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CONGRESSMEN LINK LOAN TO NASSER WITH ISRAEL'S RIGHTS ON SUEZ CANAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Thirteen members of Congress today made a bipartisan appeal to the World Bank here to refrain from issuing a pending loan to the United Arab Republic for the enlargement of the Suez Canal 'until the UAR recognizes Israel's maritime rights.

The 13 congressmen are members of the House Banking and Currency committee. This body handles legislation related to the World Bank, known officially as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. The committee members communicated their views in a letter to Eugene R. Black, president of the Bank.

The signatories said in their letter to Mr. Black that the Suez Canal should be open to all nations but "instead it is being used as a weapon in relations between the UAR and the State of Israel." The barring of the Inge Toft from transit because the ship carried Israeli cargo was cited as "the most recent of a long series of illegal actions which violate the Constantinople Convention and the United Nations Security Council decision."

As long as the Suez Canal "is being used for belligerent action" by the UAR, said the signatories, "we are deeply disturbed that an international agency is considering a loan to improve and enlarge it."

The congressional communication pointed out that "Nasser's violent declaration threatening to exterminate Israel implies that he will bar Israel shipping whenever he wants to. His own statement of July 22 shows that he is disturbed by Israel's growing trade with Asia and Africa and that he intends to block it."

A belief was expressed that the international community should not provide the UAR with finances for canal improvement "lest it appear to condone a clear violation of international decision, an intolerable aggression by one nation against a neighbor." The members of Congress insisted that "no money be used to finance an international artery until it is recognized as such without limitation or restriction."

The signatories were: Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York; Rep. Hugh J. Addonizio, New Jersey; Rep. Byron L. Johnson, Colorado; Rep. James C. Healey, New York; Rep. Florence P. Dwyer, New Jersey; Rep. Edward J. Derwinski, Illinois; Rep. William S. Moorhead, Pennsylvania; Rep. Charles A. Vanik, Ohio; Rep. Martha W. Griffiths, Michigan; Rep. Abraham J. Multer, New York; Rep. William H. Milliken, Jr., Pennsylvania; Rep. Paul A. Firo, New York and Rep. Gordon L. McDonough, California.

MOSCOW INCITES ARABS AGAINST ISRAEL'S CONSTRUCTION OF OIL PIPELINE

LONDON, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Moscow Radio told its Arab listeners today that Israel was speeding construction of a pipeline to carry oil from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean to "spur Israel's war plan." The pipeline, Moscow said in a broadcast, was not important to the Israel economy but was a vital part of an aggressive Israeli design.

Israel, which now has an oil pipeline from its Gulf of Akaba port of Eilat to the Haifa refineries on the Mediterranean coast, is building a 16-inch pipeline which would be able to carry enough crude oil to permit the Haifa refineries to work at full capacity and meet the country's domestic fuel requirements.

The pipeline was commenced originally to circumvent the Arab anti-Israel boycott which seeks to cut off all oil supplies from Israel. Formerly, Israel had to buy crude oil at a considerable cost from Venezuela because supplies from nearby sources to the East could not be transited through the Suez Canal. The pipeline permitted Israel to buy crude oil in a more favorable market, carry it by tanker to Eilat and transport it from there to Haifa through the pipeline.

The Moscow Radio stressed that the Israeli pipeline was "the first in the Arab East outside the supervision of the Arab countries." It said that the Arabs had been able to halt British and French support of Israel against Egypt during the Sinai campaign by severing oil supplies to Western Europe. Today, Moscow said, Israel is "trying to snatch

this strong defensive weapon from the hands of the Arabs" and was, in effect, creating an alternate oil route for the West to frustrate the Arab defense.

The Moscow propagandists tied their attack on the Israeli pipeline to charges that Israel was preparing the groundwork for "coming aggressions" against the Arabs. They asserted that "the voices demanding a repetition of the aggression against the Arabs have recently become louder in Israel," and added that "Moshe Dayan, former Chief of Staff, is one of those voices."

