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U. S. TO GIVE ISRAEL ENRICHED URANIUM FOR ATOM REACTOR; PACT SIGNED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Israel will receive enriched uranium of a quality that is almost entirely fissionable under terms of an agreement signed here this week-end.

Yaacov Herzog, Israeli Charge d'Affaires, and G. Louis Jones, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, signed the agreement which provides that Israel will get a quantity of 90 percent enriched uranium for use in a research reactor now nearing completion in Jer. 41.

The agreement amends a 1955 accord under President Eisenhower's Atoms-for-Peace program under which Israel received uranium U-238 enriched with 20 percent U-235. The upgrading of the quality of uranium to 90 percent is important to the working of the Israel reactor. The reactor will go into operation next year.

Israel, Turkey and Pakistan are the only nations in the Near East working to implement projects undertaken under the Atoms-for-Peace program.

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES SUEZ ISSUE; CEYLON MAY DROP FRIGATE DEAL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Two issues involving Israel's insistence on freedom of innocent shipping through international waterways were discussed here today at a meeting of the Cabinet, under the chairmanship of Foreign Minister Golda Meir. Prime Minister David Ben Gurion is on vacation.

The issues concerned are: 1. The case of the Danish freighter Inge Toft, tied to a dock at Port Said since May 12. 2. The case of the two frigates which Israel has sold to Ceylon and which Ceylon has not yet taken over, due to pressure on the part of the United Arab Republic.

Regarding the Inge Toft, halted by the Egyptians at the entrance to the Suez Canal, as it was carrying Israeli cargo from Haifa to the Far East, Israel observers noted that no progress whatever has been achieved, despite the intervention of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold with UAR President Nasser.

As to the frigates, the possibility was seen here today that Ceylon may cancel the purchase. Ceylon made a large, cash down payment for the frigates--the Miznak and Miznach--which are now in the harbor of Eilat, in the Gulf of Akaba. Ceylon sent a crew of 100 sailors to man the first of the ships, these men sailing aboard a Ceylonese minesweeper, the Parakram. The minesweeper, however, is docked in the Protectorate of Aden awaiting the UAR's acquiescence to the Israeli-Ceylonese deal.

Ceylon's government at Colombo had asked the UAR for assurance that the Parakram and the frigates would not be molested passing from the Gulf of Akaba through the Straits of Tiran into the Red Sea. So far, the UAR has not acknowledged the Ceylonese note.

U. N. Officials Blamed in Israel for Confusing Ceylon

It is understood here that the Ceylonese first became concerned about the frigate deal when Colombo's envoy at Cairo notified his home government that Cairo was voicing strong threats against Ceylon if the deal were to be consummated.

Some observers here blame the United Nations Secretariat for the snafu. They declare that Ceylon had notified the United Nations Emergency Force about its planned passage through the Straits of Tiran, since UNEF forces guard the Straits at Sharm el-Sheikh. Instead of merely acknowledging the notification, the sources here say, UNEF replied to Ceylon in a legalistic note which seemed to confuse the issue, hinting that Saudi Arabia and the UAR may have something to say on the subject.

Saudi Arabian and Egyptian shores line the Straits of Tiran, but Israel has held right along--and has been supported in that view by most maritime powers--that the Straits of Tiran form an international waterway which is not subject to the jurisdiction of any nation claiming riparian rights along the shores.

Israel Envoy Discusses Suez Canal Issue with State Department

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Israel's Charge d'Affaires Yaacov Herzog met this week-end with Francis O. Wilcox, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs, for a discussion that covered the issue of Israel transit rights in the Suez Canal and other matters.

THIRTEEN ISRAELIS SENTENCED TO VARIOUS TERMS FOR BEERSHEBA RIOTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Thirteen men arrested after the riots by North African immigrants in Beersheba last month received sentences ranging from one month's to nine months' imprisonment, after being convicted of rioting in the Jerusalem Magistrates Court today.

Five others, including several minors, were given suspended sentences, and two were acquitted because of insufficient evidence against them.

Today's trial of these 20 alleged rioters was the first of a series scheduled here in connection with the disturbances that have occurred in Haifa, Beersheba and elsewhere in Israel. Another session of the court on charges arising from the riots is scheduled for tomorrow.

