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## Soviet Naval Forces Reported Sailing in Direction of Israel and Egypt

WASHINGTON, May 30. (JTA) -- Defense Department sources revealed today that a Soviet naval force was sailing in the direction of Israel and Egypt to take a possible role in the Mideast crisis. The new information showed a change in Russian naval deployment in the Mediterranean. The Soviet cruiser, destroyers, frigates, submarines, and other craft had previously been shadowing the U.S. Sixth Fleet. The Russian ships are equipped with anti-aircraft missiles and surface-to-surface missiles.

A report from Ankara received here today simultaneously said that the Turkish Government was requested by the Soviet Union to grant rights for a Soviet naval flotilla of 10 warships to pass through the Dardanelles en route to the eastern end of the Mediterranean. The move was considered an indication of Moscow's intention to strengthen the Arabs in their present conflict with Israel.

U.S. officials said tonight that the Mideast crisis remained highly inflammatory and that it was too soon to conclude that war danger had passed. State Department spokesman Robert McCloskey said "We are living through this hour by hour." Administration sources said that the U.S. Government appreciated the Israeli Government's policy of restraint. In appreciation, they indicated, the U.S. reassured Israel that America would honor its commitments.

A spokesman for the Department of State said today that the Government had "no comment" on reports that the Administration was preparing a compromise plan for Gulf of Akaba transit that would bar Israeli ships but permit passage of American and other ships bound for Eilat. It was believed that the purported plan had not yet been proposed to Israeli authorities.

A spokesman for the Israeli Embassy said today that reported compromise proposals for Gulf of Akaba passage involving denial of transit to Israeli flag ships had not been discussed with the Government of Israel. The spokesman said "no such proposals had ever been discussed with the Government of Israel." He said "the attitude of the Government of Israel was made perfectly clear in the statement of Prime Minister Eshkol to the Knesset on Monday.

(Mr. Eshkol declared that "the Government of Israel has repeatedly stated its determination to exercise its freedom of passage through the Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Akaba, and will defend it in case of need. This is a supreme national intention on which no concession is possible and no compromise is admissible. It is clear to us, and I feel it is now clear to the nations of the world that so long as the blockade exists, peace is in danger.")

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, said yesterday after a meeting with Secretary of State Dean Rusk that the United States must prevent the Israelis from being "driven into the sea." He said this should be done in concert with other nations if possible but alone if necessary. I cannot conceive our country abandoning the principle of freedom of the sea," he declared. He pointed out that "this is not only a struggle for the preservation of Israel, but vital interests of others, particularly maritime nations are involved."

## Eban Indicates Israel Determined to Secure Passage of Ships Through Tiran Strait

JERUSALEM, May 30, (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, defined today the importance of free passage for its shipping in the Egyptian-blockaded Tiran Strait as "the kind of an issue for which nations are prepared to stake everything they have, assume the heaviest responsibilities and make every sacrifice." Speaking at a press conference, the Foreign Minister said also that President Nasser of Egypt was committing a serious mistake if "he thinks he can erase in ten minutes that which has taken Israel 10 years to build."

In somber tones, he told the newsmen that if it became apparent that the influence or action of the major powers to end the blockade was not efficient enough, Israel would reserve its right to act. He stressed that "there is a certain danger in action but there are moments when the danger of no action is even greater."

## Danger of War Remains, Eshkol Says; Refers to 'Firm' Pledges by Western Powers

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol told Israel's Parliament yesterday that the danger of war remained as long as the Egyptian blockade of the Strait of Tiran continued and Egyptian forces remained massed in the Sinai Peninsula. He declared that Israel's forces would remain mobilized and on their guard as long as the Egyptian troop concentrations were maintained.

Mr. Eshkol paid tribute in his Knesset speech to what he described as the firm attitude taken by the United States in support of Israel's claim to the right of freedom of transit of the Strait of Tiran. He had words of praise, too, for Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Britain and for other countries which he said supported the Israeli position.

