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## ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES EGYPT'S HALTING OF SHIP WITH CARGO FROM ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Israel's new Cabinet discussed at its first meeting here today the latest Suez Canal development in which the United Arab Republic halted a Greek freighter, the S.S. Astypalea, carrying a cargo of Israeli cement from Haifa to Djibuti, French Somaliland.

Under a reported agreement between UAR President Gamal Abdel Nasser and United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, reached last summer, Egypt had proposed to permit the passage of Israeli cargoes through the Suez Canal if those cargoes had been purchased and paid for by foreign buyers before the cargo left Haifa. It was pointed out that the Astypalea carried cement that had been shipped F.O.B. Haifa and that the cargo was, therefore, not the property of Israel or any Israeli firm.

(At the United Nations, it was understood that Mr. Hammarskjold was in touch with UAR officials in Cairo by telephone and cable. Mr. Hammarskjold, who left for Sweden over the week-end, preparatory to a five-week tour of African capitals, including Cairo, postponed his departure for an hour to deal with this latest phase of the Suez Canal problem. He delegated Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Undersecretary for Political Affairs, to deal with whatever phases of the problem needed handling during his absence from United Nations headquarters.)

## WORLD BANK TO DECIDE TODAY ON \$56,500,000 LOAN TO EGYPT; PROTESTS MOUNT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The directors of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development--known as the World Bank--are meeting here tomorrow to decide on the question of the loan of \$56,500,000 to the United Arab Republic to improve the Suez Canal. The belief exists that they intend to make the loan, despite the mounting number of appeals to reject it unless free passage through the Suez Canal is guaranteed to all nations, including Israel.

Appeals objecting to granting the loan were directed this week-end by a number of members of both Houses of Congress to the president of the World Bank, Eugene R. Black and to Secretary of State Christian Herter, as well as to Secretary of the Treasury Clinton Anderson. However, the State Department's reply was that the World Bank was an "economic" rather than a "political" medium.

Senator Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, made a last minute appeal to the Administration to oppose the \$56,500,000 loan to Egypt. He pointed out that it would be improper for the United States to approve the loan as long as Israeli shipping was subjected to discrimination at the Suez Canal. He asked the U.S. Government to advise the World Bank that because Egypt "flouts" United Nations resolutions by barring Israeli commerce from the Suez Canal, the loan application should be rejected.

(An appeal to the World Bank to turn down Egypt's application for a loan unless free passage of Israeli ships and cargoes through the Suez Canal are assured was voiced in New York tonight also by Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, addressing a conference of fraternal organizations of the Jewish National Fund. "The Suez Canal improvement," he said, "will do the Free World's cause little good as long as the Canal is blockaded to Israeli shipping."

Representative Seymour Halpern, in a last minute appeal to Secretary of State Herter and Treasury Secretary Anderson "not to surrender our moral position" urged that Senator Anderson, U.S. executive director of the World Bank, vote against the pending \$56,500,000 loan. He wrote Secretary Herter that a U.S. vote for the loan at the World Bank, would be a "complete reversal" of the U.S. position on Suez transit as enunciated by President Eisenhower in 1957.

Representative Victor L. Anfuso, New York Democrat, described Egypt's anti-Israel blockade of the Suez Canal as a "war-like action" and called on President Black to reject the loan application. Rep. Anfuso told Mr. Black that if the bank grants the loan it will be interpreted as "condoning Nasser's aggressive action against Israel and approval of his policy of continued tension in the Middle East."

In a letter to Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, the State Department spoke on the question of the bank making the loan to the United Arab Republic despite

Nasser's restrictions against Israeli commerce in the canal. John S. Highland, 2nd, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, signed the Department's communication.

#### State Department Replies to Protests; States View on Loan

Representative Farbstein, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, was told he could be certain that the position of the U.S. representative to the World Bank "will be based upon careful consideration of all pertinent political and economic factors, including the question of freedom of transit through the canal." But the Department then went on to make clear that the U.S. representative would be governed by Secretary of State Herter's December 10 press statement in which "he pointed out that the bank was essentially an economic medium and not a political one, and that the less its facilities were employed to apply diplomatic pressures the greater its usefulness would be."