ISRAEL COULD FORCE EGYPT TO OPEN SUEZ CANAL, ARMY CHIEF SAYS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. Haim Laskov, Chief of Staff of the Israeli defense forces, said today in a newspaper interview that if the task of opening the Suez Canal to Israeli shipping were given to the Army, "it would be capable of dealing with it."

The Israeli commander stressed, however, that the question was "a purely political issue." He termed recent threats against Israel by President Nasser and War Minister Amer of the United Arab Republic as signs of weakness and fear. No Egyptian Army officer, he said, would have repeated those arrogant threats and he voiced certainty that Nasser himself did not believe them.

Dealing with Israel's security situation, Maj. Gen. Laskov said that the Air Force had been strengthened and the new operational set-up of the armored corps had been completed. Infiltrators along Israel's borders had been largely deterred, he said, by the effectiveness of the new "silent service"--a trained and alerted nucleus in every border settlement, ready for action within minutes of an alarm.

The Syrian border had been relatively quiet since last October, Maj. Gen. Laskov asserted, after Israel had made it clear that the Syrians would be "blasted out" of their positions if there were further serious incidents.

STATE DEPT. INDICATES NO OPPOSITION TO WORLD BANK LOAN FOR EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- World Bank sources today indicated the State Department has, so far, not indicated any opposition to the granting of a large loan by the Bank to the United Arab Republic, for the expansion of the Suez Canal. The Bank is aware of Israel's complaints against Egypt's violations of international transit rights through the Canal by keeping the waterway closed to Israeli shipping.

World Bank sources here said the political question of Israeli transit was a matter that involved the State Department more than the Bank. These sources said the Department apparently decided that the question of the loan to the UAR, and the Israeli complaint, were not necessarily linked.

World Bank executive Joseph Recinsky arrived in Cairo today, with instructions from Washington to discuss aid that would enable President Nasser to expand the Suez Canal into a two-way thoroughfare. (Mr. Recinsky stated on arrival in Cairo that the Bank's technical experts have reported the project is practicable, and that there is no obstacle to financing the work. Mr. Recinsky will meet with UAR Economic Minister Abdel Monein Kaissouni several times this month.)

The Bank's final decision will await Mr. Kaissouni's visit to Washington next month. He will then submit a formal application. Meanwhile, the U.S. Export-Import Bank announced this week-end a \$12,000,000 loan to the UAR to buy 58 late-model Diesel locomotives in the United States. The agency said the loan would be repayable over a five-year period beginning in November, 1960.

Export-Import Bank Grants Credit in Israeli Firm in Israeli Currency

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The Export-Import Bank of Washington today announced a credit in Israeli currency to assist an Israeli firm, Sefen, Ltd., an affiliate of the Israel Development Corporation of New York City, in the expansion and development of business.

The firm will receive 720,000 Israel pounds (\$400,320) for land, buildings, machinery, and equipment required to expand a softboard and hardboard manufacturing plant. It is repayable in ten years.

LEBANESE MINISTER REITERATES DEMAND FOR RESETTLEMENT OF ARAB REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- For the second time in ten days, a member of the Lebanese Cabinet has declared openly that his government wants the Arab refugees from Palestine resettled in Arab countries that "have sufficient land for their agricultural employment."

The statement, according to today's Jordanian press, received here, was made at Beirut by Lebanon's Minister of Labor Pierre Jumeil. Mr. Jumeil is the leader of the Christian Party in Lebanon.

FAMED RABBI RELEASED IN RUMANIA; FATE OF OTHER ARRESTED RABBIS UNKNOWN

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Word was received here today from Bucharest that the Rumanian authorities had released Rabbi Zisu Jacob Portogal, famed Rumanian Jewish spiritual leader, and his son. They had been held for several months pending investigation of charges that followed the aged rabbi's refusal to give up his attempts to locate and care for Rumanian Jewish orphans. Rabbi Portogal is known as the "Skulener Rebbe."

