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## GOLDA MEIR ANNOUNCES ISRAEL WILL RAISE SUEZ ISSUE AT U. N. ASSEMBLY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Israel will raise the issue of the United Arab Republic's blockade against Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal during the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly, Foreign Minister Golda Meir said in a radio interview here last night, on the eve of her departure for New York to attend the Assembly meeting. The session is scheduled to open on September 15.

(Reports received today in Paris stated that the political commission of the Arab League had recommended to the League meeting at Casablanca that the League approve "every measure taken by the United Arab Republic to protect navigation through the Suez Canal any time circumstances demand." The nature of the "measures" was not spelled out.)

(In Washington, it was disclosed today, Yaakov Herzog, Israel Charge d'Affaires, had a week-end conference with Robert Murphy, Under Secretary of State. It was understood that among subjects discussed was the Suez Canal transit issue.)

Mrs. Meir declared that only as the Assembly progressed, however, would Israel decide whether to request a meeting of the Security Council or a special General Assembly discussion on the issue. The Foreign Minister said that "it may be assumed that various delegations will make clear, forceful statements on freedom of Suez passage."

Israel will also raise the question of the Arab boycott of firms and carriers dealing with Israel and "Egypt's hostile attitude," Mrs. Meir added.

## SWEDISH SEAMEN PROTEST BLOCKADING AND SEIZURE OF ISRAEL CARGOES

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The Swedish Federation of Seamen and Transport Workers has submitted a memorandum to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs here, protesting against "aggression against the international merchant marine" by President Nasser of the United Arab Republic and his decision to confiscate the cargo of all ships, irrespective of nationality, carrying Israeli goods through the Suez Canal.

The memorandum demanded that the Foreign Ministry take measures for the maintenance of the legitimate interests of international shipping. "Nasser's measures are incompatible with the Constantinople Convention of 1888, safeguarding free passage through the Suez Canal of ships of all nations in peace and in war," the memorandum noted.

## ONE AMERICAN FIRM 'CLEARED', OTHERS ARE ADDED TO ARAB BLACKLIST

LONDON, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The Baghdad Radio announced today that the American pharmaceutical house of Merck, Sharp and Dohme, of Philadelphia, had been removed from the Arab League blacklist because it had conformed to Arab boycott regulations by severing trade relations with Israel.

The broadcast announced that Revlon, Inc., an American cosmetics firm, the Weyland Engineering Company, British automotive firm, and four Latin firms, one German concern and three Greek and four Norwegian ships had been blacklisted in Iraq for dealing with Israel.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The Iraqi authorities have placed seven Dutch freighters on the blacklist for violating the Arab boycott of Israel.

## ISRAEL HANDS OVER FRIGATE TO CEYLON NAVY AT CEREMONY IN GULF OF ADEN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The Mivtach, one of the two frigates sold by Israel to Ceylon, is now officially in the hands of the Ceylonese Navy, it was reported here today. In a ceremony in the Bay of Aden, the Israel flag was lowered, and the Ceylonese standard was raised aboard the Mivtach, as the transfer of the fighting ship was completed.

The Mivtach and its sister ship, the Miznak, were sold to the Ceylonese Navy, but remained in the Gulf of Akaba harbor at Eilat while the Ceylonese hesitated about sending a crew to Eilat to take over the ships, because the United Arab Republic frowned on the deal. Now that the ship has been transferred, some of the Israeli sailors are staying aboard the Mivtach to help train the Ceylonese crew handle the vessel.

### ISRAEL COMMISSIONS NEW YORK ENGINEERS TO DRAW UP PLANS FOR ASHDOD

TEL AVIV, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has signed an agreement with Frederic R. Harris and Company, New York consulting engineers, to draw up working blueprints for a new harbor at Ashdod, 15 miles south of here.

