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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES ACTION AGAINST EGYPT IN SUEZ DISPUTE

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today again discussed the crisis that has arisen in connection with the refusal by the United Arab Republic to permit the passage through the Suez Canal of the Danish freighter Inge Toft, with Israeli cargo destined for the Far East. The ship has been halted by the Egyptian authorities at the entrance to the Suez Canal for more than three weeks because of the captain's refusal to unload the Israeli cargo which Egypt wants to confiscate.

Following today's meeting, the Cabinet issued a communique stating that "additional steps to prevent piracy" were discussed. However, observers here are doubtful whether the Cabinet would take any steps against Egypt before the United Nations Secretary General, Dag Hammarskjold, gets his "last chance" to settle the conflict during his forthcoming visit to Cairo. Mr. Hammarskjold announced last week that he intends to proceed to Cairo for this purpose.

It is generally believed here that Israel can do little except to take retaliatory action against Egypt, if the Inge Toft is not permitted to continue her voyage through the Suez Canal with Israeli cargo aboard. At the same time, the opinion prevails here that the Israel Government would be hesitant to take such drastic measures. On the other hand it is considered likely that utter frustration, combined with potential domestic implications in the present election year, may force the government to take some drastic action.

Meanwhile, Israeli circles indicated today dissatisfaction over the fact that Mr. Hammarskjold is personally proceeding to Cairo to intervene with President Nasser there for the passage of Inge Toft and the Israel Cargo. They pointed out that the fact that the Secretary General "must rush to see Nasser, every time the dictator starts mischief" certainly does not add to the prestige of the United Nations. They also resented the fact that Hammarskjold's trip is not scheduled until the end of this month, or early in July, whereas the Inge Toft has been held up for more than three weeks now, and Israel considers the case one of great urgency.

An army spokesman today described as "routine" the intensive night exercises of the Israel Navy's flotilla of torpedo boats. The exercises, which included surprise attacks on floating targets, were completed Thursday night. The spokesman denied any connection between the exercise and Prime Minister David Ben Gurion's recent statement that Egyptian seizure of Israel cargoes in transit in the Suez Canal would not remain a one-sided action.

Hammarskjold May Also Visit Israel; Stresses His Neutral Position

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 14. (JTA) -- The possibility that U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold may visit also Israel and Jordan when he goes to Cairo to discuss the Inge Toft dispute with Col. Nasser was seen here today. Mr. Hammarskjold's announcement said that his trip to Cairo would be in line with his "continuing efforts to assist in straightening out difficulties arising among the countries in the Middle East."

Mr. Hammarskjold's announcement that he "may" go to Cairo, couched carefully so as not to offend anyone, stated that any discussions he would hold on the Inge Toft case in Cairo would be held "on his own initiative as an independent representative of the United Nations, and never as a spokesman for the specific interest of any one country in relation to others." This was interpreted here to mean that he wants to dispel any notion that he would go to Cairo as an emissary bearing Israel's complaint on the halting of the Inge Toft at the entrance to the Suez Canal.

ARAB PLAN ON "SUMMIT MEETING" TO HALT IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL FAILS

JERUSALEM, June 14. (JTA) -- The Arab League's plan to summon an Arab summit meeting on measures to halt immigration to Israel has collapsed. Cairo Radio announced today that the conference plans have run into "difficulties," and that Iraq has flatly refused to attend.

STATE DEPT. OPPOSITION TO ANTI-ZIONIST INTRIGUES IN U.S. REVEALED

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14. (JTA) -- A chapter of the political activity of American Zionists is reflected in a volume of diplomatic papers relating to U. S. foreign policy in 1941. It was released here today by the Department of State.

About 30 pages are devoted to Palestine, a considerable part of which deal either directly or indirectly with the activities of American Zionists on behalf of what was then called a "Jewish National Home." The volume is one of a series, entitled "Foreign Relations of the United States, Diplomatic Papers."

It transpires from memoranda on conversations of State Department officials with British and Turkish diplomats in Washington that these two embassies professed to be greatly alarmed by the formation of the American-Palestine Committee -- made up of Senators, Congressmen, Cabinet members and other prominent Americans -- and asked State Department officials to explain to members of the committee "the dangers inherent in such an organization." The British were particularly alarmed by arrangements for a dinner at which Dr. Chaim Weizmann was scheduled to speak.

Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, called upon Secretary of State Cordell Hull regarding the "pro-Jewish activities" and was told that it would be difficult to deal with this matter. The U.S. Minister in Cairo, Alexander C. Kirk, went as far as stating in a cable to the Secretary of State that "the maintenance of present concepts in respect to Zionism constitutes a major obstacle to the successful prosecution of the war." He urged a U.S. declaration which would mitigate the state of animosity prevailing among Moslems.

The U.S. Government declined to follow the advice of the Minister. Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles explained in his answer that "well-informed Arabs are quite aware that the Zionists play a far more important part in American politics than do Arab sympathizers; thus the Arabs themselves would value an American declaration of this character as a mere self-convenience statement." Mr. Welles noted that "American Zionists do not grant that the movement is a handicap to the British war effort in the Near East, but hold it to be a source of strength if the British will but use it."