No word was received as to the fate of others arrested at the same time, some of them because they assisted Rabbi Portogal. Rabbi Portogal had defied police orders to remain at home and cease travelling around the country in his rescue efforts.

(The Rumanian Legation in Washington confirmed today that Rabbi Portogal had been released. The Rumanian authorities are being asked to give Rabbi Portogal an exit visa permitting him to leave Rumania and come to the United States to become spiritual leader of the K'h'al Adas Yereim Congregation in Brooklyn. An American entry visa will be ready for Rabbi Portogal, it was learned, as soon as he has the necessary permission to leave Rumania.)

GERMANY AGREES TO PAY COMPENSATION TO JEWS KILLED IN JASSY POGROM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The West German Government has agreed to pay compensation to the families of persons killed by the Nazis during a pogrom in Jassy, Rumania, in June, 1941, Ministry of Finance sources disclosed today.

An agreement also covered payment of compensation to the heirs of the Jews killed on death trains from Jassy to the camps. The German authorities, however, it was stated, still refused to accept responsibility for all instances of Jewish persecution during the Nazi occupation of Rumania.

HAROLD RIEGELMAN NAMED MEMBER OF U.S. DELEGATION TO U.N. ASSEMBLY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Harold Riegelman, former chairman of the New York chapter of the American Jewish Committee, and a member of the administrative and steering committees of the AJC, was appointed by President Eisenhower this week-end to membership on the United States delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

Mr. Riegelman has been serving for a year as U.S. delegate to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, a 15-nation group which has just concluded a series of sessions at Geneva.

Mr. Riegelman has been, for years, prominent in Jewish and interfaith activities as well as in general communal affairs. Active in the affairs of the National Conference of Christian and Jews, he was chairman of the NCCJ national commission on community organizations and, more recently, founded and conducted a special Seminar on Islamic Culture.

An attorney, Mr. Riegelman in 1938 served as a delegate to the New York State Constitutional Convention. He has also acted as adviser to the State of New York on welfare legislation, housing, taxation and finance. He is currently counsel to the Washington Embassy of the Nationalist Chinese Government. Today, he left Geneva for conferences with Nationalist Chinese authorities at Taiwan. After confirmation by the Senate, he is expected to assume his UN post on September 15.

In recent years, President Eisenhower has been appointing one prominent American Jewish leader to each U.S. delegation to the UN General Assembly. Other Jewish leaders who have served the U.S. Government in that capacity are Jacob Blaustein, Philip M. Klutznick and Irving Salomon.

A. D. L. LEADER ADDRESSES YOUTH CONVENTION ON ANTI-JEWISH BIAS

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 23. (JTA) -- American Jews are still being robbed of "full first class citizenship because of discrimination in employment housing, and on social levels, Benjamin Epstein, national director of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, said here today. He was addressing the joint session of the 36th annual convention of Aleph Zadek Aleph and the 15th annual B'nai B'rith Girls Convention.

"Even though certain outward manifestations of anti-Semitism have lessened and organized groups attacking Jews have diminished, the battle is far from over or won," he said. He had warm praise for today's younger generation which, he said, is breaking new paths in the field of better understanding by working together on inter-racial and inter-religious problems.

"I have seen young people accept their contemporaries of other racial and religious groups in a manner of which the parents never conceived," he stated.

PRESIDENT OF ALLIANCE ISRAELITE AWARDED HIGHEST FRENCH DECORATION

PARIS, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Prof. Rene Cassin, vice-president of the French Council of State, and president of Alliance Israelite Universelle, today was awarded the highest French decoration, being made a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor. Former chairman of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Prof. Cassin is a member of the European Court of Human Rights.

SIR JACOB EPSTEIN, FAMOUS SCULPTOR, DEAD; CAME FROM NEW YORK'S EAST SIDE

LONDON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Sir Jacob Epstein, one of the greatest sculptors of contemporary times, considered British sculpture's Grand Old Man, is dead. His death occurred last Wednesday night but was announced here yesterday. He was 78.