The plans will cover the first stage of construction of a port to provide citrus loading facilities to cope with the increasing exports of the fruit from the southern part of the country. Cost of the initial stage of construction is estimated at 48,000,000 pounds (\$26,667,000) in local currency and \$10,000,000 in foreign exchange. Construction of the breakwater is expected to begin next year, with completion of the initial facilities scheduled for 1963.

The location of the new harbor will be near the site considered to be the burial place of Jonah. A lighthouse will be built at Nebi Younis--the highest elevation in the area--believed to be the spot where, according to the biblical account, Jonah was spewed by the whale.

### Palestine Economic Corporation to Participate in Ashdod Urban Development

TEL AVIV, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The Palestine Economic Corporation has joined Philip M. Klutznick, of Forest Park, Ill., and former Nathanya Mayor Ovid Ben-Ami in the urban development project at Ashdod, it was announced here today by Joseph Meyerhoff, of Baltimore, president of PEC.

The Palestine Economic Corporation, Mr. Meyerhoff said, invested 500,000 Israeli pounds (\$275,000) in the Ashdod project in 1959, and has earmarked a similar amount for investment in the project next year.

PEC, according to Mr. Meyerhoff, is also expanding its investments in other fields of industry and development in Israel. In 1960, the company will invest 200,000 pounds (\$110,000) in the Serafon plastics industry; 500,000 pounds (\$275,000) in the Bayside Land Corporation of Haifa; and 1,500,000 pounds (\$825,000) in an urban housing project.

### REPORT IMPORTANT FINDS ON REPUTED SITE OF TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The Jordanian Government was reported today to be concealing the discovery in the Old City of Jerusalem of archaeological remains dating to the period of the Judean kings (Ninth Century B.C.E.). It was reported in consular circles here that the discovery was made when workmen were repairing the floor of the Mosque of Omar (the Dome of the Rock), the traditional site of Solomon's Temple, in preparation for the Moslem holy month of Ramadan.

The Jordanian authorities are said to have suppressed the news of the find to avoid possible political complications which would result from requests for access to the holy site by various religious authorities.

### Israeli News Briefs

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador-designate Avraham Harmon made a courtesy call on Acting Secretary of State Dillon this week-end to hand over copies of letters of credence in accordance with protocol.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Israel Charge d'Affaires Yaacov Herzog called on Vice President Richard Nixon this week-end to express appreciation for the Vice President's visit to the Warsaw Ghetto during his recent tour of Poland.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- A delegation of 10 American bankers touring Israel under the auspices of the Jewish Agency conferred today with Dr. Dov Joseph, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, discussing Israel's current economic problems.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Mrs. Zena Harman, Israel representative to the United Nations Children's Fund, announced today Israel's intention to contribute \$25,000 to UNICEF for the current year. Mrs. Harman made the announcement at a session of the UNICEF executive board, of which he is a member.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- At ceremonies today at the Ministry of Finance, Joseph Meyerhoff, of Baltimore, president of the Palestine Economic Corporation, presented 100 shares in the company, valued at \$10,000, to Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, making Israel a token partner in the company.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- A new shipping line has begun operations between the Israeli port of Eilat and East and South African ports. A 2,700-ton freighter operated by the line made its first call to the Israeli port this week-end.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The payments and trade treaty between Israel and the Benelux countries has been extended for another year to September 1, 1960.

### GENERAL ZIONISTS GIVE ELECTION SLATE TO CHIEF RABBI NISSIM'S SON

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- As the legal deadline was reached tonight for the filing of the party election lists for next November's balloting for Knesset (Parliament) membership, surprise was occasioned by the strong bid by the General Zionist Party for the votes of the Oriental Jews in Israel.

The General Zionists nominated Moshe Nissim, 24-year-old son of Sephardic Chief Rabbi Itzhak Nissim, giving young Nissim seventh place on the party's list. Since the General Zionist Party had 13 seats in the last Knesset, this was considered a safe place, practically assuring the election of young Nissim.

