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HAMMARSKJOLD DENIES INFLUENCING WORKERS TO END BAN ON EGYPTIAN SHIPS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 21. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold today denied reports he had intervened with the Scandinavian Transport Workers Federation toward the federation's decision to lift the Swedish maritime workers' boycott of United Arab Republic shipping in Scandinavian ports.

(The Swedish Transport Workers Federation yesterday decided to end its ban which has been in effect since April 7. The decision followed a recommendation from the Scandinavian Transport Workers Federation, Reuters News Agency reported. Reuters also reported from Stockholm that the Scandinavian Transport Workers Federation "had discussed with the United Nations Secretary General the question of Scandinavian ships that have been interfered with in the Suez Canal on the way to or from Israel.")

Replying angrily at a general news conference here today to a question on the reports of his alleged intervention, Mr. Hammarskjold said: "To my knowledge, I haven't said anything directly or indirectly that can be construed in that manner. He added that he had no exchange of views with the Scandinavian federation "but they have sent over their resolutions and so on and so forth."

"I needn't tell you though," he said, "that I do not intervene in trade union policies which are internal matters." The "very idea" of such intervention by him, he said sharply, "is stupid." Outside the news conference, Mr. Hammarskjold seemed so excited about the report that he used language unusual for him by calling the report "a damn lie."

Mr. Hammarskjold was also asked what the United Nations was doing at present about its "continuing responsibility" in regard to freedom of navigation for Israeli goods and shipping through the Suez Canal. He replied that "it does not make sense to give a day-to-day or week-to-week report" about what he was doing in regard to the Suez Canal issue in general. He recalled that, two weeks ago, he made a statement on that issue and said that he stands on that statement.

In his statement on the Suez issue two weeks ago, Mr. Hammarskjold said he considered it his "duty to make unrelenting efforts to improve the situation," and that "such efforts will be pursued by the United Nations." It was in that statement that Mr. Hammarskjold criticized the United Arab Republic by saying that the UAR's detention of the Greek ship *Astypalea* had been "against the principle upheld by the United Nations."

Israeli Press Criticizes Hammarskjold; Government Declines Comment

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry declined comment today on press reports that United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold had intervened in the ban by Swedish dock workers against United Arab Republic ships which the Swedish Transport Workers Federation called off yesterday.

It was understood that the Foreign Ministry was awaiting an authoritative report from the Israel Embassy in Stockholm on the ending of the anti-UAR boycott which was decided on recommendation of the Scandinavian Transport Workers Federation.

The press drumfire of criticism of the reported intervention was led by Davar, official organ of the Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor. Davar asserted that the reported intervention might have been "somewhat justified if the Secretary General has some other plan against the Egyptian boycott of Israel ships and goods or could promise that his methods could stop the Egyptians running amok."

Davar added, however, that "it is not necessary to be a born skeptic to doubt the existence of such a plan. If this is Hammarskjold's doctrine on relations between people, we don't know what he is doing in the United Nations." Hatzofe, the organ of the religious parties, contrasted Mr. Hammarskjold's "inactivity" in ending the Suez Canal blockade against Israel with "the speed and effectiveness with which he persuaded the Swedish port workers to cancel their boycott."

Some sources here pointed out that the calling off of the Swedish workers boycott might not have been due to any initiative by the Secretary General. It was suggested that in reply to questions by the Scandinavian federation about Arab interference with Scandinavian

shipping, Mr. Hammarskjold might have given reassurance that he hoped to end the Arab blockade. It was suggested, therefore, that while the ending of the Swedish boycott might have been influenced by Hammarskjold's presumed reply, the decision might have been entirely that of the union.

(In New York, the picketing of the Egyptian ship *Cleopatra* by the Seafarers' International Union continued today. Paul Hall, the union's president, in a cable to President Nasser of the United Arab Republic, denied that the picketing was a result of "so-called Zionist pressure." He said the action of his union was based on Cairo's denial of freedom of the seas to many American ships).