The State Department reassured Rep. Farbstein that "we continue to support actively the principle of freedom of transit through the Suez Canal for all countries." The Department said "the continued efforts of UN Secretary General Hammarskjöld to reach a solution of the transit problem are receiving our firm support. We continue to hope that these various efforts may lead to an early and satisfactory solution." Rep. Farbstein had questioned the propriety of American support of the UAR loan application at a time when the Suez Canal bars Israel cargoes and shipping.

National Commander Bernard Abrams of the Jewish War Veterans today appealed by cablegram to President Eisenhower in a last minute bid to use his "good offices to prohibit the affront to morality and justice" in the grant of the World Bank Suez loan to the United Arab Republic.

The President was reminded that he pledged firm action when he spoke in 1957 on what American policy would be if Egypt barred Israeli commerce from the Suez Canal. He was told that an American vote favoring Egypt at the World Bank "will be interpreted as a complete reversal of the President's position and will be a direct blow to the moral position assumed by our Government."

#### U.S. Gives Nasser \$12,000,000 Loan to Build First Television Station

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, (JTA) -- The United States Department of Agriculture yesterday announced a new authorization of surplus commodities for the United Arab Republic. The UAR was granted \$2,370,000 worth of wheat and wheat flour.

(From Cairo it was reported today that the UAR signed an agreement with the United States yesterday for a \$12,000,000 loan to build the country's first television station. The money will come from the sale of United States surplus agricultural products to the United Arab Republic. It will be repaid over a period of 30 years.)

#### JORDAN WANTS ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON ISRAEL'S IRRIGATION PLAN

LONDON, Dec. 20, (JTA) -- Jordan's Prime Minister Hazza Majali today called for an early Arab States summit conference, to coordinate Arab policy against Israel's plan to harness the waters of the Jordan River to irrigate the Negev, according to dispatches received here today from the Jordanian capital of Amman.

Meanwhile, it was learned here, a three-power committee representing the United Arab Republic, Jordan and Lebanon has begun compiling reports about Israel's plan, and the effect it may have on the Arab states. The reports will be submitted to a special meeting of the Arab League Council, convened "to prevent Israel from diverting the Jordan waters."

#### ARAB REFUGEES IN JORDAN DEMONSTRATE AGAINST RETURNING TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, (JTA) -- Senator Albert Gore, Democrat of Tennessee, who, together with Senator Gale McGee, Democrat of Wyoming, visited Israel and Arab countries, today clarified his remarks in his report last Wednesday on the problem of resettling Arab refugees.

The Senator was understood to have said that during efforts to return some refugees to Palestine from Jordan, the Israeli Prime Minister had received a report from his military commander that the refugees were threatening suicide rather than be returned.

This episode actually occurred, according to Senator Gore, while he and Senator McGee were talking with the Prime Minister of Jordan. He said their conversation was interrupted while the Prime Minister took a call from his military commander. Sen. Gore was also quoted as saying that while in Israel, he and Sen. McGee learned that negotiations were under way for the return of 250,000 Arab refugees from Jordan. Actually the negotiations concerned 250 refugees.

#### NEW ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES BILL ON 'COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY'

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20, (JTA) -- Meeting under the chairmanship of Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, while Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion was still confined to his home with a cold, Israel's new Cabinet today discussed, among other items, a new bill to be presented to Parliament this week, affirming the "collective responsibility" rule in the new coalition Government.

Under the "collective responsibility" draft, each party represented in the coalition would agree to withhold opposition to any measure proposed by the Cabinet, once such a measure was adopted by a Cabinet majority.

### BRITISH JEWS ASK GOVERNMENT TO INTERVENE FOR REFUGEES FROM EGYPT

LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Representatives of Jewish organizations have appealed to British authorities on behalf of a large number of British Jewish refugees from Egypt who are still waiting for release of their property and assets, it was reported today.