The Prime Minister told Parliament that Israel had firm commitments from a number of maritime powers and expected firm and effective action in the near future. This expectation, he asserted, was based on firm and definite commitments the Israel Government had received. It would be known soon, he said, whether the Western powers will act according to their views.

The Prime Minister told the Knesset that Israel will open the strait by itself, if necessary. Its power to do this, he said, has not been impaired and Israel's intention was reported to the Presidents of France and the United States and the British Prime Minister by Foreign Minister Eban. The Israel Army, Mr. Eshkol affirmed, was at the height of its power in manpower, know-how, fighting spirit and equipment.

## World Zionist Executive Issues Appeal to Jews Worldover on Danger to Israel

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Executive addressed today a statement to the Jewish people everywhere declaring that Israel was "facing the gravest danger to its security and its very existence" in the current Middle East crisis.

"Our enemies, headed by President Nasser of Egypt, have mustered all their forces to besiege us, to paralyze our normal life and completely annihilate us," the statement declared. "The people of Israel are alert to all dangers and prepared for every sacrifice. All sections of the people, regardless of community, standing or party affiliation, are united and standing firmly behind the state. The citizens of Israel have unstintingly placed their all -- their possessions and their very life -- at the disposal of the state in this fateful hour of trial.

"The manifestations of brotherliness and unconditional identification reaching us from all Jewish communities are a source of encouragement and inspiration to the people of Israel in their struggle and stand against all eventualities," the statement continued. Asserting that the situation was worsening "from hour to hour" and that it was "impossible to tell how long this may last," the statement declared:

"In this fateful hour, we call upon our brethren throughout the world to demonstrate the unity and strengthen the covenant of brotherhood between them and Zion and to enlist the sympathy and active support of the nations of the world and their leading figures for Israel's just struggle, to step up aliyah and to encourage our best youth to come to Israel and provide working hands to take the places of those called to the defense of the country."

The statement also called on Jews "to make a large-hearted and maximum effort to provide financial aid so that the State of Israel may withstand the heavy burden imposed on it." The statement emphasized that "the financial means required in this emergency are unprecedented and their dimensions are incalculable."

"Deeply conscious of the common fate of the Jewish people, we place our confidence in the loyalty and devoted efforts of all of its sons, wherever they may be," the statement said. "The Zionist movement, which was the forerunner of the state and which brought it into being, must lead our people and arouse and mobilize it to fulfil its historic tasks. We call on you to rise as one to ensure the safety of Israel and its defense."

## Israel Facing Gravest Test Since the Establishment of the State, Ben-Gurion Says

TEL AVIV, May 30. (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion told a press conference here last night that Israel was facing its gravest test, in the current Middle East crisis, since establishment of the Jewish State. The former Premier said that the Arab leaders were declaring night and day their intention to destroy Israel and that a people which had suffered immense losses at the hands of the Nazis could not take such threats lightly.

He added, however, that decisive action could not rest on Israel's armed forces alone. "We do not always have to take the advice of our friends but neither can we always disregard their views," he said. The conduct of war, even if forced on us, calls for responsibility and military wisdom, and our stand and our leadership in these days and weeks can determine our fate for better or worse."

## Security Council Resumes Debate on Arab-Israeli Crisis; Israel Proposes Action

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 30. (JTA) -- The Security Council resumed its discussion this afternoon on the Egyptian-Israeli crisis after hearing the views yesterday of the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union, Egypt and Israel.

The representatives of the United States and Britain told the Security Council that their governments are firmly behind the principle that the Strait of Tiran was an international waterway, and must remain open to innocent ship passage to and from Israel. The Soviet Union was just as ardently opposed to that view, holding that Egypt had the right to bar Israeli shipping because it was still in a state of war with Israel. Roger Seydoux, the French permanent representative in the Council, has, thus far, remained silent.

