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ARABS THREATEN TO BOYCOTT U.S. SHIPS; PROTEST 'CLEOPATRA' PICKETING

WASHINGTON, April 18, (JTA) -- State Department authorities today said that they received no official reports from United States consular officers in Arab countries to the effect that longshoremen in Arab ports will refuse to unload American ships because of the refusal of New York dockworkers to unload the Egyptian freighter 'Cleopatra'. They added that the State Department is aware of such Arab threats from press reports.

The State Department officials said that it would be inappropriate for the government to comment on the Cleopatra case while the case is under judicial review. Agents of the Cleopatra are seeking legal action through courts to lift the New York maritime boycott. The New York maritime unions have imposed their boycott of the Egyptian ship in reprisal for the Arab boycott against American ships trading with Israel.

(A report from London said that the Egyptian Dockers Union, at Alexandria, decided today to boycott American ships unless the maritime unions now picketing the Egyptian passenger-cargo vessel Cleopatra, in the New York harbor, lift their boycott.)

Word was received here today that workers in Port Said and Latakia have already refused to work on American ships. At a meeting in Port Said last night, workers agreed to suspend service to American ships. A spokesman in Port Said said the decision was binding on 32,000 workers in Arab ports.

A meeting of the executive council of the Arab Labor Union will meet Wednesday to discuss the American boycott. Delegates are expected from Libya, Lebanon, Iraq, Syria and Egypt. The Arabs have described the New York boycott move as a pressure aimed at "forcing" a lifting of the Arab blockade against Israel.

Picketing of 'Cleopatra' Enters Sixth Day; Ship Remains Idle

NEW YORK, April 18, (JTA) -- The Egyptian passenger-cargo ship Cleopatra, which has been picketed at an East River dock here since last week by members of the Seafarers' International Union and the International Longshoremen's Association, remained idle for the sixth day today as the picketing continued.

Legal action was pending in the United States District Court here as a result of an effort by the Khedivial Mail Line of Alexandria, an Egyptian shipping line, to restrain the picketing. Both unions announced they are boycotting the ship in retaliation against the Arab blacklisting of American ships which trade with Israel or stop in Israeli ports.

Federal Judge Edward Weinfeld rejected the request of the Khedivial Mail Line for a temporary restraining order against the picketing of the Cleopatra in advance of a full hearing. A hearing on the ship's company's motion for a preliminary injunction against the picketing will be held in Federal Court tomorrow.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed that the shipping company has brought a lawsuit against the two unions engaged in the picketing. Louis Waldman, counsel for the ILA, in announcing that Capt. William V. Bradley, president of the ILA, has instructed him to resist the lawsuit "to the utmost," said: "It seems ironical that those who are carrying on and profiting from an officially decreed boycott against an entire nation and anyone dealing with that nation should bring an action complaining that they are the victims of a boycott."

Israel Labor Organizations Congratulate U.S. Maritime Unions

JERUSALEM, April 18, (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's Mapai party joined today with Israel labor organizations in sending congratulations to the two American maritime unions for boycotting the Egyptian cargo-passenger vessel Cleopatra, now tied up in a New York berth.

Joseph Almogi, Mapai secretary general, expressed the party's "full appreciation" in a telegram to New York for the participation of the Seafarers' International Union and the International Longshoremen's Association "in the struggle against piracy and for the ensuring of free navigation, justice and peace."

Pinhas Lavon, on behalf of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, sent a cable to the New York port workers, saying: "Your courageous action in picketing the Egyptian ship reveals how much the spirit of freedom is inherent in the American people. We hope your action will encourage all those who are faithful to the principle of freedom of the seas throughout the world." A similar cable was sent also by the Herut labor unions.

U.S. MARITIME UNIONS LAUDED IN BELGIUM FOR BOYCOTTING EGYPTIAN SHIP

BRUSSELS, April 18. (JTA) -- Omer Becu, secretary-general of the International Transport Workers Union, today commended the American maritime trade unions that are boycotting the Egyptian passenger-cargo vessel Cleopatra in New York Harbor, declaring their action was "justified."