The broadcast warned the Arabs that while the United States Government is again "flirting with Arab nationalism and attempting to be a friend of the Arabs," it was, at the same time, encouraging Israeli "aggressive circles" to frighten the Arabs into following policies desired by the West.

HAMMARSKJOLD'S "SOFTNESS" ON INGE TOFT ISSUE EMBARRASSES ISRAEL GOVT.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Political observers expressed the view today that the Egyptian seizure of mail consigned to Israel, following on United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's failure to secure the reopening of the Suez Canal to Israeli cargoes, or even to secure the release of the Danish freighter Inge Toft, was forcing Premier David Ben Gurion's Mapai Party and its allies into an untenable position.

They said today that the opposition parties were bound to make an issue of the Government's failure to take action in connection with the Suez Canal situation, or even to take a firm decision to raise it at the United Nations with the Security Council or in the General Assembly. The cabinet has discussed the situation at a round score of meetings and has been dealing with the Inge Toft since last May when it was seized at Port Said with a cargo from Israel consigned to Far Eastern ports.

Sharp criticism of the government has already been voiced in sections of the Israeli press and in some election meetings for its reliance on United Nations actions, particularly the Cairo interventions by Secretary General Hammarskjold, for a solution of the problem.

The fact that Mr. Hammarskjold left New York on a South American tour without conveying to the Israelis any results of his renewed efforts to secure the release of the Inge Toft was interpreted by the Israeli press today to mean that he had failed to make any progress in this direction or even to obtain an answer from Cairo.

Israelis and their press held the view today that the seizure of mail addressed to Israel, in violation of international postal agreements, could be taken as a clear sign that the United Arab Republic intended to take every possible measure to tighten the blockade of Israel.

The failure of the United Nations to take firm action to implement its decisions that the Suez Canal was to remain open to all shipping, and Mr. Hammarskjold's "soft" attitude toward Egyptian interference with shipping using the international waterway, were said here to have encouraged Cairo to go to further extremes.

ISRAEL TAKES MAIL SEIZURES BY U.A.R. TO UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Israel today lodged a complaint with the Secretariat here regarding Egyptian "interference with freedom of passage through the Suez Canal," drawing the UN's attention to "unlawful impounding" by the United Arab Republic of mail bags and scientific equipment which were taken off Norwegian ships passing through the Canal on August 21 and 23.

Israel's attitude was relayed to Undersecretary Ralph J. Bunche and Andrew W. Cordier, executive assistant to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. The latter is visiting Latin America this week.

It was understood from Israeli circles here that there is no change in the case of the Inge Toft, the Danish freighter detained at Port Said since last May when it was trying to transport an Israeli cargo from Haifa, consigned to the Far East.

"It transpires now," Israeli circles stated, "that the Secretary General has not been able to move Egypt from its position regarding the ship. The Secretary General had expected some results from his contacts with Egypt on this issue before departing for Latin America. However, he had to leave before he was able to move them from their position."

JEWISH GROUPS DISCUSS PROBLEMS CONCERNING KHRUSHCHEV'S VISIT TO U.S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- An ad hoc conference of Jewish organizations was formed here yesterday to deal with and discuss various problems which might arise from the forthcoming visit to this country of Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.

The conference, held under the chairmanship of Philip Klutznick, was formed after a discussion by members of the Presidents' Club, consisting of the heads of 17 national Jewish organizations. Representatives of the Synagogue Council of America also attended. The discussions were conducted "in a spirit of general unity and agreement," it was emphasized.

GERMAN WAR VETERANS ORGAN CHALLENGES REPARATIONS PAYMENT TO ISRAEL

BONN, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- A widely circulated German war veterans magazine challenged today payment by Germany of reparations to the State of Israel for injuries inflicted on the Jewish people during the Nazi regime.