Ambassador Gideon Rafael, head of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations, insisted in his address to the Council yesterday that Israel had the absolute right to freedom of shipping through the Tiran waterway. He proposed a five-point plan for action by the present Council session. These steps, he said, should embrace the following principles:

"(1) All inflammatory statements and threats against the territorial integrity and political independence of any state should cease;

"(2) The United Nations Charter's imposition upon all members of the obligation of non-belligerence must be strictly observed;

"(3) Armed forces should be withdrawn to their positions held as of the beginning of this month;

"(4) All forms of armed incursion, acts of sabotage and terrorism should cease, and the governments concerned should take all steps to prevent their territory from being used for hostile acts; and

"(5) In the Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Akaba there should be no interference with any shipping."

Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, head of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, who was the first speaker yesterday, called upon Egypt to exercise "special restraint" in regard to its blockade of the Strait of Tiran by not stopping or searching vessels attempting to pass the strait. The U.S. Ambassador pointed out that Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol had pledged to resort to political action to ensure freedom of Israeli passage through the Strait of Tiran. Declaring that the U.S. Government's position on that issue is the same as Israel's, Mr. Goldberg said that Mr. Eshkol's statement was "clearly in the spirit of the request made to us in the report by Secretary-General U Thant, in which Mr. Thant asked all governments to forego belligerence."

### Ambassador Goldberg Insists on Keeping Gulf of Akaba Open for All Nations

Mr. Goldberg called upon the Security Council to take "effective steps" to reaffirm the validity of the 1949 armistice agreements between Israel on the one hand and Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon on the other. He warned the Council that action was necessary and urgent, telling the members "the issue of war or peace lies in our hands."

Mr. Goldberg noted that the current crisis revolved not only about the blockade of the Strait of Tiran but also on the facts that Egyptian, Israeli and Syrian armies were now confronting each other and that terrorism and sabotage in Israel must be prevented by all parties concerned. He quoted President Johnson as saying that the United States considered the blockade of Tiran and the Gulf of Akaba as illegal. He insisted that the strait, which has been open to all shipping for ten years, must be kept open while diplomacy around the world as well as here has an opportunity to pacify the situation.

Mohamed Awad El-Kony of the United Arab Republic challenged the right of Israel to any foothold on the shores of the Gulf of Akaba. He said Israel had occupied her seven miles of coastline on the gulf illegally. "We have always believed, and we still do, that Israel was planted in the Middle East by colonialism to serve the colonial interests," he stated.

The Soviet Representative, Dr. Nikolai T. Fedorenko, told the Council that "the true culprit for dangerous worsening of tensions in the Middle East is Israel, which directly and indirectly is being supported by imperialist circles eager to restore colonialism in Arab states." He repeated over and over again that "the situation in the Near East is linked to aggressions by Israel." He said that Egypt took action for mobilization on May 14 because she had information that Israel planned to launch an all-out attack on Syria on May 17. He warned that "those who push Israel to the brink of the abyss must know that it is much easier to fan flames than to put them out."

Time and again in his speech, Dr. Fedorenko voiced Moscow's absolute condemnation of Israel and supported fully the contentions of the Egyptian Government. He declared "the Soviet Government very closely follows the situation in the Middle East and considers that the Security Council must condemn Tel Aviv's provocations against the Arab states."

## Colossal Participation in Solidarity with Israel Manifestations in New York Lauded

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- The colossal participation of Jews and non-Jews in the pro-Israel parade and in the subsequent mass meeting here on Sunday was lauded today in a statement issued by Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, which arranged the demonstrations. The statement said:

"The tremendous outpouring of Jewish solidarity with Israel, as manifested in the great parade and rally Sunday, is a heartening demonstration that in this hour of crisis the American Jewish community speaks as one, united in its commitment to the security of Israel. The 45,000 persons who marched and 125,000 who participated in the mass meeting represented every segment of the Jewish community, joining hands in one mighty expression of brotherhood with the people of Israel as they struggle to maintain their national sovereignty and political independence against Arab aggression.

