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FIGHT EXPECTED IN SENATE TODAY OVER MEASURE TO ACT ON ARAB BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, May 1, (JTA) -- A serious fight is expected in the United States Senate tomorrow over the action taken by the Senate last Thursday night, to re-enforce United States opposition to the Arab economic boycott against Israel, by adopting an amendment to the Mutual Security Act reaffirming freedom of the seas and opposing economic warfare, including boycott and blockades.

The amendment, introduced by Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois, on behalf of himself and 29 other Senators, was adopted in the Senate by a vote of 45 to 25. Voting for the amendment were, among others, Senator Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, Democratic floor leader, and three other Democratic Presidential aspirants--Senators John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts; Hubert H. Humphrey, of Minnesota; and Stuart Symington, of Missouri.

The Douglas amendment inserted new language in the Foreign Aid bill, giving the President discretion to withhold assistance from nations that obstruct freedom of navigation through international waterways. The Suez Canal is an international waterway.

The Douglas amendment was carried despite bitter objections by Sen. J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and notwithstanding strong pressures from the State Department, largely on the alleged ground that the amendment would cause resentment in the Arab world. Senator Fulbright denounced the amendment as "political coercion." On Friday he introduced an amendment of his own aimed at neutralizing the Douglas resolution. Discussion on the Fulbright amendment will start in the Senate tomorrow.

Senator Fulbright told the Senate, on the floor, that the Douglas amendment which he would now like to alter through tomorrow's vote was introduced "not because of the over-all good of the United States, but because of the existence of a pressure group in the United States which seeks to inject the Arab-Israeli dispute into domestic politics." He tied the amendment to the picketing of the Egyptian ship Cleopatra in New York harbor. That ship has been immobilized, with its cargo still unloaded, since April 13.

The Douglas amendment and the Cleopatra's picketing, said Sen. Fulbright, are both moves which he saw as "part of a pattern in which 180,000,000 Americans are being whipsawed by an irresponsible maritime union and by a minority pressure group." Members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which had previously passed a similar amendment by a vote of 19 to 3, expressed resentment over Sen. Fulbright's charges. The House of Representatives has passed the amendment as approved by its Foreign Affairs Committee.

Senators Alerted for Today's Session; Urged to Defeat Fulbright's Move

Senator Douglas, joined by Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, Republican of New York, sent a telegram late yesterday to a large number of Senators, urging them to be on hand tomorrow to defeat an attempt by Senator Fulbright to "nullify" the Senate's action of last Thursday. Senators Keating and Douglas said in their telegram:

"To attribute the Senate and the House's decisions to help end the blockade to a sole concern for Israel and the views of its many American friends is to belittle the considerations and impugn the motives that moved a substantial majority of the Congress to act. Violation of the principle of free navigation in Suez endangers the stability and uneasy peace in the Middle East. It therefore threatens American interests as well as those of other nations."

The Senators stated that "despite generous loans and increasing economic aid" to the United Arab Republic in the last year, President Gamal Abdel Nasser had in no way relaxed the blockade that had been condemned by the United States and the United Nations. Passage of Senator Fulbright's "nullifying" amendment would amount to a "damaging retreat" by the United States and a "green light" to President Nasser to persist in his blockade, secure in "the knowledge that it would have no effective protest from this country," Senators Keating and Douglas declared.

(The New York Times today reported from Washington that some State Department officials do not agree with the Administration's opposition to the Douglas-Keating

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amendment. One official, who has had long experience in the Middle East, said that with the seizure of the Suez Canal in 1956, the United Arab Republic became a "member of the major league." Accordingly, this official said, it should behave like a major-leaguer and abide by the accepted rules of international law. The Suez Canal, this official is reported by the Times as having stated, is an international waterway and not "an irrigation ditch between Israel and Egypt."