The magazine, Deutsche Soldatenzeitung, attacked alleged "corruption" in the indemnification program and denied that there was any real or legal basis for the payment of reparations to the State of Israel. It argued this on the grounds that Israel had not even been in existence as a state at the time the Nazi crimes were perpetrated against the Jews.

"By the same token," the neo-Nazi organ asserted, "we should have to indemnify the Jews in the United States of America and in the Soviet Union." The paper recalled arguments in the Israeli Parliament in 1952 when the Luxembourg Agreement between West Germany and Israel was ratified, and expressed regrets that foes of the agreement had failed to vote it down.

LATVIANS A BROAD CHARGED WITH HELPING NAZIS IN MASS-MURDER OF JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Many Letts, natives of Latvia, now living in Germany, England, Sweden and Latin America, are guilty of participating in the Nazi mass murder of Jews, according to charges made here today by Isaac Levinson, of Johannesburg.

Mr. Levinson, who was a delegate to the world assembly of the World Jewish Congress, held here recently, alleged that "the worst European massacre during World War II" took place in Latvia, during the months of November and December of 1941. In that period, he said, about 30,000 Jews were executed by Latvians, many of whom are now living abroad.

Mr. Levinson is the author of a book, "The Untold Story," which is a history of the Jews of Latvia and Esthonia, and tells of the tragic fate that befell the Jews in the Baltic countries during World War II.

LOS ANGELES JEWISH INSTITUTIONS GET \$100,000 TO AID AGED NAZI VICTIMS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- A home for the Jewish aged in this city and a Jewish center here have received \$100,000 from funds obtained for heirless Jewish property in Germany by the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization there. The money will be spent on two projects for the aged in which priority will be given to Nazi victims living in Los Angeles.

United Help, Inc., a national agency providing special care for Nazi victims in the United States, received the \$100,000 from the JRSO and turned over the sum to the Jewish Club of 1933, an organization of former German Jewish refugees here. The club, in turn, gave \$80,000 to the Jewish Home for the Aged to provide a new residential facility to care for its senior members, and \$20,000 to the Westside Jewish Community Center to create a senior adult day care center.

The national agency turned the funds over to the club after consultation with the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles.

AMERICAN REFORM RABBIS ASK FOR SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR TESTING

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The Central Conference of American Rabbis today issued a statement calling for continued suspension of the testing of nuclear weapons.

The Central Conference of American Rabbis has repeatedly urged that the testing of nuclear weapons be stopped with a view to establishing a permanent ban of nuclear explosions. "Such a procedure," the statement declares, "is an indispensable safeguard of human health and a needful step in retarding the dangerous armament race."

Noting that there have been reports that the United States will resume tests when the moratorium year ends on October 31, the statement asks that the present situation be continued. "Our country," the statement says, "should not be the first to break the tacit truce that now prevails."

EXHIBIT OF AMERICAN PAINTINGS OPENED AT TEL AVIV; U.S. ENVOY PRESENT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- An exhibit of paintings and sculptures by 18 contemporary American artists was opened here today in the Helena Rubinstein Pavilion of the Tel Aviv Museum.

United States Ambassador Ogden R. Reid and prominent Israeli artists attended the opening of the exhibit, which is entitled "Eighteen Living American Artists." All the works are by abstractionists and surrealists. The works were assembled by Karl Katz, director of the Bezalel Museum of Jerusalem. Some of the paintings and sculptures are on loan for this exhibit from the Whitney Museum of New York.

The exhibit is part of a cultural exchange between the United States and Israel. The Helena Rubinstein Pavilion was opened last January with a \$125,000 contribution by Madame Rubinstein through the American-Israel Cultural Foundation which finances various cultural institutions in Israel.

JEWISH AGENCY OFFERS GUIDANCE TO U.S. JEWS DESIRING TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- A new economic information and guidance service for American Jews desiring to settle in Israel was established by the Jewish Agency here, it was announced today. Directing this service is Isaac Kurland, director general of the Agency's economic department in Tel Aviv, who is currently in the United States as economic advisor to the Jewish Agency's emigration department.

