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SOVIET EMBASSY SEES POSSIBILITY OF KHRUSHCHEV MEETING WITH U.S. JEWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Soviet Embassy here said today the Embassy was unaware of any invitation to Jewish groups to meet with USSR Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev when the latter visits the United States next month.

The spokesman said the Embassy received "several" letters from various Jewish organizations, desiring a meeting with Mr. Khrushchev. A possibility was acknowledged that such a meeting may be scheduled. But so far, said the spokesman, no arrangements have been made by Soviet authorities to put a meeting with Jewish leaders on Mr. Khrushchev's agenda.

Meanwhile it was learned here today that, with the approval of the State Department, Philip M. Klutznick has formally requested the Soviet Embassy in Washington to arrange a meeting for American Jewish leaders with Mr. Khrushchev. Mr. Klutznick made the request on behalf of 18 major Jewish organizations which met under his chairmanship in New York last week to discuss the possibility of taking up with Mr. Khrushchev the present position of Jews in the Soviet Union.

SENATE DEBATES AID TO NASSER; EGYPT ASSAILED FOR ANTI-ISRAEL BLOCKADE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today praised the Nasser regime's operation of the Suez Canal but drew opposition from other Senators who attacked Egyptian discrimination against Israel shipping.

Senator Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat, lauded the Nasser Government for its operation of the Canal. He said it was now being run "efficiently." Senator Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican, interjected that the Canal might be operating "efficiently, but so was Hitler's government."

Senator Fulbright thought that a loan should be made available through the World Bank to "encourage" President Nasser of the United Arab Republic because of his resumption of relations with Jordan and other steps. He thought such large loans might help reconcile the Arabs to the continued existence of the State of Israel.

While he deplored the interruption of legitimate traffic in the Suez Canal, Sen. Fulbright thought "affirmative steps," including loans, should be taken to support the UAR in the interest of U.S. foreign policy. He hoped it would facilitate a solution ultimately of Arab-Israel differences.

Senator Scott told the Senate he differed with Senator Fulbright because the Suez Canal was not now being operated "legally." He said Nasser acted in the Inge Toft case in violation of an international convention, United Nations principles and the cause of Near Eastern peace. He questioned the wisdom of a World Bank loan to the United Arab Republic.

Nasser's Refusal to Permit Passage of Israeli Cargoes Condemned

Addressing Senator Fulbright, Senator Scott said that, as long as Nasser refuses Israeli commercial transit in the Canal, he would not spend his time praising Nasser for bringing peace to the Near East.

When Sen. Scott mentioned that 25 members of the Senate wrote the State Department on June 24 about the anti-Israel blockade of Suez, Sen. Fulbright raised a question of politics. Sen. Scott, in a heated exchange, said it was not an issue of "politics" or "partisanship" but one of Israel's fundamental rights.

Senator Kenneth Keating, New York Republican, associated himself with Sen. Scott. He attacked Nasser's "unconscionable" actions against Israel through the Suez blockade.

Senator Keating told the Senate no loan should be made by the World Bank to Nasser unless he opens the Canal to all nations, no matter how "efficiently" he might operate the Canal otherwise. If any loan is to be granted, said Sen. Keating, the Canal must be a thoroughly international waterway.

STATE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S PRO-NASSER SPEECH

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- State Department sources today welcomed a speech by Chairman J. W. Fulbright, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, lauding the United Arab Republic for its operation of the Suez Canal.

The Fulbright speech was seen as a counterweight to pro-Israel efforts to block a pending World Bank loan to the UAR to improve the Canal. Supporters of Israel's maritime rights maintained that such a loan was not indicated at a time when the UAR exploits the Canal as a blockade against Israel.

World Bank sources previously revealed the Bank had been given no official indication of the U.S. Government view of the UAR's anti-Israel tactics in the Suez Canal. The Bank is moving ahead with the proposed loan, with a final decision anticipated within four weeks. The UAR Finance Minister is expected in Washington then, to participate in a meeting of the Bank's board of governors.

The Bank today acknowledged, with no comment, a letter from 13 Congressmen who opposed the loan. The Congressmen held that the loan might "appear to condone" the UAR's anti-Israel blockade.

State Department sources said today that Bank authorities are aware that the expression of the 13 Congressmen does not necessarily reflect the Department's own view. The Department has also made this clear in Cairo, where the UAR had voiced a protest against the Congressional expression.

Republican Senators Ask State Dept. to Secure Suez Rights for Israel

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Three Republican Senators today asked Secretary of State Christian Herter to obtain firm guarantees of free transit for Israel shipping in the Suez Canal, before the United States approves a World Bank loan to the United Arab Republic for Canal improvement.

The Senators were Jacob K. Javits, and Kenneth Keating of New York, and Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania, all Republicans. They reminded Secretary Herter of a letter from Assistant Secretary of State Macomber, on July 3, in which Mr. Macomber said the U.S. executive director of the World Bank was aware of developments involving Israel in the Suez Canal issue.

