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EISENHOWER SAYS U.S. CANNOT FORCE NASSER TO OPEN SUEZ FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 27. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower told a press conference today that he did not know what America could do to force the United Arab Republic to respect Israeli shipping rights in the Suez Canal unless there was a resort to force--an alternative that he rejected.

Mr. Eisenhower recalled his 1957 pledge to support Israeli Suez rights. He said that UAR President Nasser cited existence of "a state of war" as an excuse for doing nothing to alleviate the canal impasse. Commenting on this, the President said:

"Now, I don't know what you can do unless you want to resort to force in such affairs, and I am certain that we're not trying to settle international problems with force. We have done everything we could to make it clearer that we stand by our commitments and we think that other nations should do the same, particularly when it comes to the free use of the Suez Canal. But, I don't know that there is any idea whatsoever of making a new step in this direction or new argument because I think it's all been said."

STATE DEPT. MEETS WITH UNION OFFICIALS ON THE PICKETING OF 'CLEOPATRA'

WASHINGTON, April 27. (JTA) -- The State Department has held informal talks with unidentified union officials in an effort to bring about an end of the picketing of the Egyptian ship Cleopatra in New York harbor, State Department sources revealed today.

It was pointed out that only one UAR ship calls at American ports each month while more than 30 American ships visit Arab ports in the same period. Therefore, said the State Department, many American seamen will be affected if the Arabs boycott American shipping in all Arab ports.

The State Department meanwhile received rumors that the Arabs will refuse landing facilities to American commercial airliners if the picketing of the Cleopatra persists.

Rep. Victor L. Anfuso, New York Democrat, today took the House floor to laud the Seafarers' International Union for "upholding the standard of free labor in a free country" by the refusal of union members in New York to unload the Egyptian ship Cleopatra.

Rep. Anfuso said that President Nasser of the United Arab Republic "sees nothing wrong in practicing boycotts and blockades against others, but resents when the same practices are applied against him." He said Nasser would learn "that hatred begets hatred, and that boycotts will bring forth counter-boycotts."

(In Cairo, the press today announced that all Arab ports on the Mediterranean and Red Seas will sever radio contact with American ships from midnight Friday, unless the picketing of the Cleopatra is stopped. The Alexandria port wireless operators, and other Arab radio points, announced a decision to help Arab trade unions implement a boycott of American shipping.)

Higher U.S. Court Reserves Decision on Picketing of Cleopatra

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- Embattled maritime workers in New York, who have been picketing the Egyptian ship Cleopatra here for two weeks, defiantly warned the United Arab Republic today that they will continue their picketing until the "Nasser Government changes its policy toward American ships dealing with Israel."

They told the second highest court in the land--the United States Circuit Court of Appeals--that their action is "directly calculated" to fight the Nasser Government "where it is most sensitive, in its own pocketbook."

The statement was made in the Circuit Court where attorneys for the Seafarers' International Union and the International Longshoremen's Association argued before a three-judge panel for reaffirmation of a lower court's refusal to issue a temporary injunction forbidding the picketing.

Chief Judge J. Edward Lumbard, sitting in the Circuit Court with Judges Leonard P. Moore and Henry J. Friendly, reserved decision on the motion to reverse the lower court's opinion. There was no immediate indication as to when the Court will hand

down its ruling. Prior to taking the case to the Circuit Court, the attorneys for the Egyptian ship lost three separate actions in the federal courts.

The Khedivial Mail Line of Alexandria, Egypt, which contends that it owns the Cleopatra, today asked the Circuit Court to reverse the U.S. District Court's refusal to grant the temporary injunction. The attorney for Khedivial, Joseph K. Grainger, asked the Circuit Court not only to reverse the lower court's ruling, issued Saturday by U.S. District Court Judge Thomas F. Murphy, but also to grant damages for the Cleopatra's two-week-long immobilization to date.

"Irreparable damage," amounting to "tens of thousands of dollars," has been caused to the Alexandria shipping firm through the picketing, Mr. Grainger contended. Furthermore, he told the court, the Cleopatra's sister ship is due in the New York harbor next month, and the Cleopatra's inability to unload its cargo may be repeated when the next UAR ship arrives here.