The Jewish spokesman, apparently acting in the hope that the resumption of diplomatic relations between Britain and the United Arab Republic might produce results, noted that the "Anglo-Egyptian Financial Agreement" under which such property must be released, has been in operation for nearly 10 months, but that Jewish refugees have been unable to benefit from it.

The spokesmen emphasized the hardships being suffered by the Jewish expellees and the discrimination being practiced by Cairo authorities in granting entry permits. They noted too that the latest date on which an applicant can place a claim for the desequstration of his property is next February 28 and that 1,740 applications have been made by British nationals for desequstration orders.

### JEWISH COMMUNITY IN CAIRO SHRINKING: UNABLE TO MAINTAIN INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- A gloomy picture of the life of the Jewish community in Egypt is given in a report from Cairo by Joe Alex Morris Jr., special correspondent of the New York Herald Tribune. Only a "slender fraction" of the estimated 80,000 Jews who lived in Egypt has now remained there, the American correspondent established.

Mr. Morris attended the annual meeting of the Cairo Jewish Community Council in the Temple Ismailia. "The meeting," he reports, "was conducted by two vice-presidents of the community. The president emigrated two years ago and they are still looking for a suitable replacement. The council also took note of the departure of three other council members which 'left a large gap' in its activities. Some 30 of the 400 remaining eligible members of the community were present to hear the annual report. The meeting had been scheduled a week earlier, but was postponed for lack of a quorum. The rules of procedure state that in such cases the meeting can be held a week later, without a quorum."

The Cairo Jewish community, it was reported at the meeting, has 70 properties including 18 temples, three schools, a home for the aged, a social center, a free lunch establishment for the poor, but only a few buildings which bring in any income. The schools have some 500 students, 300 of them of Jewish faith. The community's big problem is to try and maintain its services with a steadily declining income. Receipts by the rabbinate for administrative services were less than one-third of income received the previous year; gatherings at the various temples were down by the same amount, and the school deficit has increased by about \$10,000 to \$30,000.

"The Council's estimate of the future was pessimistic. It advised members that 'this deficit cannot be overcome nor sensibly reduced.' The only reducing which seemed likely was in the already shrunken size of the Jewish community," the correspondent emphasized.

### A. D. L. DROPS CHARGES AGAINST LAKE PLACID CLUB; UNDERSTANDING REACHED

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- A three-and-a-half-year-old discrimination dispute between the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Lake Placid Club, a resort in the Adirondack Mountains, was ended this week-end after a formal "understanding" was reached between the club and the ADL.

The "understanding" expressed in a joint statement, was made public at ADL headquarters here by Henry E. Schultz, national chairman of ADL, and C. Walter Barrett, president of the Lake Placid Club. On its part, the ADL announced it was dropping charges against the club, lodged with the New York State Commission Against Discrimination. The Club, in turn, agreed to discontinue solicitation of convention business, declaring it will operate solely as a private membership resort.

A New York State law prohibits religious or racial discrimination by hotels. The Lake Placid Club maintains that it is "a religious-oriented" private club which has always provided Christian religious services on its premises, and maintains a resident Christian chaplain. The ADL has maintained, however, that the Club has been soliciting convention business, during "off-season" periods, through a commercial agency, thereby taking on the character of a hotel.

In the "understanding," the Club has agreed to halt such solicitations and has agreed also to "welcome all guests brought by club members, regardless of race, creed or national origin." Conference and convention groups will still be able to use the Club's accommodations, but only if sponsored by a member. The 66-year-old club claims to have 1,357 members residing in all parts of the United States.