Jacob Epstein was the son of Polish-Jewish immigrant parents who had come to America. He was born on New York's lower East Side in 1880. His first methodical studies were at the art school of the Educational Alliance on the East Side. When his family had prospered and had moved away from the East Side, young Jacob Epstein hired a room on Hester Street so as to be near the Jewish immigrant environment and people who meant most to him at the time. A painter and illustrator as well as a sculptor, he made many drawings of Jewish celebrities, from Jacob Adler, Maurice Moscovitch and Morris Rosenfeld to Albert Einstein, Stephen S. Wise and Chaim Weizmann.

Epstein went to Paris to continue his studies in 1902, moved to London in 1905, received in 1907 a coveted commission, to execute 18 overlife-sized figures for the then new British Medical Association building. He became a British citizen in 1910, was knighted in 1954. Many of the controversies surrounding his work centered about religious themes which he executed in a manner displeasing to some Christian clergymen. Among these disputed sculptures was his statue of Christ, entitled "Ecce Homo" (Behold the Man). Among the many illustrations that he had done in his life was a series, considered by art critics as very powerful, illustrating the Old Testament.

DR. SAMUEL COHON, LEADING REFORM RABBI, DEAD; WAS PROFESSOR AT H.U.C.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Samuel Solomon Cohon, leading Reform rabbi and author of several books on theology and Jewish philosophy, died here yesterday at the age of 71. He was an editor of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia.

Born in Russia, Rabbi Cohon came to this country in 1904. He was ordained at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1912 and served as rabbi in Springfield, Ohio and at the Zion Congregation in Chicago. In 1919 he founded and became the first rabbi of Temple Mizpah in Chicago and served in that post until his appointment as Professor of Jewish Theology at the Hebrew Union College in 1923.

LEON CRYSTAL, JEWISH JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR, DEAD; WAS 37 YEARS ON "FORWARD"

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Leon Crystal, prominent Jewish journalist and member of the editorial staff of the Jewish Daily Forward for 37 years, died of a heart attack early yesterday. He was 65 years old. He was the United Nations correspondent of the Forward for the last ten years. Earlier he was City editor of the newspaper.

Born in Shargorod, the Ukraine, he came to the United States when he was twenty years old. He studied engineering at the Cooper Union in New York but became interested in the Jewish theatre and translated a number of plays by Tolstoy, Moliere, Flannery for the Yiddish Art Theatre. In 1919 he became manager of the Yiddish Art Theatre, but left it in 1922 to join the Jewish Daily Forward as reporter and feature writer. He is the author of a biography, in Yiddish, of President F.D. Roosevelt, and of a Yiddish book on the venerable Russian writer Leo Tolstoy.

LATE CHIEF RABBI OF ISRAEL EULOGIZED ON 30TH DAY OF HIS DEATH

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The 30th day following the death of Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Halevi Herzog was marked tonight at Heichal Shlomo--the Chief Rabbinate Center--here with President Izhak Ben-Zvi attending the memorial meeting.

Eulogies were delivered by the Sephardi Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, Minister of Finance Levi Eshkol on behalf of the Prime Minister who is in France, Haifa's Chief Rabbi Yehoshua Kaniel and the Hebrew writer S. Y. Agnon. The meeting was chaired by Tel Aviv's Chief Rabbi Issar Unterman.

The English-language daily The Jerusalem Post today editorially paid tribute to Rabbi Herzog's scholarship, organizing ability and deep sense of duty that produced a long series of "carefully reasoned rabbinical judgments."

MOSHE YINNON NAMED EDITOR OF "HADOAR"; EDITED ISRAELI PUBLICATIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Moshe Yinnon, former editor-in-chief of the "Hajnt," leading Jewish daily newspaper in Warsaw which ceased publication with the Nazi occupation of Poland, was elected editor of the Hadoar, the Hebrew weekly published in New York by the Histadrut Ivrit of America, it was announced here today. The Hadoar is the only weekly publication in Hebrew outside of Israel.

Mr. Yinnon, who escaped the Nazis and came to Israel during World War II, is considered an authority on Hebrew philology. In Israel, he edited important literary and scientific periodicals. He served for about 15 years, until 1957, as editor-in-chief of the "Mossad Bialik," the leading Hebrew publishing house in Israel. He has also edited, Mr. Yinnon has been president of New York.