"We are heartened as well by the participation in the parade and rally of many thousands of non-Jews who added their own voice to ours in our call to the President to fulfill our government's repeated pledges to protect Israel's integrity as a nation. And we are encouraged by the forthright expressions of support of Israel's cause by Senators Robert F. Kennedy and Jacob K. Javits in messages to the rally. We of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations pledge ourselves to use every resource at our command in order that the American Jewish community may make its solidarity with Israel known and its determination that our country -- either in concert with other nations or alone -- honor its obligations to Israel and enforce its commitment to the freedom of international waterways."

### Convention of Conservative Rabbis Asks for U.S. Action on Akaba

WASHINGTON, May 30. (JTA) -- Five hundred Conservative rabbis from throughout America called today on their Congressmen to ask support of moves to implement United States commitments to Israel's security. The rabbis, delegates to the Rabbinical Assembly's 67th Annual Convention, also took steps to mobilize their congregations for mass demonstrations in support of Israel.

They requested other rabbinical groups to declare a day of fasting and prayer for Israel. A resolution called on the Government "to proclaim the fixed and unalterable policy, preferably in concert with other nations, but if need be by itself, to secure the territorial integrity of Israel." The council also asked for "action now" to implement free access of shipping in the Gulf of Akaba.

The rabbis heard an appeal to avoid involvement with Christian clergymen in a campaign against secularism. Dr. Judd Teller, educator and historian, warned that the drive against secularism would cause "a serious schism within the Jewish community in which there exists no conflict today between religionists and secularists." Dr. Teller said "the true test of interfaith cooperation will be the conduct of the Christian world in the present crisis facing Israel -- the most critical since the Nazi death camps."

### Central Body of Reform Jewry Appeals to President Johnson to Act on Akaba

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- The Union of American Hebrew Congregations called on President Johnson today to "take all necessary steps" to guarantee the "right of free and innocent passage for all shipping in the Gulf of Akaba."

At a meeting of the organization's board of trustees, the congregational representatives of 680 Reform temples in the United States and Canada, adopted a resolution expressing "profound concern" at developments in the Middle East which "seriously threaten the life of the State of Israel and the peace of the world," and which the Reform Jewish leaders said, results from "Arab acts of hostility."

### U.S. Jewish Youths Leave by Plane for Israel to Work in Collective Settlements

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- Forty young American Jews, mostly college students between the ages of 18 and 25, left tonight for Israel by El Al to participate in summer work programs in various collective settlements.

Arrangements for their placement in Israel are being made by the Jewish Agency office in Jerusalem. The youths, who have paid for their own transportation, are part of the regular summer work programs conducted annually by the American Zionist Youth Foundation. Ordinarily, they would have left for Israel late in June, but this year, in view of the needs for workers in the agricultural settlements, their date of departure was advanced.

### Trade Union Council for Histadrut Adopts \$1,000,000 Emergency Quota for Israel

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- The American Trade Union Council for Histadrut concluded today a three-day conference at Unity House, Pennsylvania, adopting a one million dollar emergency quota to help tide over Histadrut, the Israel labor federation, during the current Middle East crisis. The conference, attended by 250 trade union leaders, adopted a resolution expressing deep concern about "the continuing crisis in the Middle East brought about by unrelieved threats to the existence of the State of Israel."

## Conference of Jewish Communal Service Concludes Four-Day Conclave in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, May 30. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 delegates to the 69th annual meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service concluded their four-day conclave at the Deauville Hotel here. Climax of the meetings was passage of a resolution supporting United States policy to preserve Israel's national sovereignty and territorial integrity and to preserve peace in the Middle East.

