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U. S. DISCUSSING EGYPT'S HALTING OF SHIP CARRYING ISRAELI CARGO

WASHINGTON, June 8. (JTA) -- The United States Government is watching closely the developments concerning the case of the Danish vessel Inge Toft, which is still detained by the Egyptian authorities at the Suez Canal for refusing to unload an Israeli cargo destined from Haifa to the Far East, it was stated here today by a State Department spokesman, Lincoln White.

The State Department official said that the U. S. is discussing the situation and its implications. The discussions, he revealed, are being conducted with foreign diplomats in Washington as well as in a number of foreign capitals, including Cairo, Tel Aviv and London. At present the State Department does not yet have any precise information regarding the case and the cargo which Egypt decided to confiscate but which is still aboard the ship.

(From Cairo, it was reported today that the Danish ship is under charter to an American company, the Mediterranean Agency, of New York. The report said the United States has not yet made any official demarche to the government of the United Arab Republic, but American diplomats have begun sounding out U. A. R. officials on the question of the Israeli cargo. "Since an American firm is involved, the American Embassy in Cairo is duty-bound to try and protect its property, so long as the legality of the U. A. R. position on barring Israeli cargoes is not definitely settled," the report explained.)

Egypt Determined to Prevent Passage of Israeli Cargo, Cairo Says

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- The Customs Division of the United Arab Republic disclaims responsibility for any losses caused by the detention of the Danish freighter, Inge Toft, at the entrance to the Suez Canal, according to dispatches received here today from Cairo.

The Inge Toft, halted by the Egyptian authorities as it attempted to pass through the Suez Canal with an Israeli cargo consigned to the Far East, is still in dock at Port Said, where the captain of the vessel refuses to unload the cargo. The captain of the ship received renewed instructions from the Mediterranean Agency, Inc., of New York -- the firm to which the ship is chartered -- ordering him not to leave Port Said without the cargo. An Egyptian "War Prize Court" at Alexandria has declared the cargo a "war prize."

The Egyptian authorities insist that any losses incurred by the ship are solely the responsibility of the skipper. The U. A. R.'s deputy foreign minister, Aly Sabry, was quoted in dispatches to London today to the effect that his government is determined not to allow any Israeli cargoes through the Canal. Mr. Sabry reiterated his government's contention that Egypt is still "at war" with Israel, and that anything strengthening Israel's economy is "a threat to the U. A. R."

Meanwhile, today, the Cairo Radio tied Jordan and Israel with an alleged new "plot" against the U. A. R., in connection with the closing of the Syrian-Jordanian border. Cairo Radio claims that these "aggressions" were timed to coincide with Israel's diplomatic offensive over the Inge Toft incident.

France to Back Israel on Passage Through Suez Canal

PARIS, June 8. (JTA) -- The French Government's position parallels Israel's in regard to the United Arab Republic's halting of the Danish freighter, Inge Toft, which had attempted to carry an Israeli cargo through the Suez Canal. This fact was learned here today from reliable sources, who said that it seems clear that France would support Israel, should Israel take the issue to the United Nations.

These sources hold that the Government of the United Arab Republic has no right to block the movement of ships through the Canal. Their view was supported today by the influential daily newspaper Le Monde in a front-page editorial. Le Monde warns the West that the U. A. R. may be trying to rally Arab states behind Gamal Abdel Nasser "at Israel's expense." It draws attention to the fact that conflicts among Arab states do not favor the West and visualizes that "sooner or later, the Arab states will reunite against the West."

STATE DEPT. CRITICIZED IN SENATE FOR YIELDING ON ANTI-JEWISH BIAS

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8. (JTA) -- Senator E. L. Bartlett strongly criticized the State Department for the stand it had taken in the issue of Saudi Arabian pressure upon Aramco to discriminate against American Jews in hiring practices.