EGYPTIAN SHIP UNLOADED AT MONTREAL PIER; PICKETING CONTINUES

MONTREAL, May 1, (JTA) -- In spite of picketing continued by members of the Seafarers' International Union here, the Egyptian ship, Star of Assuan, was unloaded at its pier here today by local members of the International Longshoremen's Association. The ship has been picketed since its arrival in the Montreal harbor last Wednesday.

A spokesman for the ILA, explaining why the longshoremen unloaded the ship, stated: "We are in sympathy with Israel. But we have a contract to honor, and it does not allow us to sympathize with every cause." The ILA said the longshoremen's union spokesmen, does not regard the SIU picket line as "a bona fide strike picket" but rather as "a sympathy boycott."

Meanwhile, the SIU not only kept up picketing but also refused to allow its members to work on a tug hired by the Egyptian ship to move the vessel from one berth to another.

FIREWORKS, STREET DANCING MARK ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 1, (JTA) -- Israel tonight started its biggest, most joyous celebration of the year, the festival marking the 12th anniversary of the rebirth of the State which came officially into being in May, 1948, when David Ben-Gurion read Israel's Declaration of Independence in a museum here.

One minute after a torch was lighted at sundown atop Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem, thousands of fireworks flared into the skies over the beach at Tel Aviv. Throughout the country, other torches were ablaze after Kaddish Luz, speaker of the Israel Parliament, sparked the formal opening of the celebration in Jerusalem.

In Tel Aviv, 4,000 members of youth organizations started a mass dance which wound its way through the city's streets, pulling passers-by into the procession. In every city square and at countless other places, special stages had been erected for folk dancing and entertainments. Millions of electric light bulbs flashed greetings and congratulations to the State of Israel entering its 13th year.

As the street dancing continued into the night, countless parties got under way in public auditoriums, cinemas and private homes. It was the most joyous celebration Israel has held in many years. The celebration this year marks not only Israel's 12th anniversary but also the 100th birthday of Dr. Theodor Herzl. The founder of political Zionism was born in Budapest in 1960.

Prior to the opening of the anniversary celebration, Israel spent a day in solemn observance of Memorial Day, honoring the memories of those who had died in the creation and liberation of Israel. As soon as the period of mourning turned to festive celebration, President Itzhak Ben-Zvi broadcast to the nation--and to the world--a special anniversary message. Prior to his broadcast, he formally received the diplomatic corps at Jerusalem, headed by the dean of the corps, Ambassador Emile Bissang, of Switzerland.

In his anniversary message, Mr. Ben-Zvi pointed out that, but for the world Zionist movement launched by Dr. Herzl, "the daring pioneer work of the Jewish youth, the courageous moral and material assistance and brotherly aid from our brethren throughout the world, toward the establishment of the State and its rebuilding, would have been impossible."

The President expressed his confidence that "fellow Jews will come here from all countries of dispersion to strengthen our ranks, guided and inspired by the example of the early pioneer fighters, of our people who fought for independence."

The Independence Day celebrations will continue throughout the country all day tomorrow. One of the most impressive parts of the celebration is expected to be a military parade scheduled to be held at Haifa.

Israel's Aim is Peace, Says Ambassador at Anniversary Services

NEW YORK, May 1, (JTA) -- Israel is "ready for peace at any time, and is willing to pay the price for it," Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman declared here yesterday at Israel anniversary services held at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. "However," Mr. Harman asserted, "one price we will never pay is the price of national suicide." The price for peace, he added, "is negotiation, no matter how difficult."

Pending peace with the Arab states, the Ambassador declared, self-defense must be "a cardinal policy of Israel and will continue to be until we have a peace that recognizes the right of peoples to live, not one that denies them the right of existence."

JEWISH LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL ADVOCATES UNIFICATION OF ALL ZIONIST GROUPS

NEW YORK, May 1, (JTA) -- A resolution calling for the unification of all Zionist and pro-Israel groups in the United States into one body was adopted at the closing session here today of the convention of the American Jewish League for Israel. Samuel Daroff, of Philadelphia, was elected president of the organization succeeding Ezra Shapiro.

