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EGYPT HALTS ANOTHER SHIP AT SUEZ; "SUSPECTS" CHARTERED BY ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 17. (JTA) -- Another ship was detained this morning by the Egyptian authorities at the entrance of the Suez Canal as part of the renewed campaign by the United Arab Republic to halt ships suspected of carrying Israeli cargo, it was learned here today. The ship, the Norwegian freighter "Nord," was halted at Port Said "on suspicion" that it is chartered to an Israeli firm.

The Nord was attempting to go through the Suez Canal en route from Antwerp to Japan, carrying a cargo of scrap iron. The Norwegian vessel is tied up at a Port Said dock near the Danish Inge Toft. The latter, en route from Haifa to the Far East, was halted on May 23 and is still in dock, the captain of the vessel refusing to unload the cargo which the U. A. R. decided to confiscate.

U. N. Secretary General Hammarskjöld said last week that he was going to Cairo to discuss with the Egyptian authorities the Inge Toft issue. Yesterday he discussed the Suez issue for a full hour with Joseph Tekoah, Israel's permanent acting representative here. Tomorrow, Mr. Hammarskjöld is holding a press conference at which he will, it is expected, answer questions concerning Egypt's action in preventing the passage of ships carrying Israeli cargo.

At the same time, it became known here today that Mr. Hammarskjöld has completed his long-promised report on the Arab refugee problem, and there was a distinct possibility that that report may be issued here tomorrow.

The U. N. Chief is under instructions from last winter's General Assembly to prepare an Arab refugee report. The mandate for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Arab Refugees expires June 30, 1960, and the General Assembly must make plans at its next session, beginning in September, for further care of the Arab refugees beyond the summer of 1960. Mr. Hammarskjöld's report will deal with that issue and will, presumably, recommend plans for further care of the Arab refugees.

BEN GURION CHALLENGED BY CABINET MEMBERS ON SINAI CAMPAIGN ISSUE

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- After a heated discussion in which present and former members of the Cabinet participated, Israel's Parliament today adopted a resolution referring to Parliament's Security and Foreign Affairs Committee the question as to whether there was any mishandling of state secrets in connection with the Sinai campaign of 1956.

Arieh Ben Eliezer, representing the Heruth Party, demanded the floor discussion. He recalled that Mr. Ben Gurion had several times reiterated a statement to the effect that even members of his 1956 Cabinet did not know of the planned Sinai campaign until two days before that campaign was launched.

The Ben Gurion statement had been challenged in public statements issued by Minister of the Interior Bar Yehuda and by Moshe Carmel, Minister of Communications and Transport both members of the left-wing Achdut Avoda Party who said publicly they were aware of the planned Sinai campaign 35 days before it had been started, declaring that Mr. Ben Gurion had told them of the plans. Mr. Carmel had added that he had been given a specific mission in connection with the campaign plans, and that he had carried out his mission.

In an unusual confrontation on the floor of Parliament, both Mr. Ben Gurion and Mr. Carmel announced that they stand by their respective public statements, and each insisted he was telling the truth. Joseph Burg, former Minister of Posts, introduced a resolution to refer the matter to the Security and Foreign Affairs Committee. Forty-one members voted for the resolution, while 27 members abstained.

Among the abstainers were Moshe Sharett, who was Foreign Minister until some months before the Sinai campaign; several other members of the dominant Mapai Party; and members of the coalition government who represent in the Cabinet the Mapam and Progressive parties. After the vote, Premier David Ben Gurion declared he will not reveal further details, nor will he amplify his statements, even before the committee.

JERUSALEM MAYOR NOT PERMITTED BY CITY COUNCIL TO GO TO GERMANY

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem Municipal Council by a vote of ten to nine last night refused to permit Mayor Gershon Agron to attend the Congress of International Union of Municipal Authorities convening next Wednesday in West Berlin. The Mayor had been scheduled to lead an Israeli delegation to the conference.

The deciding vote was cast by Abraham Arrest, a member of the left-wing Achdut Avodah which is a member of the Municipal coalition but which is in dispute with Mayor Agron in connection with the recent Histadrut elections. Councillor Arrest, however, said his negative ballot was a "vote of conscience" because he felt, as did the other opposing councillors, that Jerusalem's Mayor should not make an official trip to Germany.

Mayor Agron said he thought his "demonstrative absence" might hurt Israel in West German relations and also greatly reduced any possibility that the next conference of the International Union might be held in Jerusalem.

ARAB ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION DEFEATED AT GENEVA CONFERENCE

GENEVA, June 17. (JTA) -- An Arab attempt to introduce an anti-Israel resolution at the annual conference of the International Labor Organization in session here, was repulsed today by a vote of 170 to 62--with only the Soviet Union and Tunisia voting with the Arab bloc for the resolution.