At the same time, Victor Larock, leading Belgian Socialist, expressed his support to American and Scandinavian dock workers for boycotting Egyptian shipping in retaliation for United Arab Republic blacklisting of ships trading with Israel.

"I have been apprised," Mr. Becu said, "of the American dockers' refusal to unload the cargo of the Egyptian freighter Cleopatra. The attitude of American and Finnish dockers has not surprised me. The reaction of the American dockers and Sailors' Union, affiliated to our international, is justified."

Mr. Larock, declaring that "the patience of American and Scandinavian dockers is at an end" because of the UAR's actions, stated: "So long as the blacklisting policy lasts. Egyptian vessels will be boycotted, and their cargoes will not be unloaded. Should this reprisal action spread, and become general, Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, president of the UAR, may possibly understand that aggression does not pay."

"It is to the honor of the New York, Stockholm and Copenhagen dockers that they took upon themselves the task of making a rejoinder. But it also not a little to the shame of the United Nations," M. Larock concluded.

WORLD BANK SENDS PORT AUTHORITY EXPERT TO ISRAEL; CONSIDERS LOAN

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- Austin J. Tobin, executive director of the Port of New York Authority, is going to Israel next month to probe the possibility of establishing a port authority for the entire country, it was announced here this weekend by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

A loan from the bank to Israel has been pending for some time, and the bank is expected to decide on the loan before the expiration of the current fiscal year, which ends June 30. The loan includes money which Israel plans to use for \$64,000,000 worth of port developments at Haifa, Eilat and Ashdod.

Mr. Tobin, who is considered by the World Bank as the "most highly qualified man" in his field, said here he would go to Israel without salary, and will spend ten days or two weeks there studying the country's port problems and harbors. He said he would not be paid for his special services to the World Bank. His salary as head of the Port of New York Authority is \$60,000 a year.

ISRAEL MINISTER OF COMMERCE CONFERS IN WASHINGTON ON INVESTMENTS

WASHINGTON, April 18. (JTA) -- Pinhas Sapir, Israel Minister of Commerce, met here with U.S. Secretary of Commerce Frederick H. Mueller for a discussion of investment possibilities in Israel.

Mr. Sapir and Mr. Mueller also discussed the possibility of an American committee going to Israel to investigate the investment situation. Mr. Sapir met separately with director James W. Riddleberger, of the International Cooperation Administration.

JORDAN MINISTER GOES TO BONN TO DISCUSS LARGE-SCALE FINANCIAL AID

BONN, April 18. (JTA) -- Jordan's Minister of Economics Khoulusi Khairy left Amman for Bonn today, to discuss large-scale financial aid from West Germany to Jordan, it was learned here today.

Mr. Khairy, it was learned, will spend two weeks here. Among projects which Jordan expects the German Government to help finance are the construction of a power station, and the building of a railroad from the capital of Amman to the Jordanian port of Akaba, on the gulf by that name, opposite the Israeli port of Eilat.

GERMAN MINISTRY ORDERS INVESTIGATION INTO NAZI INFLUENCES IN SCHOOLS

DUSSELDORF, April 18. (JTA) -- Education Ministry officials here today ordered a full-scale investigation into Nazi influences in West German schools, after a protest by a British, Oxford-trained schoolmaster, Mark Lees. He has been fired from a teaching job at the Max Planck high school here for complaining that "Nazi ideas are being pumped into the minds of pupils by fellow-teachers."

Lees complained that he could find no reference, in the schools' history textbooks, to the Nazi war atrocities. He declared that one teacher in his school told students that reports about concentration camps and the extermination of Jews during World War II "were British and American propaganda inventions." Another teacher, according to Lees, told the students that "Hitler was good for the Germans."