The convention pledged support to the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel and urged League members to participate in the United Jewish Appeal, in the Israel Bond Organization and other programs in support of Israel. Other resolutions felicitated Israel on the country's 12th anniversary, called upon the new executive of the organization to prepare to hold a youth pilgrimage in Israel in the summer of 1961 and to launch an intensive membership drive in those Jewish communities where the League has not established itself. Samuel Rothstein of Brooklyn was elected chairman of the League's executive committee and Samuel Rothberg of Peoria, Ill., was reelected chairman of the League's board of directors.

A call for increased private investments by Americans in Israel's economy was made today at the assembly by Pinhas Sapir, Israel's Minister of Commerce and Industry. Mr. Sapir explained the recent changes in Israeli law which provide liberal terms for foreign investments in that country. He praised such efforts by Americans as the Israel Investors Corporation which, in its first year of existence, invested \$4,000,000 in Israeli Government enterprises. The corporation is headed by Mr. Rothberg.

Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, delivered a speech on the 12th anniversary of the State of Israel. He noted that Israel has made great improvements in this time and referred to the great policies which have enabled her to do so. Ambassador Harman said that Israel's development and accomplishments in the years ahead will be influenced more by one factor than by many resolutions.

Louis Lipsky, founder of the American Zionist movement, spoke on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Theodor Herzl, founder of the world Zionist movement. Mr. Lipsky, honorary president of the League, outlined the forces and circumstances which had brought Herzl to Zionism and of the fulfillment of the Herzlian vision and prophecy in the emergence of the State of Israel.

Other speakers included Dr. Israel Goldstein, Judge Louis E. Levinthal and Ezra Shapiro who opened the two-day national assembly. Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, greeted the delegates on behalf of the Agency. Mr. Shapiro stated that promulgation of the Zionist unification plan would be extremely important at this time when all Zionist and pro-Israel groups in this country are faced with problems of readjustment as a result of the changes in the method of operation announced by the Jewish Agency for Israel in New York three weeks ago.

Z.O.A. PRESIDENT WARNS AGAINST 'GAP' BETWEEN ISRAEL AND U.S. JEWRY

NEW YORK, May 1, (JTA) -- Abraham A. Redelheim, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today appealed against "the creation of any gap" between Israel and American Jewry "as a result of misunderstanding and spiritual rifts." He warned that this would be "catastrophic to the interests of both."

Mr. Redelheim spoke at a session of the ZOA National Executive Council at which the 12th anniversary of the State of Israel was marked by a reaffirmation of solidarity with the people of Israel "in their valiant struggle to build a sound economy and to live in peace with their neighbors." Zionist leaders from all parts of the country attended the all-day meeting of the Council, which is the ruling body of the ZOA between annual conventions.

The meeting adopted a resolution calling upon the United States Government "to take vigorous action through all channels at its disposal to induce the leaders of all Arab countries to accept the permanent existence of Israel." Another resolution urged the United States "in the United Nations and elsewhere to halt the United Arab Republic's illegal blockade of the Suez Canal and clearly to affirm its support of the principle of passage through the Suez Canal for all nations."

The meeting also marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of Theodor Herzl, founder of the Zionist movement, which coincides with Israel's 12th anniversary.

AMERICAN SCHOLARS DOUBT DISCOVERY OF RUINS OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH

NEW YORK, May 1, (JTA) -- Scientists and biblical scholars expressed opinions ranging "from the cautious to the skeptical," this weekend, about reports from Jordan declaring that the sites of Sodom and Gomorrah have been discovered at the bottom of the Dead Sea, according to The New York Times.