The Alaskan Democrat, read in Senate a letter sent by him to Assistant Secretary of State William Macomber, recalling that the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, which considered a complaint by the American Jewish Congress in this matter, was advised by the State Department that a finding against Aramco would prejudice the company's operations in Saudi Arabia and probably adversely effect other U. S. interests there as well.

"This statement," the Senator said, "is susceptible only to the reasonable interpretation that it was intended as a recommendation by the Department." The Senator also charges that the Department's statement misconstrued the nature of the New York proceedings and the relief sought by the AJC. The Commission was not asked that Aramco be compelled to take Jewish employees to Saudi Arabia, but to abide by the New York law against discrimination.

The Senator called upon the Department to continue efforts to end the sanctions against Americans by Saudi Arabia. He emphasized that the U. S. should be scrupulous about the rights of the American people to be free in internal affairs from foreign interference and pressures.

ISRAEL TO RETURN CAPTURED PLANE TO LEBANON AS "GOOD WILL" GESTURE

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) -- As a "good will" gesture, Israel will soon return to Lebanon the Lebanese reconnaissance plane which was intercepted over Israeli airspace recently while photographing Israeli territory from the air. The three members of the Lebanese crew were handed back to Lebanon, last week, through the Mixed Armistice Commission.

As part of the "good will" exchange, Lebanon is expected to return to Israel a diplomatic pouch seized at Beirut. The Israeli parcel was taken from a Swissair plane when the ship landed at Beirut on way to Iran.

ISRAEL FORMALLY ANNOUNCES NAMING OF HARMAN AS ENVOY TO U. S.

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) -- The Government today formally announced the appointment of Avraham Harman as Israel's Ambassador to the United States. The Cabinet gave its formal approval of the appointment at its meeting yesterday, but the announcement finalizing the action was held up until today, when notification was received from Washington that the United States Government has officially accepted the new nominee as Ambassador.

Mr. Harman is well known in the United States. For a number of years, he was Israel's Consul-General in New York. Since quitting that post, he has been here as a leading member of the Jewish Agency executive.

CONTRACT FOR BUILDING HADASSAH-HEBREW UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL SIGNED

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) -- A contract totalling some \$25,000,000 Israeli pounds was signed here today by Dr. Miriam Freund, president of Hadassah, for building the new Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital and Medical Center.

The contract signed today is the last of the major agreements needed for building the \$25,000,000 institution. Other major contracts, for equipment and instruments, will be awarded in the United States, Dr. Freund said. Of the total \$25,000,000 cost, she said, Hadassah will raise \$18,000,000, while the remainder will be collected by the Friends of the Hebrew University.

According to Dr. Freund, the first sections of the hospital will be ready by the end of this year, and other sections will be completed by next Spring. In July, 1960, she said, 4,500 American members of Hadassah will come here for the dedication ceremonies of the new hospital and center. The buildings are being erected at Ein Kerem, near this city.

PRIME MINISTER OF BURMA ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; MET BY BEN GURION

TEL AVIV, June 8. (JTA) -- Bo Ne Win, Prime Minister of Burma, arrived in Israel tonight for an official state visit -- the second head of the Burmese Government to visit this country. In 1955, the present Premier's predecessor, U Nu, was a guest here. Prime Minister David Ben Gurion met Mr. Ne Win at Lydda Airport, where the Burmese leader inspected a military guard of honor and took a salute as a military band played the Burmese and Israeli national anthems. They drove to Jerusalem where, as they reached the city limits, the guest of honor was welcomed officially by Mayor Gershon Agron.

NAZI POLICEMAN ON TRIAL FOR KILLING JEWS; MURDERED POLISH RABBI

HANAU, Germany, June 8. (JTA) -- Three Israelis testified here today against Wilhelm Unkelbach, former Czenstochova ghetto policeman accused of murdering at least 30 persons while transporting them from the ghetto to the Treblinka death camp during the Nazi regime. One of the men he is accused of having murdered was the rabbi of Czenstochova, Poland.

