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## ISRAEL ANNOUNCES DISCOVERY OF "VERY RICH" GAS WELL IN DEAD SEA AREA

TEL AVIV, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Discovery of a gas well described as "very rich," in drilling in an area just west of the Dead Sea, in Southern Israel, was announced here tonight by the Naptha National Oil Company.

The new strike is the fourth gas well brought up by the drilling, and at least five more drillings are now envisaged by the company's geologists. The latest well yields gas of very rich, almost pure methane, content, the experts said. It may be usable for large industrial enterprises like power stations, or as raw material for the petrochemical industry.

Following the announcement of the new gas discovery, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol told a press conference that Israel is now planning construction of a gas pipeline to the Dead Sea potash works which are now using large quantities of oil-gas and other fuels. The pipeline would be about 18 miles in length, of four-inch diameter, and would cost about 700,000 Israeli pounds.

A still more ambitious plan envisages the laying of a gas pipeline from the new gas field to Ashdot to supply the local power station with fuel, as well as to provide fuel for large industries in Oron, where phosphates are produced, and for the clay industry at Beersheba. The new gas field will be named "Zohar."

Other companies having concessions in the area will be compelled, under the law, to start drilling within six months after the field has been officially proclaimed, Government circles declared.

Discovery of the new, rich gas field came almost four years since the first discovery of oil in the Heletz area which now produces about 120,000 tons of oil annually, some 10 percent of Israel's consumption. If gas is used, Israel would be producing 18 percent of its domestic fuel needs.

Twenty percent of the Naptha National Oil Company is owned by Solel Boneh, a division of Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor; 25 percent is owned by private investors; 25 percent by the Mekoroth Water Company, a joint venture by the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund and Hevrat Ovdim as a non-profit utility for the development of major irrigation projects; 10 percent is owned by various kibbutzim, eight percent by the Ampal, American Israel Corporation, and the remainder by smaller shareholders.

## MOSCOW MILITARY ORGAN ATTACKS ISRAEL; SAYS ISRAEL FOLLOWS "WAR POLICY"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- An attack on Israel, charging the Jewish State with following a "war policy" is contained in an article published in the Red Star, official organ of the Soviet Army, according to a report disseminated today from Moscow by Tass, Soviet news agency. The report was also broadcast by the Moscow radio.

The Red Star, a daily newspaper published in Moscow, claims that the official bulletin of the Israel Ministry of Defense recently announced that the Israeli Army has been equipped within the last year with new-type tanks, new guns, grenade launchers, and other arms.

"The anti-national policy of the Israeli ruling party, the Mapai, is arousing increasing discontent among broad circles of the population. This policy of militarization and military preparations is directed toward involving the Israeli people in new military adventures," the Soviet military organ stated.

The article charged that, in conspiracy with "Western reactionary circles," Israel instructed its United Nations delegation "to support the position of the colonialists in the Algerian issue, and to oppose any anti-colonialist resolution in this matter." The alleged Israel policy was termed "a source of aggravation of the situation in the Near East" that "increases the military threat in that area."

In another broadcast, the Moscow radio today attacked Israel's Premier David Ben-Gurion in connection with the forthcoming national elections in Israel on November 3. The broadcast said that Mr. Ben-Gurion is determined to win in the elections in order to continue "serving the interests of the capitalist world."

### ISRAEL NEGOTIATES WITH U.S. INVESTORS ON HAIFA OIL REFINERIES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Negotiations are under way with American investors for financing of modernization of the oil refineries at Haifa, it was indicated here today by Ministry of Finance circles. The refineries were built in 1938 by the British Petroleum Company. The facilities became Israeli property after they were purchased last February, by the Government and a private firm.

At the same time it was learned today that Israel will soon become an exporter of refined petroleum products again, for the first time since the Arabs closed down the Iraq-Haifa pipeline, 11 years ago, during Israel's War of Independence. It was revealed that, under a new contract, an unidentified country will market 400,000 tons of gasoline and other petroleum products annually. The "gas" and other products are processed in the Haifa refineries.

Finance Ministry sources said that, when the contract becomes effective, the Haifa refineries will be able to operate at 50 percent capacity, instead of the present one-third capacity. The present capacity is enough to provide Israel's needs of 1,500,000 tons a year. Ultimately, the Haifa refineries are to be brought up to full capacity of 4,000,000 tons a year. The exports will go, under the new contract, to several European countries.

It was also disclosed today that work is ahead of schedule on conversion of the Eilat-Haifa pipeline into a 16-inch line. Parts of that line now includes tubes of only eight-inch bore.

### ZIM TO CONCLUDE TALKS FOR BUILDING \$3,500,000 LINE IN FRANCE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The Zim, Israel navigation company, said today it had decided to conclude its negotiations for the construction of a \$3,500,000 ocean liner to be built in France.

Negotiations have been interrupted several times, the latest halt being linked by some sources to the decision of the Renault auto firm, a French enterprise, to discontinue assemblies at the Kaiser-Frazer plant in Haifa.