Picketing of Cleopatra Is A Pure Labor Dispute, Court Is Told

Seymour W. Miller, attorney for the Seafarers, told the court that the action is a pure labor dispute. "More than 100 American ships," he said, "have been blacklisted by the UAR for trading in Israeli ports. On these ships alone, more than 5,000 American seamen's jobs are involved. The Department of Agriculture has stipulated that no charters for carrying U.S. surplus commodities to Egypt will be granted to American ships on the UAR blacklist. Until recently, the Navy Department also had such a rule in effect. To us, this means jobs. We are fighting for jobs."

Martin Markson, appearing on behalf of the law firm of Waldman & Waldman for the ILA, told the court that the Egyptian motion should be denied, among other reasons, because it is "perfectly clear that the plaintiff" is in court "with unclean hands."

The Egyptian boycott against American ships trading with Israel, he stated, "constitutes inequitable conduct towards the members of the SIU and the ILA." He pointed out that American longshoremen suffer loss of work when the UAR discriminates against some American shipping.

Both Mr. Miller and Mr. Markson told the court, however, that it really has no jurisdiction over the entire case. Both argued that Judge Murphy was correct in refusing to assume jurisdiction. They held that, if there is a case at all, it should go either to the National Labor Relations Board or, possibly, to a New York State Court.

PRESIDENT OF WORLD BANK TO VISIT ISRAEL; WILL STUDY ISRAEL'S ECONOMY

WASHINGTON, April 27. (JTA) -- President Eugene R. Black of the World Bank will arrive in Israel on May 3rd to acquaint himself at first hand with Israeli economic development in connection with pending Israeli loan applications, it was learned today. He will remain in Israel for five days.

SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL OPENS PARLEY IN ISRAEL; 29 LANDS REPRESENTED

HAIFA, April 27. (JTA) -- The first meeting of the Socialist International Council outside of Europe opened here today with several hundred Socialist leaders from 29 countries in attendance. They include former French Premier Guy Mollet, Hugh Gaitskill, chairman of the British Socialist party and West German Socialist leader Erich Ollenhauer.

The delegates were greeted last night at a festive pre-conference dinner in Jerusalem by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion who said that, as against the issue of class differences stressed by Socialism in the 19th Century, "the great world problem that should now occupy the attention of world socialism is the tremendous gap between the wealthy countries of Europe and America and the poor nations now awakening to independence in Asia and Africa."

"This is the great human problem of our times and much more crucial than the so-called cold war," the Prime Minister said, citing Israel's effort to contribute "modestly to Afro-Asian development. He said the gathering of Jews from more than 70 countries had proved there was no fundamental difference between a Jew from America and one from Africa and "we know this applies not only to us but to all nations and peoples of all colors."

Aising Andersen, Danish labor leader and chairman of the Socialist International, said the movement considered Israel "a natural meeting place" because it was the site where throughout history "the cultures of Europe, Asia and Africa have met." He said support for the decision to meet for the first time in Israel was evidenced by the record number of delegates.

SENATE BODY POSTPONES APPROVAL OF U.S. PAYMENTS TO AUSTRIAN NAZIS

WASHINGTON, April 27. (JTA) -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today refused to accept a State Department stand that America is legally obligated to compensate Austrian Nazis and pro-Hitler collaborators for assets they lost during World War II.

The Committee voted to continue postponement of ratification of a treaty with Austria which would give Austrian Nazis \$5,150,000 as compensation for properties seized by the United States during the war. All Committee members present at the meeting, including Chairman J.W. Fulbright, questioned the legal obligation of American taxpayers to compensate Nazis.

JEWISH TRUST CORPORATION REPORTS \$23, 500, 000 RESTITUTION FROM GERMANY

LONDON, April 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish Trust Corporation, the group officially recognized by the West German Government as the successor organization entitled to receive Jewish restitution funds in the British Zone of the Federal Republic and in West Berlin, has recovered thus far a total of 134,000,000 Deutschmarks (approximately \$23,500,000) according to the corporation's ninth annual report, made public here today.