The discoveries were announced at Amman, Jordan, by Dr. Ralph E. Baney, of Kansas City, a Baptist missionary in charge of an archaeological team that has been probing the Dead Sea for the remnants of the ancient civilization mentioned in the Bible. According to Dr. Baney, one of the two lost cities was located by divers at the bottom of the Dead Sea in the Lisan Peninsula Bay, in Jordan, about 20 miles northeast of modern Sodom, Israel.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL OPENS \$35,000,000 CASH COLLECTION CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, May 1, (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal today started a nationwide cash collection drive designed to raise \$35,000,000 in cash. The drive will continue for seven weeks, Morris W. Berinstein, UJA general chairman, announced. It will be climaxed by a UJA National Cash Conference to be held in Washington in the middle of June.

Melvin Dubinsky, prominent communal and philanthropic leader of St. Louis, Mo., has been named national cash chairman. Mr. Dubinsky is chairman of the national campaign cabinet of the UJA. Under his leadership a total of \$70,000,000 was chalked up for the UJA 1959 cash campaign, which established a new high in collections for the work of aiding Jewish communities overseas and settling immigrants in Israel.

DR. BINJAMIN ELIAV, NEW ISRAEL CONSUL GENERAL, ASSUMES NEW YORK POST

NEW YORK, May 1, (JTA) -- Dr. Benjamin Eliav, newly appointed Consul General of Israel in New York, arrived here this weekend to assume his duties. Dr. Eliav succeeds ... Simcha Pratt who returned to Israel earlier this month after serving as consul general in New York for two and one-half years.

Dr. Eliav was born in Latvia in 1909 and came to Palestine in 1925. He received his education in the Universities of Berlin, Paris and Vienna. The Consul General began his diplomatic career in 1953 as First Secretary to the Israel Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The new consul general will make one of his first public appearances at City Hall tomorrow, the day proclaimed by Mayor Robert F. Wagner as "Israel Independence Day in New York City." Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, Mayor Wagner, City Council president Abe Stark and other State and City officials will participate in the celebration of the twelfth anniversary of Israel's Independence.

NEW YORK DECIDES TO HAVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSED ON ROSH HASHANAH

NEW YORK, May 1, (JTA) -- New York City's public schools will, hereafter, shut down annually on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, "for administrative reasons," the city's Board of Education decided unanimously here this weekend.

Dr. John J. Theobald, superintendent of schools, recommended the school closing on the Jewish High Holy Days on the grounds that, even in schools where the pupils are preponderantly non-Jewish, so many teachers are absent on the Jewish High Holy Days that it is unsafe to keep the schools open.

The board voted only for the closing of the schools this year on Jewish New Year, which falls September 22 and 23. Yom Kippur this year offers no problem, since it will come on a Saturday. But the principle of the shutdown will, after this year, apply to Yom Kippur as well as to Rosh Hashanah.

ALBERT SCHIFF ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF U.S.

NEW YORK, May 1, (JTA) -- Albert Schiff, New York industrialist, was elected president of the Jewish National Fund of America at the annual meeting of the JNF board of directors here last night. Mr. Schiff succeeds Dr. Harris J. Levine who held the office of president for ten years. Maurice Levin was named national treasurer and Mendel N. Fisher executive director and secretary. Dr. Harris J. Levine and Dr. Israel Goldstein were elected honorary presidents.

Mr. Schiff, who was born in Lithuania in 1893, has been prominent in the American Zionist movement for many years, serving as national treasurer of the Zionist Organization of America and as treasurer, chairman of the finance committee and member of the board of directors of the Jewish National Fund. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Palestine Economic Corporation of New York and of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization.

BLAUSTEIN, BERNSTEIN, FEYNMAN RECEIVE THE 1960 EINSTEIN AWARDS

NEW YORK, May 1, (JTA) -- The 1960 awards named after the late Prof. Albert Einstein, honoring his memory as scientist and citizen, were made here tonight at a dinner attended by 1,000 persons under the sponsorship of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University.

The awards, consisting of a medallion bearing a bas relief of the famous physicist, plus a cash award of \$1,000, were given to Leonard Bernstein, musical director of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra; Dr. Richard P. Feynman, professor of theoretical physics at the California Institute of Technology; and Jacob Blaustein, of Baltimore,