The Renault experience was taken into account by the Israel shipping company with a decision to seek a clause in the proposed contract under which the French shipbuilder would agree to supply all spare parts for the ocean liner at any time and without reference to any changes "in the general situation or relations."

Levi Eshkol, Israel's Finance Minister, speaking on the experimental television station in the Tel Aviv Exhibition, said today it was better to "localize" the Renault controversy. He expressed hope that it would "not cast a shadow over Israel-French trade and friendly relations." He admitted some forms of public pressure might still change the French auto company's attitude and added that France and Israel should stick to "business as usual."

### INDIA'S STAND ON RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL EXPLAINED BY KRISHNA MENON

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 25. (JTA) -- India would not be performing a useful service if it established direct diplomatic relations with Israel at the present time, V. K. Krishna Menon, India's Defense Minister, declared yesterday.

Mr. Krishna Menon made that statement in answering a question at a luncheon tendered him by the United Nations Correspondents Association. Asked how he justified India's refusal today to establish diplomatic exchanges with Israel, despite the fact that many Indians and Israelis are very friendly, he said:

"Establishment of such relations at this time would probably lead to tensions in the area. We could not change our position without causing irritation among the Arab countries. Any future usefulness that we might have would only be negated by such a change of policy at present--it is something that would only make for greater difficulties for everybody."

### LEADER OF LEBANESE LEAGUE IN BRAZIL URGES ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE TALKS

SAO PAULO, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- An appeal to Arabs and Jews to come together at a top-level conference with a view to settle the Arab-Israel conflict was made here today by a leader of the Lebanese League of Rio de Janeiro. The leader, Edmundo Barakat, is the founder of the Syrian-Lebanese Club in Brazil.

Declaring that the policy of President Nasser of the United Arab Republic is "a threat to Lebanon's millennial democracy," Mr. Barakat, in a statement made to the newspaper O Globo, said: "As a Brazilian whose family was born here, I say that Lebanon desires to live in peace and harmony with all neighboring peoples, including the state of Israel which has an inalienable right to live as an independent country and which is being made into a great and modern nation by the dynamism of its sons."

"The problem of the Palestine refugees must be faced with humanity and logic," he continued. "Surely they cannot return to Israel and should be integrated in Arab lands, regions of their customs and traditions."

#### FIVE SENTENCED IN GERMANY FOR ATTACKING JEWISH CAFE OWNER

FRANKFURT, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Five of 11 defendants accused of harassing Kurt Sumpf, a Jewish cafe owner in nearby Koepfern, and his family, were convicted yesterday of breaking the peace, assorted misdemeanors, and public anti-Semitic libel. Six others were acquitted for lack of evidence.

The defendants, ranging in age from 21 to 53 years, had pleaded innocent to charges of having attacked, injured and threatened the plaintiff, his wife and his eight-year-old son on various occasions last year.

Heinrich Weidmann, a truck driver who was held to be the leader in the attacks, was sentenced to four months in jail, and fined 400 marks. Helmut Hartmann, a soldier in the West German Army, was turned over to military authorities. Three other defendants were fined 30 to 150 marks.

Sumpf, a German-born Israel citizen, returned with his family to Germany in 1956 and leased a cafe in Koepfern. After the abuse of himself and his family, and a boycott of his cafe, he was forced to sell his business and move to Frankfurt.

A. Kuegler, the jury court prosecutor; Schmidt Leichner, the defense attorney, and the plaintiff's attorney, A. Besser, said after the verdicts that they were agreed the case was not one of organized anti-Semitism but rather one involving individual acts developing out of a small-town reaction to a stranger.

#### U.S. URGED TO INTERVENE ON RIGHTS OF PROTESTANTS AND JEWS IN SPAIN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A predominantly Protestant group yesterday asked Secretary of State Herter to protest the recent conviction in Spain of a Protestant minister, for opening his church for worship, and against restrictions applying against Jews as well as Protestants.

The group, "Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State," said in a letter to Mr. Herter, that "both Protestant churches and Jewish synagogues must meet behind closed doors in Spain and they are forbidden to carry any religious symbol on their exteriors."

The POAU said that "many of the most influential Catholic publications in the United States have recently published editorials and articles declaring that Franco's policy in dealing with Protestants and Jews is unfortunate." The group pointed out that the repressive measures adopted by the Spanish Government apply to both Jewish synagogues and Protestant churches.

"Under the Spanish law of 1945, and the 1953 concordat between the Spanish Government and the Vatican, any 'public manifestations' of any religion other than the Catholic faith have been made illegal," the POAU complained. "Both Protestant churches and Jewish synagogues must meet behind closed doors, and they are forbidden to carry any religious symbol on their exteriors. They must function without juridical status, and they are forbidden to publish any literature for general distribution."

#### ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE FILM FOR SCHOOLS BANNED IN MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 25. (JTA) -- An anti-bias film produced by the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, circulated in this state's schools for six years, was banned this week-end by the State Department of Education after protests by the Mississippi Association of Citizens Councils, an all-white organization advocating complete Negro segregation.