Another of Mr. Kirk's prophecies did not come true either. He wrote that the project of a national Jewish home in Palestine "has not only failed in the past, but is incapable of realization in the future." This should be made clear to American Zionists, he urged the State Department. Replying to this, the Acting Secretary emphasized that Zionists in this country do not admit and could not be brought to admit the validity of this theory.

Sought to Avert Danger to Jews in Palestine During World War II

An exchange of letters between Rabbi Stephen Wise and Sumner Welles, as well as related memoranda, highlight the efforts to prevent British commitments or negotiations involving a legal and political change of the status of Palestine before the end of the war. The U.S. Government was asked to elicit from the British Government authentic information as well as assurances to this effect. Dr. Emanuel Neumann also was instrumental in this effort, made on behalf of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs.

It is evident from the diplomatic papers that the U.S. Government was aware of the danger to Jews in Palestine, should the Axis units advance further. It made some provisions for transportation of U.S. citizens who would want to leave Palestine, and planned to approach King Ibn Saud, of Saudi Arabia, to make him exert his influence upon his co-religionists to refrain from blood-shed. In another area where Jews were in jeopardy -- in the French zone of Morocco -- the U.S. Government could find no legal basis for a protest against discrimination, although the American Jewish Committee had suggested that it do so.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency is also mentioned in the diplomatic papers. The Secretary of State, Mr. Hull, inquired from his Ambassador in London about a JTA dispatch regarding certain statements by Prime Minister Winston Churchill; about a visit by Moshe Shertok (now Sharett) to Cairo; and about alleged private talks between Arab leaders in Cairo. The requested information from the Ambassador bore out the JTA's dispatch on Churchill's statements and on Mr. Shertok's visit. The volume does not contain all diplomatic papers of that period. Documents which might prejudice relations with foreign countries are still classified.

NAZI KILLER OF JEWS SENTENCED TO SEVEN TIMES LIFE IMPRISONMENT

HANAU, West Germany, June 14. (JTA) -- Wilhelm Unkelbach, convicted of the murder of seven Jews in the Czenstochova Ghetto, was under sentence today of seven times life imprisonment. Sentence was passed yesterday after he was found guilty of killing seven of the 30 Jewish victims in whose murders he was indicted.

Dr. A. Goetz, the court chairman, praised the "calm and dignity" of the Jewish witnesses who came from Israel, the United States, Canada and Poland to testify in the eight-day trial.

JEWSH AGENCY ANNOUNCES AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGNS FOR ISRAEL IN U.S.

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA) -- A list of organizations authorized to conduct public fund raising campaigns for the benefit of Israel in the 1959-60 campaign year was released today by the Jewish Agency's Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns. The Committee, which co-ordinates fund raising for Israel in this country, was established ten years ago under the auspices of the Jewish Agency and includes representatives of the United Jewish Appeal and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

During the past decade, the Committee has served as a clearing house providing information and clarification with regard to numerous appeals addressed to American Jews by charitable or educational institutions in Israel either directly or through their American representatives. Over the years, communities, American Jewish organizations and individuals have looked to the Committee for guidance in dealing with these requests.

In releasing its list of authorized agencies for the 1959-60 campaign year -- based on a careful review and analysis of the financial statements and promotional activities of these organizations -- the Committee emphasized that the mounting burden and backlog of immigrant absorption in Israel makes it more imperative than ever to assure priority for the United Jewish Appeal and for community welfare funds raising funds on its behalf and to coordinate fund raising efforts for Israel throughout the United States.

The following twelve organizations received authorization contingent on their pledge to give priority to the United Jewish Appeal as the major source of philanthropic funds for Israel's immigration, absorption and colonization programs:

1. American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science; 2. American Friends of the Hebrew University; 3. American-Israeli Cultural Foundation; 4. American Red Mogen David for Israel, (membership campaign only); 5. American Technion Society; 6. Federated Council of Israel Institutions.

Also, 7. Hadassah; 8. Jewish National Fund (traditional collections); 9. Miz-rachi Women's Organization of America; 10. National Committee for Labor Israel (Histadruth Campaign); 11. Pioneer Women, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America; 12. Women's League for Israel (New York area). Authorization of a campaign does not imply its endorsement by the Jewish Agency.

J. D. C. AIDED 135,000 AGED AND DISABLED NEWCOMERS IN ISRAEL IN TEN YEARS

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee reported last night that it had helped more than 135,000 aged and disabled immigrants and their dependents in Israel during the last ten years since its establishment of the Malben there.

The report, issued by Moses A. Leavitt, J.D.C. executive vice chairman -- in connection with the 10th anniversary of the Malben -- stressed the fact that many of these newcomers, listed as "hard core cases," had been integrated in Israel's economy. Malben is the J.D.C.'s welfare program for aged and handicapped immigrants in Israel. The aid given by the J.D.C. to these immigrants relieved Israel of the burden of caring for them, Mr. Leavitt pointed out.

The report said that between 17,000 and 20,000 newcomers were receiving Malben-J.D.C. aid annually. In the field of care for the aged, the Malben program maintains twenty-one homes in Israel. There also is an extramural program for the aged that includes cash grants, housing aid and housekeeper services.