The resolution, introduced by the United Arab Republic, proposed that the conference discuss immigration into "certain artificial states on humanitarian grounds." The draft did not mention Israel by name, but all at the conference were aware that it was a political move against Israel.

Delegates representing the Italian and British governments, and the delegate representing American employers, spoke against the resolution. The resolutions committee killed the draft on the grounds that its subject matter was outside the competence of the conference.

An Israeli Arab, Mar Kabel Tiby, of the village of Taiben, is representing Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, at the conference of the International Labor Organization. Mr. Tiby is one of seven Israelis accredited as delegates to the I. L. O. assembly. The delegation from Israel is headed by Minister of Labor Mordechai Namir.

ISRAEL OPPOSES PROJECTED PACT OF U. N. BODY WITH ARAB LEAGUE

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- Michael Comay, assistant director general of the Israel Foreign Ministry, leaves today for Rome to present Israel's opposition against the projected signing of an agreement between the Arab League and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

The FAO Council, now meeting in Rome, has on its agenda a proposal for such an agreement. Israel's position is that no comparison is possible between the Arab League and, as an example, the Organization of American States, which signed such an agreement with the FAO as a genuine regional organization.

Mr. Comay will contend that the League is not such an organization because it excludes Turkey, Iran and Israel. He will also argue that since the Arab League's sole aim is economic and political warfare against Israel, it would be unthinkable for a United Nations agency to give official recognition to an organization whose purpose is to fight a member of the United Nations.

CONGRESS BODY FAVORS FEDERAL ACTION ON BOMBING OF SYNAGOGUES

WASHINGTON, June 17. (JTA) -- A measure recommended by President Eisenhower to make it a federal crime to cross state lines to avoid prosecution for bombing synagogues or schools was retained intact today when a House Judiciary Subcommittee approved a compromise bi-partisan civil rights bill.

The bill approved the President's 7-point civil rights proposal, but included a new version of "title three" taken from a broader bill introduced by chairman Emanuel Celler of the Subcommittee. The Celler measure would authorize the Attorney General to initiate federal action in court for injunctions or other relief to prevent denial of civil rights because of race, color, religion, or national origin. The Attorney General would act only on a signed complaint.

The bill approved today will also be passed by the parent judiciary committee of which Rep. Celler is also chairman, it was predicted today.

Among other measures in the basic legislation asked by the President is the establishment of a commission to push enforcement of federal regulations banning discrimination because of race, creed, or national origin in employment under federal contracts, and otherwise work against discrimination in employment.

U. S. JEWISH GROUPS LAUNCH STUDY OF HUMANE METHODS OF SHECHITA

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- A two year study by independent scientific research agencies is being launched to ascertain the most humane practical methods of preparing animals for slaughter in accordance with Jewish religious law, it was announced here today.

Sponsoring the study are nine major national Jewish religious and community relations organizations and 47 Jewish community relations agencies in cities throughout the United States. All are constituents of the Synagogue Council of America or the National Community Relations Advisory Council, or both.

A statement issued today by the sponsoring organizations said: "In keeping with Jewish law requiring humane treatment of animals, we consider ourselves morally and ethically bound to use only the most humane methods of handling of animals preparatory to slaughter which can be supported by scientific evidence as well as by our religious laws."

The study accordingly is designed "to ascertain the most humane practical methods of preparing animals for Jewish religious slaughter and to develop the equipment and process necessary for such purposes." Present methods of handling animals for slaughter in the prescribed Jewish manner involve shackling and hoisting.

"Should this scientific research and study disclose more humane mechanical methods of handling, we will recommend the alteration or modification of any present methods," the statement declared. "If, however, such scientific research should indicate that any of the present methods of handling is humane, then there would be no reason for changes."

"When present methods of handling are found to be humane or more humane methods are devised, we will then urge, as in the case of the act of Jewish religious slaughter itself, that such methods of handling also be recognized as humane," the statement emphasized.

Law Enacted by Congress Recognized Shechita as Humane

The act of slaughter itself in accord with Jewish religious law is incontrovertibly humane and has been so declared by many eminent scientific authorities. Rabbi Emanuel Holzer, chairman of the Religious Observances Committee of the Synagogue Council of America, who is coordinating the research undertaking, observed that this had been given recognition by Congress, which included the Jewish religious method of slaughter among those to be deemed humane under a law enacted in the last session.

Bills introduced in a number of state legislatures during the current sessions have tended to follow the federal example in finding Shechita humane. However, both the federal law and many state bills contain provisions regarding methods of handling that may conflict with current practices in connection with Jewish religious slaughter. "The practice of Shechita may be impaired," Rabbi Holzer commented, "if the law should require methods of handling which violate Jewish religious principles or which are not feasible or practical."

The federal law adopted last year created an Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Agriculture, who is charged with its administration. The Advisory Committee has the duty, among others, of making recommendations with regard to research into methods of handling animals in connection with slaughter which are "practicable" and "humane."