SENATE BODY URGES CURTAILMENT OF U.S. FUNDS FOR REFUGEES IN JORDAN

WASHINGTON, April 21. (JTA) -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today adopted a mutual security bill amendment providing for curtailment of United States funds dishonestly used in Jordan. The amendment was introduced by Senator Albert Gore, Tennessee Democrat.

Senator Gore said he called Jordanian corruption to the attention of the Administration when he visited Jordan several months ago. But the Administration, seeking to shield Jordan, did nothing effective, said the Senator.

Senator Gore said the black market situation in ration cards for Arab refugees in Jordan was so bad that officials of the United Nations were beaten up when they dared question the validity of certain cards. Despite the beatings, the Government of Jordan refused to provide police protection to the UN personnel, Sen. Gore said.

The Foreign Relations Committee accepted Sen. Gore's view that Jordan will preserve the corrupt status quo as long as outside financial support is continued. The amendment adopted provided that no U.S. funds will be made available for support of the ration program after January 1, 1961, except for the issuance of rations to those refugees whose eligibility had been established and certified after July 1, 1960.

Senator Gore revealed that the State Department and Administration "vigorously opposed the adoption of this amendment." When Secretary Herter sought personally to soften the amendment, Sen. Gore said, the committee rejected the attempt.

N. Y. STATE CURBS YESHIVA'S SCHOOL OF EDUCATION; SCREENS DOCTORATES

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- The State Department of Education in Albany notified the Graduate School of Education at Yeshiva University--now three years old--that it can grant no doctoral degrees this June unless the records of all doctoral candidates have been examined and certified by the Department in Albany.

The Education Department announced that until a number of changes in the procedures of the Yeshiva school had been made, it would not automatically license graduates to teach in New York state. Yeshiva students or graduates who want state teaching licenses will have to submit transcripts of their school records to the Bureau of Teacher Education and Certification for analysis.

These demands were incorporated in a letter to Dr. Samuel Belkin, Yeshiva University president, from Dr. Frank R. Kille, State Associate Commissioner for higher and professional education. Dr. Kille asserted that the school had too many part-time and not enough full-time professors and that admission standards were not high enough. He asked changes in the administrative staff; better care in evaluating transfer credits, better programs for doctorate studies and better qualified experts to approve such programs.

The crackdown by the New York State Education department against procedures of the Graduate School of Education of Yeshiva University, the only such school under Jewish auspices in the United States, was followed today by the resignation of its dean, Dr. Benjamin Fine.

Dr. Belkin said the procedures used in launching the two-year old doctoral program "do not exist today." Referring to charges of insufficient teaching staff, Dr. Belkin said: "We started with a part-time faculty. But we have already improved this situation. Today we have a faculty of 40 full-time members.

"The conditions referred to by the State Education Department concern but a minuscule aspect of the school's total program and, at best, involve a handful of students. The record should be made clear that in the past three years the Graduate School of Education has presented only a few doctorates to individuals, many of whom were in long-time attendance at the university," Dr. Belkin stated.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE OPENS THREE-DAY ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- An intensive examination of the recent anti-Semitic disturbances in this country and abroad, with analysis of causes and preventative measure for the future, will be considered by the American Jewish Committee at its three-day annual meeting which opens here tomorrow at the Commodore Hotel. About 1,000 communal leaders from 600 communities throughout the country will attend the sessions.

The delegates will also consider problems of Israel and the Middle East, especially in view of the forthcoming Summit Conference in Paris next month. Herbert B. Ehrmann, president of the American Jewish Committee, announced today.

U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS GETS REPORTS ON BIAS AGAINST JEWS

WASHINGTON, April 21. (JTA) -- Discrimination against Jews in the United States is mainly in housing, but it is relatively a minor problem in most of the states, according to reports to the United States Commission on Civil Rights submitted by advisory committees of the 50 states. Michigan and New Hampshire stand out as states where bias against Jews in suburban and resort areas are strong. In New Hampshire 51 percent of summer resort accommodations were reported as barring Jews.