NEO-NAZI RALLY IN WASHINGTON DISPERSED; CROWD OBJECTS TO ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, April 18. (JTA) -- United States park police today reported they were forced to disperse a neo-Nazi rally to avert what appeared an imminent violent clash between Lincoln Rockwell's followers and a crowd that became enraged when Rockwell voiced extreme anti-Semitism.

Police said that about 150 persons were present at the open-air rally of the "American Nazi party." Most of the crowd appeared to be tourists, mainly students, who were passers-by in the area. Individuals armed themselves with sticks. It was the hottest flare-up yet ignited by the neo-Nazi group which harangues against the Jews on weekends near the leading art gallery and museum.

Rockwell's Jew-baiting, under a banner proclaiming Nazism, caused listeners to surge forward, hooting and threatening the agitator. His voice was drowned out by the tumult. A riot seemed in the immediate offing, causing park police to go into action. They ordered Rockwell to turn off his loud-speaking system and leave the area. They also dispersed the crowd.

As part of their protest, individuals in the crowd sang "God Bless America." Some persons stood in front of the Nazi platform and sang "Hatikvah" in defiance of Rockwell's men. Police noted that pro-Nazis in the crowd almost came to blows with the anti-Nazis, and that the whole area would have erupted in a wild melee had they not dispersed and terminated the meeting.

RISE IN ANTI-SEMITIC MANIFESTATIONS REPORTED FROM SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- There has been a rise in anti-Semitic manifestations in some Southern communities in connection with the increase in strife over race relations in the South, the New York Times reported today.

The report said that Rabbi William B. Silverman, of Nashville--where the Jewish Community Center was bombed in 1958--linked the increase of anti-Semitism directly to opponents of desegregation. The rabbi is also reported as stating that the amount of anti-Semitic literature, largely from sources outside Nashville, now circulating in the city, is higher than he has ever before seen it.

In this connection, the Times reports that those who bombed the Jewish Center in Nashville were never apprehended. The Times reports also that, when a swastika was recently painted on a synagogue in Nashville, the police attributed the act to a prank by youngsters. When the police later caught the perpetrator, he was found to be a 22-year-old member of a good family. He was fined two dollars, and given a 30-day work-house sentence, which he has not yet served.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE ORDERS FRATERNITIES TO ABANDON DISCRIMINATION

HANOVER, N. H., April 18. (JTA) -- Local chapters of four national fraternities which bar potential members on grounds of race or religion were under notice from Dartmouth College officials here today to disaffiliate from their national organizations or face a campus ban.

"They have until the beginning of the next school year to make up their minds," said Dr. Thaddeus Seymour, dean of the college.

Dartmouth's Undergraduate Council this week-end adopted a report from its anti-discrimination committee, which has studied the bias issue for six years, recommending the end of racial and religious discrimination by all fraternities on the Dartmouth campus.

There are 24 fraternities accredited at the college. But 15 with national connections, and five local groups, have already filed statements declaring that they do not engage in racial or religious discrimination.

IOWA JEWISH LEADER COMPLETES 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO NEGRO CAUSE

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- A Des Moines, Iowa Jewish leader, who is national vice-president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has completed 30 years of service to the NAACP, the Association reported today.

He is Ike Smalls, president of the Beth Jacob Synagogue, and a member of the Board of Governors of the Midwestern States Region of the American Association for Jewish Education.

He is best known to NAACP members for the Ike Smalls award, presented annually at the NAACP convention to a chapter showing the largest percentage of membership increase for the year. While he has been a top NAACP officer since 1950, he worked his way up from a start with the Des Moines branch in 1930.

ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING TO BE OBSERVED TONIGHT IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- Three Democratic aspirants for the Presidential nomination--U.S. Senators John F. Kennedy, Hubert H. Humphrey and Stuart Symington--today sent messages lauding the heroism of the Jews who staged the uprising against the Nazis in the Warsaw Ghetto in 1943.