State Senator George Yarbrough, and other segregationists, have protested the showing of the film in the state's schools, and the movie was withdrawn temporarily until the entire three-man state Board of Education could view the picture. This week-end, after a screening, the ban was made permanent.

The film, entitled "The High Wall," was made by the ADL with the help of the Illinois Department of Education. It dramatizes the story of a group of Americans of Polish origin suffering from prejudices in a community composed largely of Anglo-Saxon Americans.

One of the three members of the State Education Board, Superintendent of Education J. M. Tubb, said after the screening that he could see "nothing wrong" in continuing to show the film in the State's schools. However, Attorney General Joe Patterson and Secretary of State Heber Laddner, the two other members of the board, voted for the permanent ban. The majority opinion declared the film would be banned because "it has become controversial."

#### CHIEF RABBI OF EGYPT RETURNS TO CAIRO; UNDERWENT MEDICAL TREATMENT

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Rabbi Chaim Nahoum, 87-year-old Chief Rabbi of Egypt, has returned to Cairo after a stay of several weeks in Europe, it was learned here today. Rabbi Nahoum underwent medical examinations and treatments in Austria, France and Switzerland.

## HEBREW UNIVERSITY TO CONDUCT WORLD-WIDE STUDY OF JEWISH PEOPLE

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University, in Jerusalem, will conduct a world-wide study of the Jewish people, according to an announcement made here today by Philip M. Klutznick, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The study, at the university's newly-established Institute of Contemporary Jewry, will be directed by Dr. Moshe Davis, provost and associate professor of American Jewish history at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who has been given a two-year leave of absence for this purpose.

The new institute, Mr. Klutznick said, is "a concrete expression of the Hebrew University's aim not only to serve the people of Israel but also to be the university of the Jewish people."

## YESHIVA UNIVERSITY GETS GRANTS FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR RESEARCH

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The receipt of three government grants for scientific research, totalling nearly \$46,000, was announced here today by Yeshiva University.

One grant, for \$15,857, has been given by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare to the Yeshiva University Graduate School of Education. This grant, which is renewable, will be used to develop a division of rehabilitation studies to help retarded young adults who can remain in school until the age of 21, as well as emotionally disturbed post-adolescent and handicapped persons.

Two grants, totalling more than \$30,000, are for basic research in physics and biology. The U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research has given one of these grants, for \$21,848, to Dr. Joel L. Leibowitz, a physicist on the faculty of the university's graduate school of mathematical studies, for study of the behavior of liquids and metals under various non-uniform temperatures and pressures.

At the same time, Dr. Meyer Atlas, of the university's biology department, received a grant of \$11,400 from the National Science Foundation for study of the development of the embryo of a mouse.

## ISRAEL APPEALS TO U.S. JEWS TO SEND TORAHS FOR NEW SETTLEMENTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Rabbis in the United States and Canada are being asked urgently to send Torahs as well as phylacteries, to Israel, where these sacred objects are needed by immigrants recently arrived in Israel.

Letters seeking these contributions were received this week-end by rabbis and other Jewish leaders here from Rabbi Yaakov M. Toledano, Israel's Minister for Religious Affairs. The Scrolls and phylacteries, according to Rabbi Toledano's letter, may be sent through the Jewish Agency offices in New York.

## DR. YEIVIN, 80-YEAR-OLD SCHOLAR, WINS BIBLE CHAMPIONSHIP IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- An 80-year-old scholar and writer, Dr. Yehoshua Yeivin, became Israel's national Bible champion after four hours of close competition with 12 other district champions.

Benjamin Magentza, a 23-year-old student at Bar-Ilan University, came in second in the contest, a national event here. Third place was won by 17-year-old Joseph Toubi of Jerusalem. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion congratulated Dr. Yeivin on winning the championship and presented him the prize of 1,000 Israel pounds.

## JOAN CRAWFORD HONORED FOR DEVOTION TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Joan Crawford, noted motion-picture star, was honored this week-end by the officers of the United Jewish Appeal for devotion to the work of the UJA. A silver-mounted Bible was presented to her by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman.

Inscribed in the Bible is the following citation: "The United Jewish Appeal takes pleasure in presenting this Hebrew-English Bible, published and adorned in Jerusalem, to Joan Crawford in recognition of her humanitarian response to the needs of the people in Israel and distressed Jews overseas."

In making the presentation, Rabbi Friedman said that Miss Crawford's efforts in behalf of newcomers to Israel and of Jewish men, women and children in trouble in other parts of the world "have been of great inspiration. Your concern is typical of the warm heart of Americans who responded to calls for help, whatever the source."

Miss Crawford declared, when accepting the Bible, that "my interest in recent years in the Bible has grown. I shall always treasure this Bible, coming as it does, as a gift from a great humanitarian, life-saving organization that gives practical meaning to the Biblical injunction that we should be charitable."