In light of this, the Senators noted that the Bank is moving forward with consideration of a loan to the UAR. They told Mr. Herter: "We would appreciate your advice as to what is being done to obtain from the UAR firm assurances and guarantees of free transit through the Canal. Needless to say, we do not feel that money should be advanced to the UAR for the Canal without at least these assurances in hand."

Representative Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, also addressed a letter today to Secretary Herter asking him to consider the views of 13 members of the House Banking and Currency Committee on the issue of a World Bank loan to the United Arab Republic to improve the Suez Canal. The Congressmen voiced opposition to the loan because of the UAR's anti-Israel blockade of the Canal.

ISRAELI FRIGATE PASSES TIRAN STRAITS; WILL BE DELIVERED TO CEYLON

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- One of the two frigates sold by Israel to Ceylon passed through the Straits of Tiran today, manned by an Israeli crew, and will be handed over to the Ceylonese authorities on the high seas, somewhere in the Red Sea.

The Ceylonese minesweeper with its crew, which was to take over the frigates at the Israeli port of Eilat, was held up under pressure from Egypt in Aden for the last few weeks, pending a decision from the Government of Ceylon in Colombo. Now the minesweeper has sailed from Aden into the Red Sea to meet the Israeli-manned frigate.

MOSCOW ATTACKS BEN GURION; CLAIMS HE IS DRAGGING ISRAEL INTO WAR

LONDON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Moscow radio, broadcasting an article from the official Soviet Government organ "Izvestia," today bitterly attacked Israel and claimed that the Israel Government "is doing its best to drag the country into a military hell."

The "Izvestia" article, as summarized by the Moscow radio, is especially bitter against Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion. It charges him with "stubbornly pursuing" a pro-NATO policy and "consistently risking the possibility of a war with the Arab states."

SABOTEURS ATTEMPT TO DERAIL TRAIN BETWEEN BEERSHEBA, SOUTHERN NEGEV

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- For the second time in a week, an effort was made by saboteurs last night to derail a train between Beersheba and the Southern Negev.

The engineer of the southbound train found that his locomotive had run into stones and sheet metal piled across the tracks. He stopped the train, and continued after the obstacles were removed. There was no damage to the train, and no injuries resulted from the incident.

Exactly a week ago, a similar effort to derail the train from Beersheba had been made near the same spot. This time, a Bedouin found loitering nearby was detained for questioning.

ISRAEL SUBMITS COMPLAINT AGAINST EGYPT TO U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Israel today took directly to the Security Council its grievance over recent United Arab Republic violations of the principle of the freedom of passage through the Suez Canal.

Yosef Tekoah, Israel's acting permanent representative here, sent a long letter to Armand Berard, of France, this month's President of the Council, accusing the UAR of "continued acts of piracy" which, according to the Israeli, place Egypt "in open challenge to the world community" and constitute a "constant threat to peace" in the Middle East.

The open complaint to the Council was made by the Israel representative after many months of discussions of the Israel complaints on the level of "quiet diplomacy." Mr. Tekoah and his aides on the delegation have been in almost daily contact on the Suez issue since last February with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and with other ranking members of the Secretariat.

Mr. Tekoah's letter to M. Berard, which asked that the grievance be circulated to all members of the United Nations, included the Inge Toft case. "The detention of the Inge Toft appears to have been carried out as part of a systematic policy applied since early this year," Mr. Tekoah asserted.

The complaint also gives details of the Israel export cargoes confiscated last March, as well as of the incidents that occurred within the last few days, when United Arab Republic officials removed a crate of scientific books and equipment destined for Israel from a Norwegian freighter passing through the Suez Canal, and also confiscated mail addressed to Israel which should, according to international practice, have been inviolate.

"Repeated efforts by the Secretary General of the United Nations and various powers interested in freedom of navigation have been frustrated by United Arab Republic intransigence," says the Israel letter, which charges the United Arab Republic with "violation of the United Nations Charter, Security Council decisions and general principles of international law by obstructing freedom of passage through the Suez Canal."

"The United Arab Republic's continued policy of arbitrary interference with freedom of navigation in the Canal reflects complete disregard for the principles of law and order in international relations, and places her in open challenge to the world community," the complaint emphasizes.

CABINET APPROVES COMPOSITION OF ISRAEL'S DELEGATION TO U. N. ASSEMBLY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet today approved the composition of the Government's delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, which will convene September 15.

Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, will head the delegation, during the early weeks of the Assembly, after which the chairmanship will be taken over by Arthur Lourie, Israel's Ambassador to Canada. Other members of the delegation will be: Yosef Tekoah, acting permanent representative at the United Nations; Michael S. Comay, deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry, former Ambassador to Canada; Shabtai Rosenne, legal adviser to the Foreign Ministry; and Avraham Darom, Israeli Minister to Yugoslavia, an expert on Latin American affairs.

After approving the delegation list, the Cabinet heard reports from Mrs. Meir about the delegation's plans for participating in various issues coming before the Assembly, especially Israel's participation in the debate concerning the Algerian problem. The Cabinet also discussed the latest developments regarding the United Arab Republic's interference with the freedom of shipping through the Suez Canal.