Although the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has reported considerable resort discrimination against Jews in Maine, the Main advisory committee alleged in its report to Washington that "there were no civil rights problems of great urgency in the state of Maine." The chairman of Maine's committee, which denied existence of a problem, was Professor Albert Abrahamson of Bowdoin College.

Massachusetts reported housing discrimination against Jews amounted "to a much smaller degree" than that practiced against Negroes. The Boston Housing Authority was quoted as stating that "99 percent of the Jewish people who come to us will not live in any area other than where they can purchase kosher foods and practice their religion."

Michigan cited ADL reports revealing that 56 percent of real estate agents in Detroit's suburbs discriminate against Jews. The ADL found that despite the bias of the agents, 63 percent of suburban residents had no objection to Jews as neighbors. In Michigan, "the Jews are subject to discrimination in housing in many communities... particularly in suburban areas, such as those outside the city of Detroit, and in resort areas and in some new developments."

New York Reports Anti-Jewish Bias in 'Prestige' Neighborhoods

New York reported "there is still occasional discrimination against persons of the Jewish faith in some 'prestige' neighborhoods." Oregon reported that Jewish Oregonians "suffer no housing restrictions and neither consider themselves nor are generally looked upon as a minority group." The ADL reports were quoted confirming absence of housing bias in Oregon.

The State of Washington said that Jews suffered discrimination in employment, as regards both hiring and upgrading, and also were victims of housing restrictions. Four distinct neighborhood areas barred Jews from residence. More recently, some new suburban areas instituted a bar against Jews. Among those new sections named were Mercerwood in Mercer Island and Brydel Wood in Bellevue.

Rhode Island said: "Anti-Semitism exists to a slight degree in some sections of the state. By far the majority of Jews live in or around the city of Providence, where they do not seem to have much difficulty in renting or purchasing good housing." The Rhode Island report said that "in one senior high school with a large enrollment of Jewish students, great care is taken to avoid observance of festivities contrary to Jewish customs."

Utah said: "The Jew finds little of which to complain in Utah. He is prominent in politics, the professions, business, education, and civic and social functions. He is barred from some social and fraternal organizations but encounters little or no real anti-Semitism. The Jews of Utah are of the higher economic and cultural strata. They number only 1,500. Jewish civil rights in Utah must be given the highest praise..."

The Minnesota advisory committee found that "the discrimination against Jews is mitigated somewhat by their generally more favorable economic position and has decreased noticeably since World War II." Southern states, where anti-Jewish bombings and shootings have taken place, omitted all reference to Jews and anti-Semitism from their reports.

Attorney General Condemns Bias in Housing in Detroit Area

DETROIT, April 21. (JTA) -- A Michigan Anti-Defamation League official said today he planned to ask the national office of the ADL to fight a screening and rating system for home buyers in a wealthy Detroit suburban area under which Jews are required to score twice the minimum number of points.

Sol Littman, Michigan ADL director, said he planned to go to New York tomorrow to ask national ADL officials to intervene in a court suit which revealed the existence of the point rating system for prospective home buyers in the Grosse Pointe area east of Detroit. He said he had asked the Michigan Securities Commission to revoke the licenses of the Grosse Pointe Brokers Association on grounds of "unethical conduct." He called the point system "a policy of discrimination."

The point system was called "morally corrupt" by Attorney General Paul L. Adams, who threatened legal action against the brokers association. The Attorney General said the point system had been in operation since 1945. Negroes and Orientals cannot receive any points. When a real estate salesman or broker has any doubts about a prospective buyer for a home in the area, a private investigator checks the buyer who must score 50 points to qualify. If he is Polish, he must score 55 points, if southern European, 65 and if he is Jewish, he must score 85 points.

The association, in a statement commenting on the Attorney General's criticism, said that if there were limitations against buyers of homes, "they arise from the prejudices of the public who do not yet live up to the aims of our Founding Fathers."