Prior to the passage of the resolution, Mrs. Avram Harman, wife of Israel's Ambassador to the United States, addressed the delegates and told them that "it is essential to Israel's survival that the lifeline of the Gulf of Akaba and the Strait of Tiran be kept open." She also warned that "long drawn out negotiations could be very damaging to Israel's economic life" because continuance of Nasser's blockade of the gulf and the strait would interfere with Israel's considerable trade with Asia and Africa.

Dr. Gary T. Marx, assistant professor of sociology at the University of California, who has been studying the attitudes of the American people towards the civil rights movement since 1964, reported that "Civil rights concerns tend not to breed anti-white feelings among Negroes. The more militant Negroes, on the average, are more tolerant of whites and tend to be less anti-Semitic."

Rabbi Jay Kaufman, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, said that in helping the younger generation to find its Jewish identity, the Jewish professional working in the various fields of Jewish communal service could serve as a model of Jewish identity. "It is the Jewish professional who spends his working hours on Jewish concerns and destiny, who progressively directs his life to a maximum and all pervading Jewishness," Rabbi Kaufman declared.

Sidney Z. Vincent, executive director of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, was elected president of the National Conference, at the annual business meeting, succeeding William Avrunin, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit. Other officers elected were: Martha K. Selig of New York, first vice-president; Sanford Solender of New York, second vice-president; Dr. Benjamin B. Rosenberg of Boston, secretary, and Irving Greenberg of Newark, N.J., treasurer.

During the more than 100 workshops held while the conference was in session, Jewish communal workers from all parts of the country heard papers on both professional and general interest. Progress of the preparations for the International Conference of Jewish Communal Service, to be held in Jerusalem from August 19 to 24 were reported on. It was announced that the 1968 National Conference annual meeting would be held in Detroit next May.

The National Conference is composed of five organizations made up of professionals working in the field of Jewish health and welfare. They are: the Association of Jewish Community Relations Workers; the National Association of Jewish Center Workers; the National Association of Jewish Family, Children's and Health Services; the National Association of Jewish Homes for the Aged; and the National Council of Jewish Education.

## American Jewish Editors and Publishers Conclude Their Convention in Israel

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- The 30 editors and publishers of American English-Jewish newspapers, meeting in a Jerusalem hotel 150 yards from a Jordanian village, adopted today a resolution at their 25th annual convention assuring their support to the cause of justice for the embattled people of Israel during the present Middle East crisis.

The convention of the American Jewish Press Association, meeting here despite State Department warnings to American nationals to stay out of the Middle East, reelected Adolph Rosenberg of Atlanta, Ga., as president. The resolution stressed the solidarity of the delegates with kinsmen in Israel and said the people of Israel were being subjected to unnecessary suffering by the "sabre-rattling" by the neighboring Arab countries.

In another resolution, the editors and publishers sent greetings to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on its 50th anniversary observance next October. The convention elected three vice-presidents: Jimmy Wisch of Dallas, Conrad Isenberg of Worcester, Mass., and Milton Firestone of Kansas City.

The journalists laid a wreath at the tomb of Theodor Herzl and were then received by Kadish Luz, Speaker of Parliament, who expressed confidence that the Jews of the United States would continue their partnership with Israel for better or worse. Philip Slomovitz of the Detroit Jewish News, replying for the delegates, said American Jews would work together with Israelis for victory in the cause of justice. Because of the situation, a number of leading Israel officials were forced to cancel planned meetings with the publishers.

## U.A.H.C. Board Backs Rabbi Eisendrath in Conflict with Emanu-El Congregation

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- The Board of Trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has "acknowledged with regret" the resignation of Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York from the membership in the central congregational body of Reform Judaism in the United States and Canada. Details of the action were released at a press conference by Mr. Irvin Fane, chairman of the UAHC Board at the conclusion of the two-day meeting held here.

