisfaction with the results of their teaching," the conference voted for the creation of a "National Curriculum Institute." The Institute is charged with setting up a continuous, overall inclusive program for "coordinating, stimulating, aiding and directing activities" to clarify the objectives of Jewish education, develop additional texts and curricular materials, conduct experimental educational work, and prepare testing materials.

A second major resolution was concerned with continuity in Jewish education. The nationwide study of Jewish education revealed that Jewish children begin their religious schooling "too late and leave it too early." A drop-out of some 80 per cent of students is evident in the Weekday Afternoon Schools directly after boys complete the Bar Mitzvah and girls complete the Confirmation or Bas Mitzvah ceremony; also, that the "great majority" of students in Jewish religious schools are concentrated at the elementary level, in the age groups 8 through 13, with "very insufficient enrollment" at the primary and high school levels.

To counteract all these adverse tendencies, the conference urged: 1. Jewish communities throughout the nation to establish junior Jewish religious high schools for pupils, aged 11-14, and senior high schools for older students; 2. Junior Jewish religious high schools to inaugurate or expand summer camping in Hebrew-speaking camps, and to develop student pilgrimages to Israel; and 3. Communities and congregations, educators and rabbis, to make the junior high school "a central phase" of Jewish education.

In a third major resolution, the conference created a National Committee charged with implementing specific recommendations in the national study. These include: a program to plan community building loan funds which will assist in the repair and construction of school buildings; a program to introduce standard school records; and a program to develop local and national associations of Jewish parents.

Honorary AAJE presidents re-elected were former U. S. Senator Herbert H. Lehman of New York, and Michael A. Stavitsky of Newark, N. J. Harry Starr of N. Y. C. was re-elected chairman of the Advisory Committee, while Samuel H. Daroff of Philadelphia, Pa., was re-elected chairman of the board. Dr. Judah Pilch was re-elected executive director of the organization.

At a dinner celebrating the 20th anniversary of the AAJE, the following Charter Members were honored: Robert M. Bernstein, Philadelphia; Abraham H. Cohen, New York; Jacob H. Cohen, New York; Lewis Drucker, Cleveland; Hyman Goldman, Washington; D. C.; Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, New York; Joseph Goldstein, Rochester; Mrs. Gabriel Hamburger, New York; Dr. Horace M. Kallen, New York; Dr. Ira I. Kaplan, New York; Joseph Kohn, Philadelphia; Abraham Krumbein, New York; Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Philadelphia; Frank G. Marshall, Chicago; Judge Samuel Mellitz, Bridgeport.

Also, Charles J. Rosenbloom, Pittsburgh; Joseph Sapowitch, Buffalo; Dr. Harry Savits, Brookline; Albert P. Schoolman, New York; Bernard Semel, New York; Robert Senior, Cincinnati; Philip Slomovitz, Detroit; Simon E. Sobeloff, Baltimore; Michael A. Stavitsky, Newark; Dr. Alvin Thalheimer, Baltimore; Isadore S. Turover, Bethesda; Ezra Z. Shapiro, Cleveland.

## 59 STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY; SEVERAL WOMEN

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- Fifty-nine students, including several women, today received diplomas at the 65th annual commencement exercises of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America here. Of the new graduates, 21 are rabbis; six are cantors; 31 received bachelors' degrees; and one received the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Literature.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters were bestowed upon Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, executive vice-president of the Jewish Education Committee of New York; Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, educational advisor of the Commission on Jewish Education of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Dr. Abraham Millgram, director of the United Synagogue Commission on Jewish Education; and Aaron Zeitlin, Hebrew poet and lecturer in Hebrew literature at the Seminary's Teacher Institute. Honorary doctorates were also awarded at the ceremonies to Rabbi Joel Geffen, the Seminary's national director of the department of field activities and community education; Rabbi David A. Goldstein, spiritual leader of Har Zion Temple, Philadelphia; and Rabbi Max Zucker, spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel of Passaic, N. J.