The Israelis, among a number of witnesses brought here from abroad, are Mrs. Danuba Kurz, of Haifa; Stanislaw Weissmann, of Holon; and Isaac Gramer, of Tel Aviv. Mrs. Kurz told the court she saw Unkelbach shoot her father, and testified he fractured her skull when she tried to interfere. Weissmann said he saw Unkelbach kill an old Jew in 1942. Gramer described Unkelbach as "the horror of Czenstochova."

Unkelbach's name was called to the attention of the German authorities two years ago by a former Czenstochova ghetto inmate who is now a citizen of Israel. A number of witnesses have been brought to Hanau from the United States, Canada and Sweden, to testify against the man.

STUDENT ORGAN CONFISCATED IN GERMANY FOR CRITICIZING NAZI STUDENTS

HEIDELBERG, June 8. (JTA) -- The latest issue of "Forum Academicum," the monthly organ of the General Students Committee at Heidelberg University, was confiscated here today on a court order holding that the publication has "attacked the honor and personal rights" of a self-styled students' fascist organization.

"Forum Academicum" has published an article, entitled "Brown Shirts Are Being Worn Again," saying that the student fascist group is "engaging in anti-democratic and anti-Semitic" activities through its own mimeographed paper, entitled "Student und Volk."

In that paper, the fascist students have published numerous articles supporting Nazi racist theories and saying that the figure of 6,000,000 Jews exterminated by Hitler was "largely exaggerated." The court held, however, that the official publication of the students' organization does not have the right to attack the "rights" of the fascist students.

PARIS POLICE TO PROTECT JEWISH MARTYRS TOMB AGAINST VANDALISM

PARIS, June 8. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations that have complained to police against repeated acts of vandalism at the Tomb of the Jewish Martyr, in this city, were assured by the prefect of police today that he has assigned police personnel to provide special protection for the shrine. Workmen were on the job today, removing large ink stains which vandals smeared all over the tomb last week.

Jeune Nation, a "right radical" group, is believed to have been responsible for the desecration of the shrine as well as for the recent smashing of windows in a Paris synagogue and other anti-Semitic acts. The police yesterday confiscated a special issue of the anti-democratic and anti-Semitic magazine, "Jeune Nation." The official reason for the seizure was that the issue contained material injurious to the Chief of State. The issue had lauded a large number of notorious anti-Semites as the "intellectual forerunners" of the Jeune Nation movement.

EXHIBIT COMMEMORATING THE BERGEN-BELSEN VICTIMS OPENED IN PARIS

PARIS, June 8. (JTA) -- President Charles de Gaulle himself is "extremely" interested in the proposed exhumation of French victims of Nazism from the cemetery at the former Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, and will take up the matter with West German authorities "on the highest level." This statement was made yesterday by Raymond Triboulet, Minister of Veterans Affairs, at an impressive ceremony here, consecrating an exhibit at the Tomb to the Unknown Jewish Martyr, commemorating the Bergen-Belsen victims.

Exhumation of the remains in French war graves at Bergen-Belsen was begun several months ago, but was halted after a number of Jewish groups protested against the plan to bring the remains back to this country for re-burial. At the ceremonies yesterday, where M. Triboulet made his statement, an objection to the plan was voiced again, by H.A. van Dam, secretary general of the Central Committee of Jews in Germany. Mr. van Dam said his committee would certainly continue to oppose the plan, because identification of any individual bodies in the mass graves at Bergen-Belsen is impossible.

Prof. Rene Cassin, head of the French Council of State, and former chairman of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, greeted many notables attending the dedication ceremonies and declared: "The lesson to be learned from the horrors at Bergen-Belsen and similar atrocities is that one must not ever permit such concepts to gain a foothold." Among those present were Israeli Ambassador Jacob Tsur and the Ambassadors of Poland and Yugoslavia.