Of the total, the report shows, 115,000,000 Deutschmarks have been distributed in the British Zone, and about 15,000,000 in the former French zone of West Germany. The funds of the JTC go mainly to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation, and the local Jewish communities in West Germany. Some of the funds go also to victims of Nazism living in France.

CONTRADICTIONARY ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE ON OBERLAENDER'S RESIGNATION

BONN, April 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Theodor Oberlaender, West German Minister for Refugees, will resign from the Cabinet "shortly," the chairman of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic party announced last night in apparent contradiction of an earlier announcement by high party leaders that the controversial former-Nazi party member resigned yesterday.

The announcement that Dr. Oberlaender, a target for months of complicity in the 1941 massacre of Polish intellectuals and Jews in Lemberg in Nazi-occupied Poland, would resign soon was made by Kai Uwe von Hassel, CDP chairman, as a new storm began to develop on the issue.

The opposition Social Democratic Party warned last night that if Dr. Oberlaender's resignation did not become final before May 5, the party would open "a stormy debate" in the Bundestag, the lower house of the West German Parliament, on his past. May 5 is the date scheduled for Bundestag debate on the budget for the Ministry for Refugees.

The apparent contradiction in Dr. Oberlaender's resignation plans was the newest development in a series of moves to ease him out of his post. Earlier this month, it was reported that the Social Democrats had agreed to drop demands for a Parliamentary debate on the Minister after an agreement was reached with the Christian Democrats under which Dr. Oberlaender left on a vacation with the understanding he would retire May 8 on a pension.

BERLIN SCHOOLS TO TEACH CHILDREN ON NAZI ATROCITIES AGAINST JEWS

WEST BERLIN, April 27. (JTA) -- West Berlin education officials announced today a new public school curriculum to assure that pupils will learn who Hitler was by the time they are 10 years old.

Pupils also will receive comprehensive instruction on the meaning of such symbols as the Nazi swastika and the Star of David. They will also be informed on the Nazi atrocities as part of teaching in the new curricula about the events of World War II.

Drafting of the new curricula followed a spate of anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi incidents throughout West Germany in January which led to widespread inquiries into the content of current teaching materials in West German schools. Germany's recent past was found ignored in most school teaching programs.

ROTHSCHILD FAMILY SEEKS TO RECOVER PART OF RANSOM PAID TO HITLER

LONDON, April 27. (JTA) -- The Rothschild family acted today in a bid to recover part of what may be the largest ransom ever paid--the estimated \$20,000,000 handed over to Hitler in 1939 for the release of Baron Louis de Rothschild. The ransom was paid after the failure of a direct appeal to Hitler by the Duke of Windsor.

R. D. Wilberforce, a London attorney, appealed to the Foreign Compensation Commission to uphold the claim of Baroness Clarice de Rothschild, widow of Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, to 600 acres of land included in the ransom. The Nazis sold the land, then in German-occupied Poland, to a German baroness.

Lady Rothschild is claiming about \$250,000 in compensation for the land from a fund set up by the Polish Government to compensate British owners for property taken over by the Polish People's Republic.

EX-PRESIDENT OF WEST GERMANY GOES TO ISRAEL FOR THREE-WEEK VISIT

BONN, April 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Theodor Heuss, ex-president of the Federal Republic of Germany, will come to Israel May 3 for a three-week visit, it was announced here today. Dr. Heuss' visit will be as a private individual. He was invited to visit Israel by the head of Israel's Purchasing Mission in Cologne, Dr. Eliezer Skinnar.

The German Society for International Youth Exchange, here, announced today that a group of German youths, between the ages of 18 and 22, will tour Israel this summer. For at least one week, the youths will work in an Israeli kibbutz (collective settlement), according to the organizers of the tour.