BOSTON JEWS CELEBRATE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR WELFARE FEDERATION

BOSTON, April 21. (JTA) -- Greater Boston Jewry will take time out from an intensive Combined Jewish Appeal campaign for \$6,950,000 on Monday, to observe the 65th anniversary of the founding of its Federation of Jewish Charities, now the Associated Jewish Philanthropies of Boston.

The nation's first welfare federation and the model for similar organizations not only for other Jewish communities, including New York, across the country but for non-sectarian community chests, Boston's Federation of Jewish Charities was created April 25, 1895 when five charitable organizations voluntarily merged their fund raising and social planning programs.

Simon J. Helman, Associated Jewish Philanthropies president, noted that the first unified fund raising effort in the United States produced \$11,900 from 489 contributors in Boston which then had a population of 15,000 Jews. Since then, Federation has developed 22 outstanding health, welfare, education and social group work institutions including world famous Beth Israel hospital. The annual operating budgets of these agencies are close to \$11,000,000.

Mr. Helman pointed out that in the past 65 years the organized Jewish community of Boston has contributed \$125,000,000 for diverse local, national, overseas and Israel philanthropic services. The annual CJA campaign today receives support from 55,000 greater Boston Jews. Mr. Helman said that a gala community-wide celebration will be held after the 1960 Combined Jewish Appeal drive.

ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW GHETTO REVOLT TO BE OBSERVED GLOBALLY

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- The 17th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt against the Nazis will be commemorated globally this weekend according to the World Jewish Congress here. There will be special services and ceremonies throughout the United States, Canada, Latin America, Europe, Africa, as well as in Israel and a number of communities in the Far East, including the Philippines.

Some communities will be marking the occasion for the first time. These include Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic. World Jewish Congress sections in Britain, France, Belgium, and Sweden have scheduled mass meetings in conjunction with local community organizations, including youth groups, associations of Nazi victims and Jewish veterans. Services and meetings have been set for New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and many other cities.

Dr. Isaac Schwarzbart, director of the World Jewish Congress' Organization Department, which has been primarily responsible for annually mobilizing world Jewry to mark the heroism of the Warsaw Ghetto fighters, said that the American Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization of America had planned a number of United States observances.

Entertainment Places to Be Closed in Israel on Remembrance Day

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- A nationwide day of remembrance for the victims of Nazism will be observed starting Saturday evening in connection with the worldwide observance Sunday of the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising against the German invaders of Poland. All entertainment places, including the motion picture theaters will be closed.

The national memorial ceremony will be held on Memorial Hill near Mount Herzl in Jerusalem in the presence of President Ben-Zvi, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Chief of Staff Chaim Laskov and other officials who will hear an address by Kadish Luz, Speaker of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

Catholic Priest Addresses Ghetto Remembrance Meeting in Paris

PARIS, April 21. (JTA) -- The 17th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising was marked here last night by ceremonies sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Societies of France, the Jewish Socialist Bund and other non-Communist Jewish groups. The meeting, which was attended by more than 800 persons, was addressed by Father Riquet, a Jesuit priest who, as a concentration camp deportee, came into contact with Jewish ghetto fighters.

A second commemoration meeting scheduled for tonight will be sponsored by Jewish Communist organizations. An attempt made more than a month ago to organize one communal meeting for the commemoration ceremonies, proved fruitless.

DR. KERSTEN, HIMMLER'S THERAPIST, DEAD; CREDITED WITH SAVING JEWS

BONN, April 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Felix Kersten, who claimed in his autobiography that as personal therapist to Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler, he saved thousands of Jews from deportation and extermination, died yesterday at Hamm, Germany at the age of 61.

Dr. Kersten died from a heart attack while visiting a hospitalized friend. The World Jewish Congress had credited him with saving 60,000 Jews and in 1950 Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands awarded him a Grand Officer's Cross for war-time service to the Dutch people.