Alan M. Stroock, chairman of the Seminary's board of directors, announced the appointment of Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum as provost of the Seminary.

## COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN URGES REVISION OF IMMIGRATION LAWS

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the United States Government "to take the opportunity offered by the World Refugee Year to change our basic immigration laws," was adopted here today at the conclusion of the three-day meeting of the executive committee of the National Council of Jewish Women.

The resolution emphasized that the immigration laws "must not only be revised to meet recurring refugee problems, but also to eliminate the national origins quota system which now prevents thousands of potentially valuable immigrants from coming to the United States."

The executive committee congratulated President Eisenhower on American cooperation in World Refugee Year, which begins July 1, but added that "American willingness to admit a fair share of the world's refugees, as well as American support of resettlement elsewhere, is essential to the resolution of current refugee problems."

Scholarships for advanced study in the United States in 1959-60 are being granted by the Council to 15 welfare specialists and educators from Israel and Morocco, it was announced at the sessions. In addition, the executive committee decided that the organization's programs throughout the U.S. next fall will highlight youth needs. The NCJW has 110,000 members in 240 Sections throughout the United States.

## EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES CHARGED WITH AIDING DISCRIMINATORY EMPLOYERS

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- Private employment agencies in many parts of the country have thrown a "protective curtain" around discriminatory employers, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith charged in a report on fair employment practices made public today. "As a result, discriminatory employers have been able to effect their restrictive policies behind the shield of anonymity, safe from public exposure," the report said.

The report cited the use by employment agencies of secret symbols on their application forms and other elaborate coding techniques to screen out job applicants belonging to minority groups. "The system works so well," said Benjamin Epstein, ADL national director, "that discriminatory employers are relieved of the embarrassment of having to interview and confront unwanted job seekers."

The report pointed out that "new forces, however, are beginning to emerge." It cited the fact that recently the California Employment Agencies Association adopted a resolution calling upon member organizations to remove all potentially discriminatory questions from their employment forms, and to refrain from soliciting racial or religious restrictions when an employer does not voluntarily state his preference.

## ISRAEL COMMANDER, FRENCH EX-PREMIER ARRIVE IN U.S. TO AID BOND DRIVE

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- Israel's capacity to receive new immigrants on a large scale will depend on the expansion of her economic structure, according to Brigadier-General Ezer Weizmann, commander of Israel's air force, who arrived here this week-end to speak in several major cities for the Israel Bond campaign. He emphasized that Israel looks to her many friends in the United States to share in her program of economic development through the purchase of Israel Bonds.

"The relative quiet which prevails on our borders offers an excellent opportunity for completing the job of economically integrating the large influx of recent years and of paving the way through the establishment of new agricultural and industrial enterprises for the absorption of additional large numbers of newcomers within the next five years," General Weizmann said. "For this reason, we in Israel hope to enlist the active participation of many Americans in the State of Israel Bond drive as a means of providing the investment resources for an expanded development program."

Maurice Bourges-Maunoury, former Premier of France, and an outstanding exponent of French-Israeli friendship, arrived yesterday for a speaking tour of key cities in the United States and Canada in behalf of the Israel Bond drive. A hero of the French underground during World War II, M. Bourges-Maunoury was Premier of France in 1957. He was Minister of Defense in the government of Guy Mollet in 1956 when France and Britain moved their troops to the Suez area at the time of Israel's Sinai campaign.

"The policies of France and Israel are closely connected," M. Bourges-Maunoury said. "That this will continue to be so is guaranteed by public opinion in both countries. The citizens of both France and Israel understand the importance of this close relationship between them."

## ALTER EPSTEIN, VETERAN JEWISH JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR, DEAD; WAS 79

NEW YORK, June 7. (JTA) -- Alter Epstein, veteran Yiddish journalist and author, and a member of the staff of the Day-Morning Journal since The Day made its appearance in 1914, died yesterday, aged 79. Born in Russia, he came to this country in 1908. He wrote two books of fiction, some of which was dramatized on the Yiddish stage.