The new service will concentrate on problems of middle class immigrants. It will offer up-to-date information and individual guidance on all matters concerning transfer of capital, housing, investment and employment opportunities in Israel as well as on the establishment of any kind of enterprise in the field of manufacturing or trade.

Mr. Kurland, who has lived in Israel since 1924, was connected for many years with the Anglo-Palestine Bank and has been on the board of a number of leading Israel concerns. He joined the staff of the Jewish Agency's economic department in 1949.

FIRST ISRAELI FIRM LISTED ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES MARKET IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The first Israeli incorporated company to be listed on an international securities market in the United States made its trading bow this morning on the American Stock Exchange trading floor where Aryeh Manor, Economic Minister of the Government of Israel, headed a delegation of American and Israeli observers at ceremonies marking the initial dealings in the American Israeli Paper Mills Limited American shares.

The company, principal producer of paper in Israel, and located at Hadera, Israel, is listing American shares which represent its ordinary shares at the rate of one American share for five ordinary shares. There can be a maximum of 2,098,794 American shares available for trading.

CHICAGO JEWISH LEADERS VOTE ARCHBISHOP SHEIL "MAN OF THE YEAR"

CHICAGO, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The Board of Governors of the Chicago committee for Israel bonds, unanimously voted the Most Reverend Bernard J. Sheil, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Chicago, as the "Man of the Year" to be honored by the entire Jewish community for his leadership in humanitarian causes and his ardent support of the State of Israel.

This will be the first time that a non-Jew and a high-ranking Church leader will be honored as "The Man of the Year" by the Jews of Chicago. Archbishop Sheil will be the guest of honor at the "Man of the Year" dinner which will be held in Chicago on Nov. 7, when more than 2,000 leaders of the Jewish community and outstanding civic and national figures will join in paying tribute to the church leader who is revered by all faiths for his outstanding achievements in religious and communal affairs.

A long-time supporter of the establishment of the State of Israel, Archbishop Sheil has closely identified himself with the campaign for Israel bonds. He is not only a purchaser of Israel bonds, but last winter he took the initiative in inviting Jewish and non-Jewish leaders to a meeting at his residence where more than \$500,000 in Israel bonds were sold.

"ZIM" OFFERS FREE EIGHT-DAY HOLIDAY IN ISRAEL FOR FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The Zim Israel Navigation Co., of Haifa, will offer a free eight-day holiday in Israel next winter to passengers holding first class round trip tickets in their liners plying between Marseilles or Naples and Haifa, it was announced here today by the American-Israeli Shipping Company, U.S. representatives of the Zim Lines.

The plan, intended to promote winter tourism in Israel, provides for room with private bath or shower and full board free for eight days at a choice of first class hotels in Haifa, Tel Aviv, Herzliya and Jerusalem. An alternative plan offers a free six-day stay at Israel's Red Sea resort of Eilat plus air transportation to and from Eilat.

The free stay in Israel is limited to the period from November 1, 1959 to February 29, 1960 but applies to passengers holding first class round trip tickets for any winter season sailing between Europe and Israel, the American-Israeli Shipping Company said. A round trip ticket consists of two full fares less a ten percent discount. The tickets are valid for no longer than one month from the date of sailing for Israel. Ocean passage will be aboard the Zim Lines' newly-built luxury liner, S.S. Theodor Herzl.

EDGAR B. STERN, AMERICAN JEWISH LEADER, DIES; WAS ACTIVE IN J. D. C.

PRICE, Utah, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Edgar Bloom Stern, a New Orleans civic leader and business executive, died here yesterday at a local hospital after he had become ill aboard a train near here. He was 73 years old.

Active in civic and Jewish affairs, Mr. Stern was a member of the executive of the American Jewish Committee and he was on the advisory board of the Joint Distribution Committee. He leaves a wife, the former Edith Rosenwald, daughter of the late Julius Rosenwald; two sons and a daughter.