### HASSIDIC REBBE LEAVES U.S. FOR SETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL; DISCIPLES FOLLOW

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Rabbi J. J. Halberstam, of Brooklyn, known to disciples the world over as the Klausenburger Rebbe, left here for Israel today to settle at Kiryat Santz, near Natanya. The Hassidic leader was accompanied by 51 of his followers who likewise intend to make their home at Kiryat Santz. This settlement Halberstam five years ago as a center for those of his follow

# REFORM, CONSERVATIVE, ORTHODOX LEADERS ISSUE JOINT CHANUKAH MESSAGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Presidents of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox central bodies today issued for the first time in the history of American Judaism a joint Chanukah message emphasizing the significance of the eight-day holiday in the struggle for freedom. Chanukah begins this year at sundown on December 25.

The message was signed by the following religious leaders: Dr. Bernard J. Bamberger, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Dr. Isaac Klein, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America; Dr. Emanuel Rackman, president of the Rabbinical Council of America; Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Moses I. Feuerstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and Bernath L. Jacobs, president of the United Synagogue of America.

The message said, in part: "One of the fundamental traditions of persistent relevance to our contemporary situation is that of safeguarding religious freedom for all men everywhere. The festival of Chanukah, which commemorates the valiant struggle of the Maccabees to preserve the freedom of religious conscience, is a milestone in mankind's groping ascent to mutual acceptance and brotherly understanding under the Universal Creator.

"American Jews, by their adherence to this festival, in concert with Jews the world over, help advance a larger understanding of human and democratic values and ideals for which so many people throughout the world are in search. We look forward to the time when all the nations and the peoples of the world will join in triumphant commemoration of the universal victory of liberty over tyranny, of humanity over barbarity and of the Divine Spirit over the forces of evil."

## 20,000 NEW YORKERS TO ATTEND TONIGHT'S CHANUKAH FESTIVAL FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- More than 20,000 people will attend the Chanukah Festival for Israel which takes place tomorrow evening at Madison Square Garden here. All tickets have been sold out by the Israel Bond Organization which is sponsoring the Festival. Admission is free to those who purchase an Israel bond. A repeat performance will take place on January 4.

Mayor Wagner, Dr. Israel Goldstein and Edward G. Robinson, noted actor, officiated at the annual kindling of the Chanukah menorah at City Hall this week-end. The menorah which was featured in the City Hall ceremony is an eight-branch candelabrum recalling the eight-day miracle which occurred during the rededication of the Temple after the Maccabean victory. At that time a cruse of oil, sufficient only for burning one day, lasted eight days.

## \$250,000 STADIUM TO BE BUILT IN NAZARETH IN HONOR OF U.S. LABOR LEADER

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- A stadium will be built in Nazareth, Israel, in honor of George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations by Histadrut, it was announced last night at a dinner at the Hotel Roosevelt.

Speaking on behalf of the Histadrut executive committee, Isaiah Avrech stated that the stadium would serve Jews, Christians, and Moslems in Galilee, the mountainous northern district of Israel. Participating in the \$250,000 cost of the structure will be the New York Pocketbook and Novelty Workers Union, sponsors of the dinner.

## AMBASSADOR HARMAN HONORED BY JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY; GETS DEGREE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador to the United States Abraham Harman was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters at a special convocation today of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Sir Isaiah Berlin, Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford University, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the convocation. Sir Isaiah is the author of several books including biographies of Chaim Weizmann and Moses Hess.

Judge Simon Sobeloff, of the United States Court of Appeals, delivered the convocation address. Albert List, a New York industrialist and Mrs. List, were awarded the Solomon Schechter Medal for "cooperative efforts in the service of mankind."

## DR. BONNE, DEAN OF ISRAEL'S SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Dr. Alfred Bonne, economist, sociologist and Dean of the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Science of the Hebrew University, who died here Friday after a prolonged illness. He was 60 years old.

Born in Nuernberg, Germany, Dr. Bonne settled in Palestine in 1925 and was appointed head of the Near East Economic Archives. He joined the faculty of the Hebrew University in 1936 and wrote several books on the social economy of the Middle East. He was visiting professor at Columbia University in 1951 and again in 1954 and last year he carried out research at Harvard University under a grant from the Ford Foundation.