Mr. Fane stated that the Board members adopted two resolutions, the first read "that this UAHC Board of Trustees acknowledges with regret the resignation of Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York, and expresses the hope that Emanu-El will find its way back into the family of the Union." The other resolution gave a vote of confidence to the Union's leadership and its president, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath to speak out as an individual on public issues and "in accordance with the principles of American democracy, prophetic Judaism, and his own conscience, and to speak for the UAHC in accordance with resolutions adopted by the UAHC General Assemblies."

The vote on the resolution of the Emanu-El resignation was 83 to 2 with one abstention. The resolution supporting the Union's leaders and the right to "speak out" was unanimous.

At its meeting on April 25th, the Trustees of Congregation Emanu-El with a vote of 6 to 4, adopted a resolution withdrawing their membership from the UAHC. In a statement released to the press on May 5th, Emanu-El's president, Alfred R. Bachrach, cited as one of the reasons for withdrawal the Union's statements on Vietnam as well as similar pronouncements made by the president of the UAHC, Rabbi Eisendrath. In addition, Mr. Bachrach charged that the Vietnam statements were "unauthorized and impossible" and further criticized Rabbi Eisendrath's assumption to speak for the Reform movement. He said "There is no such thing as a spokesman for Reform Judaism on social and political issues."

## Supreme Court Ruling Restores Citizenship to U.S. Jew Who Voted in Israeli Election

WASHINGTON, May 30. (JTA) -- The U.S. Supreme Court ruled yesterday that Congress may not revoke the citizenship of a naturalized American because he voted in an Israeli election. The decision held that Beys Afroyim, 73, a native of Poland who was naturalized in the United States in 1926, regains his citizenship. The U.S. State Department revoked his citizenship in 1960 because he voted in an Israeli election. The U.S. vice-consul at Haifa issued him a certificate of loss of U.S. citizenship when he sought to return to America.

The Supreme Court ruling maintained that an American cannot be stripped of his citizenship unless he voluntarily renounces his allegiance to the United States. The 5 to 4 ruling overruled a 1958 decision that a person's citizenship may be taken away for voting in a foreign election.

Justice Hugo Black said "We hold that the 14th Amendment was designed to, and does, protect every citizen of this nation against a Congressional forcible destruction of his citizenship, whatever his creed, color, or race." The ruling said "citizenship is no light trifle to be jeopardized any moment Congress decides to do so." Justices dissenting from the ruling were Byron R. White, John Harlan, Tom C. Clark, and Potter Stewart.

## Post Office Decision to Re-Issue 'Madonna and Child' Stamp Evokes Protests

WASHINGTON, May 30. (JTA) -- The Post Office announced here that the 1967 special Christmas stamp would be the same as last year's -- a five-color reproduction of Memling's "Madonna and Child With Angels," but would be twice the size. When the stamp was issued last year, a number of Jewish organizations were joined by the American Civil Liberties Union in protesting the issuance of the stamp with a Christian religious theme.

The Civil Liberties Union today announced that it would protest even more strongly this year. Also protesting the plans by the Post Office to issue the controversial stamp this year was the Americans United for Separation of Church and State. The group, a predominantly Protestant organization, announced today that it would bring court action against Postmaster General Lawrence F. C'Brien.

C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of the organization, said that it was "simply incredible" that Mr. C'Brien should reissue in a larger size the same "sectarian" Christmas stamp that caused controversy last year. "It is nothing in the world but a Roman Catholic stamp portraying Mary enthroned as Queen of Heaven, holding in her hand a Roman Catholic missal, a book of liturgy used only in the mass," he declared.

## New York Mayor Presents Israeli Nobel Prize Winner with City Medallion

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- In a ceremony at City Hall yesterday, Mayor Lindsay presented Israeli Nobel Prize winning novelist Shmuel Yosef Agnon with the City's Medallion for Distinguished Service. Among those present at the ceremonies were Michael Arnon, Israel's Consul General, Nathaniel Goldstein, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University; Alex Rose, president of United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers; and Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, president of the New York Board of Rabbis.