ISRAEL WILL NOT TOLERATE NASSER'S BLOCKADE, GOLDA MEIR WARNS; BLAMES U.N.

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- There can be no peace if the United Nations permits "flagrant attacks" by one member of the UN against another, and "Israel has no intention to tolerate" such a situation, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, declared to-night while discussing Israel's grievance against United Arab Republic interference with shipping through the Suez Canal.

Mrs. Meir made the statement in an address at a Mapai Party election rally here tonight. Prime Minister David Ben Gurion was scheduled to address the rally also, delivering the first election address since his return from a French Riviera vacation.

Recalling UAR interference with shipping to and from Israel through the Suez Canal, Mrs. Meir said: "One cannot ask Israel to tolerate such attacks and, at the same time, tell her she cannot exercise her right of self-defense because such an exercise of right would mean war."

"In the face of Egypt's non-stop aggression since we established our State," continued the Foreign Minister, "and especially in regard to the closing of the Suez Canal to Israeli shipping of cargoes, Israel has exercised patience, even more patience than anybody could have expected."

REPRESENTATIVES OF LEADING U.S. BANKS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL STUDY MISSION

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Senior officers of leading American banks in ten cities are leaving for Israel tomorrow to participate in the 1959 Jewish Agency Bankers Study Mission, it was announced here today by Gottlieb Hammer, executive director of the Jewish Agency, who organized the group. The present mission is part of a continuing program begun in 1949.

The group, which is visiting Israel at the invitation of the Jewish Agency, will study the country's economic and industrial development as well as its immigration and colonization program. During their stay, members of the mission will be given the opportunity to observe the operations of the Jewish Agency in the fields of rehabilitation, housing and agricultural development and to study problems facing the Agency.

All of the banks represented in this year's Study Mission have cooperated with local Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in refunding loan projects benefitting the nationwide United Jewish Appeal's resettlement and rehabilitation program in Israel.

Mr. Hammer, who is also the president of the American-Israeli Shipping Company, announced today the appointment of W.R. Lazarus, of Haifa, as executive vice-president of the company, which represents the Zim Israel Navigation Company in the United States. Mr. Lazarus has been in the shipping industry in various capacities for 23 years. He will succeed Mr. Arich Chowers, executive vice-president of the American-Israeli Shipping Company since 1955, who is returning to Israel.

JEWISH AGENCY WARNS AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED FUND-RAISING IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency's Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns issued a statement here today declaring that certificates of the Israel Ministry of Welfare should not be interpreted by the American public as endorsement of fund-raising activities in this country.

The statement by the Agency was released after a number of fund-raising offices of Israeli institutions, whose activities have not been authorized by the Committee, reproduced the certificates in their promotional literature.

"These certificates are issued by the Israel Ministry of Welfare to any bona fide social service organization with the special proviso that they not be used for fund-raising efforts abroad," the Committee's spokesman stated. "They do not indicate official endorsement of any kind and can serve only to confuse and mislead American contributors who are not aware of the nature of the documents."

The Jewish Agency recently released its list of authorized fund-raising campaigns for Israel.

EXPORT OF CANADIAN PRODUCTS TO ISRAEL RISES; WHEAT IS LARGEST ITEM

OTTAWA, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The export of Canadian products to Israel during the first six months of the year has increased more than 50 percent over the 1958 figure for the same period, according to the report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued by the International Trade Division. The value of the exports rose from \$1,815,000 to \$2,725,000.

Wheat is the largest single item of export from Canada to Israel in terms of dollar value, and this accounted for \$1,690,000 of the six months' export for 1959 as compared with \$601,000 in 1958. Other major Canadian exports to Israel during this period included canned meats, parts for tractors, milled asbestos fibres.

C. J. C. PUBLISHES CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR EVENTS IN CANADIAN JEWISH HISTORY

MONTREAL, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- A chronology of the major events in Canadian Jewish history has been published here in conjunction with the observance of the 200th anniversary of the settlement of the first Jews in Canada.

The author of the work, Louis Rosenberg, was commissioned by the Canadian Jewish Congress to write the history, which lists developments in the Dominion from the day a bare minyan of Jewish officers and settlers came with General Amherst in 1759.

JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY NAMES STREET IN HONOR OF "VILNER GAON" DISCIPLES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The pioneering immigration to Palestine 150 years ago of the disciples of the religious leader, the Gaon of Vilna, was marked here today when the Jerusalem municipality named a street to commemorate the famed sage and talmudic scholar. Mayor Gershon Agron affixed a sign designating "Chazon Zion Street."

Descendants of the Vilna Gaon's followers who sparked the religious immigration a century and a half ago, today include Supreme Court Justice Shneor Z. Cheshin, Professor Joel Joseph Rivlin of the Hebrew University, the president of the Tel Aviv District Court, Justice Nathan Barzakay and other notables from various parts of the country.