The messages were sent to the Congress of Jewish Culture, which will conduct commemorative services honoring the Warsaw Ghetto martyrs at a meeting to be held at the Biltmore Hotel tomorrow night. Other messages addressed to the meeting have been sent by former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Yesterday, another meeting, attended by 3,200 persons, commemorated the Warsaw Ghetto revolt. One of the principal speakers at this meeting was Romuald Spasowski, Polish Ambassador to the United States.

GOV. ROCKEFELLER ADDRESSES HISTADRUT'S 'THIRD SEDER'; 4,000 ATTEND

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- Tributes to the pioneering forces in Israel and to the memories of the 6,000,000 Jews exterminated during World War II were paid here this weekend at two "third seder" dinners conducted simultaneously in two hotel ballrooms by the National Committee for Labor Israel. More than 4,000 guests attended the dinners.

Among the speakers at the two events were New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller; Joseph Schlossberg, president of the National Committee for Labor Israel; Label A. Katz, national president of B'nai B'rith; Louis Hollander, vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, who is also vice-president of the Farband Labor Zionist Order; Benjamin Teller, secretary of the New York City Farband Labor Zionist Order; and Mrs. Zivia Zuckerman, of Israel. Mrs. Zuckerman, under her maiden name of Lubetkin, was commander of the women's brigade in the revolt of the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto against the Nazis, staged on Passover eve in 1943.

A special ceremony paid tribute to the 6,000,000 Jews exterminated during World War II, and commemorated also the Warsaw Ghetto martyrs. The two gatherings also sent messages of appreciation to the maritime labor unions now picketing the Egyptian ship Cleopatra in the New York harbor, in retaliation for Egypt's blackading the Suez Canal for American ships carrying Israel cargo.

DR. WEILER ARRIVES IN U.S.; WILL ADDRESS JEWISH COMMUNITIES 'ON U. J. A.

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Moses Cyrus Weiler, founder of Progressive Judaism in South Africa, who gave up the largest pulpit in that country to settle in a kibbutz in Israel, arrived here at the invitation of the United Jewish Appeal to address a number of Jewish communities in the United States on Israel's needs and the role of the UJA in helping the settling of newcomers in Israel. He will remain in this country for about two months.

Prior to his departure from Israel, Dr. Weiler was honored by Kibbutz Usha for his generosity in providing a youth club house for the kibbutz children. The club house was contributed by Dr. and Mrs. Weiler to the settlement where the family resided during the first two years of their residence in the country, before moving to Haifa. Construction of the center was financed by a farewell purse of 10,000 Israeli pounds which had been presented by members of the congregation in Johannesburg to the Weilers upon their departure from South Africa, and which they turned over to the kibbutz.

Mrs. Hannah Weiler, mother of Dr. Weiler, cut the ribbon to the club house which bears her name. Erected by members of the kibbutz, the club house contains a library, reading room, rest rooms, cloakroom, kitchenette, and milk and coffee bars. Speakers at the dedication ceremonies indicated that it will serve as the cultural and social center for the kibbutz youth and many adults.

Dr. Weiler, who is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, is the third member of his family to start life anew in Israel. At the turn of the century, his grandfather emigrated to Palestine at the age of 81. Later his father, also a rabbi, settled in pre-state Israel and became one of the first industrialists in the Yishuv.

ARGENTINE JEWS START CONSTRUCTION OF TEACHERS SEMINARY BUILDING

BUENOS AIRES, April 18. (JTA) -- The cornerstone for the Teachers' Seminary building of the Buenos Aires Kehilla was laid here in a ceremony attended by Dr. Luis MacKay, Argentine Minister of Education, Dr. Aryeh Levavi, Israel's Ambassador to Argentina and delegations of pupils from Argentine and Uruguayan Jewish schools.

Speakers at the event included David Tabaman, chairman of the Central Council of Jewish Schools in Argentina; Leon Podhorzer, secretary of the DAIA, and Prof. Jose Mendelson, veteran Jewish educator. Construction of the Seminary has been a basic goal of Buenos Aires Jewry.