The section creating the twelve-member Advisory Committee requires that one member "shall be a person familiar with the requirements of religious faiths with respect to slaughter." That member is Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik of Boston, eminent Orthodox rabbi and authority on Jewish law, who was appointed to the national committee at the suggestion of the constituent organizations of the Synagogue Council of America.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY TO AWARD TODAY 368 DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- A total of 368 degrees and diplomas, the largest number in the 73-year history of the institution, will be conferred by Yeshiva University tomorrow, at its twenty-eighth annual commencement exercises. Of the degrees and diplomas to be awarded, 186 are on the undergraduate level, and 182 on graduate and professional levels.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the university, will confer honorary doctorates upon Dr. Lawrence G. Derthick, U. S. Commissioner of Education, who will deliver the principal commencement address; Dr. Jonas E. Salk, developer of the anti-polio vaccine bearing his name; Dr. Moshe Shapiro, former Israel Minister for Religion and Social Welfare; Rabbi Moses A. Poleyeff, professor of Talmud at the university's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary; and Benjamin Gottesman, oldest member in point of service on the university's board of trustees, and president of the Yeshiva Endowment Foundation.

LABEL KATZ URGES U.S. JEWS TO INTENSIFY CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

KLAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., June 17. (JTA) -- The American Jewish community was urged last night to shed its "cultural amnesia" by energizing programs of "study and creative Jewish living."

Label A. Katz, of New Orleans, national president of B'nai B'rith, told the 1,750 delegates attending the 107th annual convention of B'nai B'rith's District One, here, that in its own "characteristics and uniqueness," American Jewry can avert any threats to its cultural survival "and find satisfaction and fulfillment in its own Jewishness."

Making his first public address since his election at B'nai B'rith's international convention in Jerusalem, two weeks ago, Mr. Katz said it was "a false notion that Jewish life in America must revolve as a cultural satellite of Israel." This same view, he added, is expressed by "far-sighted leaders of Israel."

Mr. Katz also took issue with "misguided iconoclasts who argue for a creative Jewish life in America that excludes any unity of purpose between the Jews of America and those of Israel." He recommended widespread encouragement of the teaching and use of modern Hebrew as the cultural language of Jews throughout the world.

Proposing that Jewish groups adopt practical means of Jewish education for both youth and adults, "as a primary step toward Jewish creativity," he warned that "Jewish heritage cannot be treated as a hand-me-down from one generation to the next. It is a living, growing process in which each generation must leave its imprint and contribution."

ISRAELIS GET GERMAN SCHOLARSHIPS FROM ANNE FRANK FOUNDATION

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- Four Hebrew University students today were awarded Anne Frank Foundation scholarships for study in West Germany or in other European countries.

The one-year scholarships, of which ten are being awarded, were set up by the foundation which derives its funds from German author Ernest Schnabel, the German publishing firm of Fischer Verlag, and the North German Radio Service which holds the broadcast rights for the "Diary" written by the late Anne Frank.

LIVERPOOL JEWISH SCHOOL WINS ALL-EUROPEAN BIBLE QUIZ

LONDON, June 17. (JTA) -- Britain last night won the All-European Bible and Jewish Knowledge Quiz, conducted here by the Jewish National Fund. Youngsters, all under the age of 13, representing many countries, participated in the contest. The contestants had come from Britain, Belgium, The Netherlands, Switzerland, France and other Western European countries.

The quiz was conducted in English, Dutch, French, German and Hebrew. The judges were Isidore Fishman, director of the London Board of Jewish Religious Education, and A. Leff, first secretary at the Israeli legation here. The winning team represented the school of the Alerton Hebrew Congregation at Liverpool.

DR. SEIDEL, U.S. LABOR ZIONIST LEADER, HONORED ON 75TH BIRTHDAY

BALTIMORE, June 17. (JTA) -- Tributes on the occasion of his 75th birthday were paid to Dr. Herman Seidel, prominent physician and one of the founders and a vice-chairman of Ampal-American Israel Corporation, at a dinner in his honor tonight. Aryeh Manor, Economic Minister of Israel in the United States, presented Dr. Seidel with a Bible autographed by Israel's Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

Active in Labor Zionist and other Jewish affairs since his early youth, Dr. Seidel is chairman of the board of directors of the Israel Histadrut Campaign, and a member of the Zionist Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA HONORS ITS RETIRED PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America, coordinating body of the congregational and rabbinical organizations of the three Jewish religious denominations, honored last night its retiring president, Rabbi Theodore L. Adams at a dinner here. President Eisenhower sent a message lauding Rabbi Adams for his activities.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF RABBI STEPHEN WISE OBSERVED

BUENOS AIRES, June 17. (JTA) -- The tenth anniversary of the death of the late Rabbi Stephen Wise was commemorated here tonight at the first session of the South American secretariat-general of the World Jewish Congress. Organizational matters embracing WJC activities throughout Latin America are on the agenda of the session.