SO. AFRICAN BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES CLARIFIES STAND ON RACIAL CRISIS

JOHANNESBURG, April 27. (JTA) -- There is much misunderstanding abroad about the attitude of South African Jewry in the present South African racial crisis with some Jewish organizations asking why South African Jewry has not spoken out on the issues, Gustav Saron, general secretary of the South African Board of Deputies told a meeting of the Board here.

The fact was that there were as many differences of viewpoint among South African Jews as there were in the general population on how peaceful co-existence between whites and Negroes could be achieved in South Africa, therefore there could not be an individual spokesman for the Jewish community as such on political problems, Mr. Saron said.

There was also much misunderstanding about the role of the Board of Deputies, he said. The Board, he reported, finds itself unable to offer any stand on South African racial problems not because of indifference but because "the expression of such views does not fall within its province." He stressed that as the representative organ of South African Jewry, the activities of the Board were limited to matters of direct concern to the Jewish community. The Board was therefore not competent to act or to express views on general questions of national policy.

At the same time, Mr. Saron said, the Board has always held the view that Jews as citizens have the right and duty to react on public issues as individuals. He stated that the Board has consistently stressed the responsibility of the Jewish citizen to play his part in mitigating racial prejudice and in promoting cooperation and just dealings between all sections of the population.

Deputies attending the meeting endorsed Saron's statement, which also was affirmed at the Board's recent inter-provincial conference. Namie Phillips, chairman of the conference, said that the state of emergency in South Africa made it incumbent on all persons, whether clerical or lay, "to bear in mind" this responsibility.

(Police in Durban, South Africa, reported that anti-Jewish leaflets were found this week pasted on the doors and windows of Durban shops. This was the first such incident since the worldwide spate of anti-Semitic daubings and smearings last January.)

INTERFAITH BODY FORMULATES CODE AGAINST RELIGIOUS BIAS IN ELECTIONS

WASHINGTON, April 27. (JTA) -- A code of fair campaign practices to guard against religious bias in the forthcoming elections was issued here by a three-faith committee under the co-sponsorship of the Fair Campaign Practices Committee and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

A two-day conference of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders, held here, resulted in the formulation of basic principles to govern the discussion of religion in the 1960 political campaigns. Rabbi Uri Miller of Baltimore, vice-president of the Synagogue Council of America, and Rabbi Bernard Bamberger, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis were the two Jewish representatives at the meeting.

American religious leaders had been concerned for more than a year with the dangers of political candidates introducing religious issues in the 1960 campaigns. For this reason the committee brought together a group of religious leaders of all three faiths for two days of intensive, friendly and frank discussions. The principles of the code which emerged from the discussions held that candidates for public office should not be supported or opposed because of particular religious affiliations but should be judged on their qualifications for office and views on political issues. The code condemned the injection of elements of a candidate's faith not relevant to the duties of office as "unfair campaign practices."

The Fair Campaign Practices Committee was established in 1954 at the suggestion of the U.S. Congress. Each year it sends a code of fair campaign practices to Presidential and Congressional candidates and asks them to observe it.

CHRISTIAN CONTRIBUTION COVERS FUNDS STOLEN BY VANDALS FROM SYNAGOGUE

FORT WAYNE, Ind., April 27. (JTA) -- Rabbi Seymour Weller, whose B'nai Jacob synagogue was smeared with swastikas and burglarized on April 15, today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it was generally agreed by police and community leaders that the vandalism was not the work of pranksters.

The sum of \$300 which was stolen from the synagogue office, was made up by a contribution of a Christian, the rabbi revealed. He said that letters have been received from all parts of the United States, mainly from non-Jews, expressing sympathy to the congregation. At the suggestion of Dr. Elmer E. Voelkel, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church, a group of Christian ministers helped to clean up the swastikas as a gesture of brotherhood and sympathy.

Rabbi Weller said that while no arrests had been made in the case, police had informed him some clues had been found. He stressed that he had not asked for police protection for the synagogue. In amplifying his statement that the vandalism might have been the work of an organized group, the rabbi said that no fingerprints had been found and no paint drippings. "It was a carefully executed job. It does not look like a prank," he declared.