ONLY 324 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ENTERED CANADA DURING THREE MONTHS

OTTAWA, June 8. (JTA) -- A total of 16,955 immigrants entered Canada during the first three months of 1959, including 324 Jews, according to figures issued here today by Department of Citizenship and Immigration. Over-all immigration during the period was lower than in the comparable period of 1958, when the total of immigrants was 21,243, including 465 Jews.

Among the Jewish immigrants during this year's first three months were 125 from Israel, as compared to 148 who entered Canada from Israel during the first three months of last year. A total of 1,877 immigrants were aided here in 1958 by the Jewish Vocational Service of Montreal, according to a report made public today. In April of this year, 33 new immigrants were aided in obtaining employment here, the report showed.

TORONTO JEWS CONCERNED OVER PROPOSED LAW ON STORE CLOSING HOURS

TORONTO, June 8. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress here has taken steps to insure that no special inconvenience is caused Jewish shoppers as a result of proposed legislation on store closing hours.

A brief from the Jewish Congress has been submitted to the special City Council committee concerning opening and early closing regulations. "Our concern is to insure that when Jewish festivals fall on certain days of the week, adequate allowance be made for preparatory shopping for provisions for these festivals by Jewish consumers," the brief says.

In certain eventualities, the brief points out, "it may create difficulty for housewives to purchase certain kinds of fresh foods such as meat, vegetables and bakery products." Under other circumstances it might mean "a closing period of three consecutive days during which shoppers would be unable to make their necessary purchases."

The Congress pointed out that existing regulations permit Jewish butchers to operate on Thursday evenings as this is the normal shopping day before the Sabbath. Sunday observance is also not the subject of present consideration, as this is in the area of federal legislation and cannot be altered by civic rulings.

GOLDA MEIR HONORED IN CHILE; VISITS PRESIDENT; GREETED IN CONGRESS

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, June 8. (JTA) -- President Arturo Alessandri today received Mrs. Gold Meir, Foreign Minister of Israel, as the Israeli visitor continued her triumphal tour of South America.

Prior to her reception by the President, at Government House, Mrs. Meir paid her formal respects to Foreign Minister German Vergara, and after seeing the President she visited Congress where she was greeted by Senate President Herman Videla and Raul Julliet, president of the Chamber of Deputies. Tonight, Mr. Vergara gave a gala dinner in honor of Mrs. Meir.

Earlier, she was guest of honor at a dinner given by Mayor Ramon Alvarez, who awarded to the Israeli Foreign Minister the Medal of Distinction. She was also feted at a luncheon given by the Jewish community here and at a dinner at the Israel Embassy, where the host was Israel's Ambassador Eliezer Duron.

\$500,000 RAISED AT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE DINNER IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- More than \$500,000 was contributed here last night to the capital funds program of Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine, bringing the total contributions to \$20,000,000. Preceding the dinner at which the gifts were announced, the college held an academic convocation at which five prominent Americans were awarded honorary degrees as Doctors of Humane Letters.

The recipients of the honorary degrees were George Alpert, president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad; Charles Frost, philanthropist and industrialist; Dr. Samuel A. Levine, clinical professor of medicine at Harvard University's School of Medicine; Abraham Levitt, builder of the Levittown communities; and Dr. Abraham White, associate dean of the college and chairman of its department of biochemistry.

AMERICAN JEWISH YEAR BOOK PUBLISHED; MAJOR EVENTS OF YEAR REVIEWED

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- Major events of Jewish life in 1958 are reviewed in the new edition of the American Jewish Year Book which has now made its appearance. The volume devotes over 120 pages to events in the United States of direct interest to Jews and carries reports on the Middle East situation and its repercussions in the United States.

Statistics of Jewish population include a comparison of the Year Books' estimates of the Jewish population in the U. S. in 1957 with the results of a U. S. Bureau of the Census study released in February 1958; world Jewish population data; directories of organizations and periodicals in the United States.