The report also disclosed that Malben supported twenty-three Golden Age Clubs to provide recreational facilities. Mr. Leavitt pointed out that when Malben began its operations in Israel there were only 350 beds for tuberculosis victims. Today the bed capacity is 2,000. The Malben program also includes a network of rehabilitation services and in-service training courses for nurses.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES BLAME EMPLOYERS FOR DISCRIMINATION IN JOBS

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA) -- Employers, rather than employment agencies, are the principal target of complainants who protest about job bias in New York State to the State Commission Against Discrimination, according to Chris A. Tobison, president of the Commercial Placement Council. The Council is an organization of employment agencies.

Mr. Tobison issued his statement today in response to charges that employment agencies practice job bias. The charges were made last week by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and were based on figures made public by the SCAD.

Mr. Tobison conceded that complaints of job bias increased in the first three months of this year by 66 percent as compared to the similar period of 1958. The complaints totalled 212 in the first quarter of 1959. However, he said, employment agencies were accused only in 22 of these cases, while the majority of complaints were against employers.

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT BANS MIXED SEATING IN ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUE

DETROIT, June 14. (JTA) -- The Michigan Supreme Court ended a four-year dispute involving Congregation Beth Tefilas Moses in Mt. Clemens when it voted unanimously last Friday to forbid mixed seating during religious services at the synagogue. The move, which caught members of the congregation by surprise, reversed a decision rendered last year by Circuit Judge Edward T. Kane, who refused to hear the case on the grounds that the court lacked jurisdiction in a religious dispute.

The Supreme Court opinion, written by Justice Thomas M. Kavanagh, hinged on a definition of the congregation as Orthodox, at the same time establishing that one of the tenets of Orthodox Judaism is separate seating for men and women. Also involved in the case, which was appealed at its conclusion by only one man -- Baruch Litvin -- was the issue of the property rights of an individual.

Mr. Litvin, who claims to have spent \$12,000 in battling the suit for four years, stated that the court's decision was not a personal triumph, but a victory for Orthodox Judaism. However, a spokesman for the board of trustees of the synagogue, interviewed by Frank Simons for the Detroit Jewish News, implied that in the future nearly every one of the 75 member-families would join in forming a new congregation.

"Mr. Litvin's victory has won him a congregation but lost him the congregants; has won him a decision that has cost him the friendship of the rabbi of the synagogue and nearly every family in the Mt. Clemens community; has won him a court case that gives him use of a building that prohibits mixed seating but lost him a minyan to conduct services," the board member stated.

The mixed seating controversy has raged at the Mt. Clemens synagogue since 1954, when the original vote for seating men and women together was rejected. In 1955, however, a committee reporting to the congregation in favor of mixed seating, found that its resolution was adopted by the majority. An injunction, issued prior to the High Holy Days of that year, restrained the congregation from effecting the change until Judge Kane's ruling, when mixed seating was put into practice.

Listed as appellants in the Supreme Court suit with Litvin were Meyer Davis, now deceased, and Sam Schwartz, who had, since the suit began, joined the majority in favor of mixed seating and even accepting membership on the board of trustees. In carrying out the battle alone, Mr. Litvin and his counsel called for testimony by Rabbi David E. Hollander, honorary president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Dr. Samson R. Weiss, former dean of the Yeshivath Beth Yehudah in Detroit, and a leader in the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

The Supreme Court, charging that the defendant board members had the opportunity to refute the testimony of Litvin and other witnesses for the plaintiffs, ruled: 1. That Congregation Beth Tefilas Moses was an Orthodox Jewish congregation; 2. That under Orthodox Jewish law, Jews cannot participate in services where there is mixed seating; 3. That if mixed seating was enjoyed in this congregation, Orthodox Jews would be prohibited from participating in the services there.

FIRST 50 DOCTORS GRADUATE FROM EINSTEIN MEDICAL COLLEGE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA) -- Fifty young men and women received this week-end their doctor of medicine degrees at the first commencement exercises of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. The graduation ceremony was attended by more than 3,000, including many community leaders, educators and physicians of all faiths. The event marked the first time in the more than 300 years of American Jewry that a Jewish sponsored medical school held a graduation.

Highlighting the ceremony was departure from taking by students of the traditional 2,000-year-old Hippocratic Oath. Instead, the students chanted in unison the Declaration of Geneva, a statement of ethics and principle in which genocide is foresworn. They pledged not to use their "medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity" nor to "permit considerations of religion, nationality, race, party politics or social standing to intervene between duty and patient." The ceremony included the recital of the Prayer of Maimonides:

ROSE HALPRIN COMMUNITY HALL TO BE BUILT IN ISRAEL; CORNERSTONE LAID

TEL AVIV, June 14. (JTA) -- A community hall named after Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairn an of the American section of the Jewish Agency, will be built in the Basra village near Kfar Saba.

The cornerstone was laid in the presence of Mrs. Halprin and other Jewish Agency leaders. The hall will be in the center of a park which will bear the name of Raphael Ear Gior, the Jewish Agency emissary who was killed by Algerian rebels last year.