The only other election list that seemed unusual was the one filed by the "Community Party," a group consisting of North African immigrants in Haifa and Jerusalem. This group filed a list headed by David Ben Haroush, self-proclaimed leader of the North African immigrants, who is still under arrest, charged with leading the recent riots by North African immigrants in Haifa.

The dominant Mapai Party led its list, as usual, with the name of David Ben Gurion, the Prime Minister, giving second place--also traditionally--to former Premier and ex-Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. Abba Eban, former Ambassador to the United States, was also given a "safe" place, being ranked No. 12 on the Mapai list of 120 candidates.

The Progressive Party headed its list with the name of Dr. Pinhas Rosen, Minister of Justice, giving second place to Moshe Kol, head of the youth immigration department of the Jewish Agency. Achdut Avodah was as yet undecided late this afternoon as to whether to head its list with Brig. Gen. Yigal Allon, hero of Israel's War of Liberation, or with Israel Bar Yehuda, Minister of the Interior.

The Communist Party was first to file its complete list, leading with the names of two of its Knesset members, Shmuel Mikunis and Esther Vilenska.

### HEBREW UNIVERSITY DEVELOPS NEW ANTIBIOTIC AGAINST FUNGI

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- A new antibiotic against fungi--heptamycin--has been developed by scientists at the Hebrew University, the University announced here today. The new drug is undergoing final laboratory tests before being tested on human patients.

Current tests are aimed at establishing the exact toxicity index and whether heptamycin can be manufactured in large quantities at reasonable prices.

The search for antibiotics against fungi has increased in importance because the success of numerous antibiotics against bacteria had created an imbalance between bacteria and fungi, the latter multiplying to a dangerous extent.

### BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT TELLS GERMANS THEY MUST ACCEPT THEIR WAR GUILT

BONN, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Germans were told today by Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, president of the Bundestag (lower House of Parliament) that they must remember and "accept our guilt" for the atrocities of World War II. The political leader spoke over one of the country's principal radio networks, in commemoration of the outbreak of World War II, 20 years ago.

"Unless we accept our guilt," said Dr. Gerstenmaier, "we Germans do not deserve the opportunity for repentance."

"Germany would gain nothing," he continued, "if the Germans were to forget this historic burden of guilt. The Germans, moreover, cannot expect their opponents of World War II to forget everything. Forgetting the German guilt would neither consolidate our alliance with the West, nor lead to a positive relationship with Poland and the other Eastern states."

The Bundestag President told the German people in his broadcast: "It is a miracle that we escaped by the skin of our teeth" after the war ended.

### GERMAN SUPREME COURT REJECTS 'DURESS' DEFENSE OF GESTAPO OFFICIALS

KARLSRUHE, Germany, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The Federal Supreme Court, West Germany's highest tribunal, today knocked down the doctrine that Nazis guilty of brutality under the Hitler regime had "acted under duress."

In a Supreme Court decision seen here as establishing a highly significant precedent, the court ordered the retrial of two ex-members of the Gestapo who were shown leniency at a trial at Wiesbaden, two years ago, when a lower court accepted their pleas of "duress."

In the Wiesbaden trial, one of the men, ex-Gestapo officer Heinrich Lorenz, was acquitted. The second, Waldemar Eisfeld, received a two-and-a-half-year prison sentence. Both were accused of aiding the deportation of elderly Jews from Wiesbaden during World War II. Rejecting their claims of duress, the High Court maintained that "duress: could be claimed only if the individual's own life had been in danger." The court held that the Gestapo was a "terror organization" aiming at quashing anti-Nazi resistance, and that Gestapo officers engaging in brutality were "solely responsible for their acts."

### CANADIAN BICENTENARY EVENT POSTPONED BECAUSE OF PREMIER'S DEATH

MONTREAL, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Celebrations scheduled to have begun today at Trois Rivières near here, marking the 200th anniversary of Jewish settlement in Canada, have been postponed because of the death of Premier Maurice Duplessis of Quebec. The late Premier, a native of Trois Rivières, was to have been a leading participant in the ceremonies.

The town was chosen as the site for starting the bicentenary because it was the home of Aaron Hart, said to be the first Jewish settler in Canada, and his son, Ezekiel, the first Jew elected to the Legislative Assembly, in 1807, of what was then Lower Canada.

Referring to the refusal by the Assembly to permit Ezekiel Hart to take his seat because he was Jewish, the Toronto Star noted in an editorial on the bicentenary that it would be "unthinkable" today to bar a Jew from taking his place in any elected body in Canada.

"Jews may be proud of their role in the development of Canada, in its arts, trade, industry and public life," the paper declared. "Barring a Jew from taking his place in any elected body in Canada today would be unthinkable. This does not mean that anti-Semitism is dead; discrimination takes more subtle forms in 1959.

"But open intolerance has withered on the vine and there is reason to hope that social and employment bars will disappear in the years ahead, so that citizens of Jewish faith may make an untrammelled contribution to Canada's development."

### NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARD REJECTS 'RELEASED TIME' PROPOSAL

DUMONT, N. J., Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The Dumont Board of Education, by a vote of six to three, rejected proposals by a Protestant group for a released time program in the public schools of this community. Under this proposal, children would have been released from school during school hours, to receive outside religious instruction.

The proposal was opposed by Rabbi Jerome M. Blass of the Bergenfield-Dumont Jewish Center, Rabbi Judah Washer of the Teaneck Jewish Community Center, and Sam Brown, regional director of the New Jersey Region of the American Jewish Congress. Rabbi Blass took the position that the proposal was an infringement of the principle of separation of Church and State and would create difficult administrative problems.

### PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATE REJECTS FAIR HOUSING BILL VOTED BY HOUSE

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The Pennsylvania State Senate Labor and Industry Committee by a vote of nine to five has killed a Fair Housing Bill passed by the House. Nathan L. Edelstein, chairman of the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, described the defeat of the bill as a blow to the welfare of the state. Mr. Edelstein said the Philadelphia body would continue to press for fair housing legislation.

### SEEK \$400,000,000 BOND SALE TOTAL BEFORE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OPENING

NEW YORK, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- An intensive collection effort is being made to enable the National Economic Conference for Israel opening in Chicago on Friday, Sept. 18, to celebrate the attainment of the \$400,000,000 mark in Israel bond sales since the inception of the Israel bond drive some eight years ago, it was disclosed today.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Vice President of the Israel Bond Organization, reported that receipts had brought the Israel bond total to more than \$397,500,000, by Sept. 1.

### FUNERAL SERVICES TODAY FOR S. RALPH LAZRUS, INDUSTRIALIST, PHILANTHROPIST

NEW YORK, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at Temple Emanuel, Fifth Avenue, for S. Ralph Lazrus, industrialist and philanthropist, who died last week-end after a brief illness at the age of 61.

Mr. Lazrus was, for many years, a member of the board and the treasurer of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and took an active part in its operations during the critical pre-war and war years. He was a close friend of the late Prof. Albert Einstein with whom he was associated in a number of communal educational activities.

Mr. Lazrus was a trustee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, a national board member of the United Jewish Appeal since 1945 and vice chairman of the UJA New York campaign from 1942 to 1949. He was chairman of the executive committee of the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn. He was one of the leaders in the establishment of Brandeis University at Waltham, Mass. In recent years he was interested in the Chicago Medical School.

Mr. Lazrus, a native of New York City, founded the Benrus Watch Company with his two older brothers in 1919 and was prominent in the watch industry, having served for five terms as national president of the American Watch Association.

A keen student of international affairs, he was one of the organizers of the Overseas News Agency established by the late Herbert Bayard Swope, William Allen White and Jacob Landau in 1940 to report on the basic developments of the democratic fight against Nazism and fascism. He also served on the committee on foreign affairs of the Democratic National Committee's advisory council.