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BOAC Resumes Use of Lod Airport for Far Eastern Flights

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (JTA) — The British Overseas Airways Corporation will resume use of Lod (Lydda) Airport in Israel for flights between London and the Far East, it was learned today. The airline cancelled two flights last May when Pakistan, in support of the Arab anti-Israel boycott, refused overflight rights to planes which had landed at Lod unless they made an intermediate stop.

BOAC has now reinstated the two flights it cancelled at that time and has added another using Lod. With the two London-Lod flights which were not interrupted, the British airline will now have five flights weekly using Lod Airport.

Dr. Joachim Prinz of Newark, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, said he was "deeply gratified" to receive the letter from BOAC announcing the expansion of its service to Israel. In behalf of the Conference, Dr. Prinz had protested the original BOAC action charging that it had "bowed to Arab boycott pressure" in cancelling its flights to the Far East via Lod Airport.

The BOAC letter to Dr. Prinz noted that, during 1967-68, the airline will have five flights weekly stopping at Lod instead of four. Two will be direct between London and Tel Aviv and one will go beyond Tel Aviv to Sydney, Australia. Another flight will stop in Israel en route to Delhi, India; and a fifth will fly via Tel Aviv to Tokyo, Japan,

Egypt Tells United Nations Israel Made 'Sneak Attack' in Canal Area

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 6. (JTA) — Egypt complained today to the president of the Security Council that, as a result of Israel's "sneak attack to force the passage of three of her boats through the Suez Canal at the Suez entrance." on Monday, 42 civilians were killed, 161 wounded, of whom 14 were in serious condition, and 30 buildings were destroyed, as well as two mosques and two hospitals.

In a letter to the president of the Security Council, the Ambassador, Mohammed El Kony said that, as a result of Israel's shelling, a Greek freighter with a cargo of cement, a dredger belonging to the Suez Canal Authority and a motorboat belonging to the Eastern Petroleum Company, had been sunk, In addition to that, an Indian ship was damaged and the tower of Port Tewfiq was demolished.

The Egyptian complaint, which did not request a meeting of the Security Council, said that Israel's "alaest actions demonstrate their aggressive designs, in flagrant violation of the cease-fire resolution of the Security Council."

The Egyptian complaint disregarded a report by Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, head of the United Nations cease-fire observers, which pinned responsibility for Monday's clash on the Egyptian forces. Gen. Bull cabled U.N. headquarters yesterday that Egyptian forces had fired the first shot,

French Envoy Sees Long Delay in Finding Middle East Solution

Ambassador Armand Berard, new permanent representative to the United Nations, told a press conference today that "France hopes for a peaceful solution" to the Arab-Israeli problem but expected that "it will take a long time to achieve a satisfactory solution." He stressed that France, as a Mediterranean power, was interested in a peaceful settlement.

(A British military spokesman at Aden announced that British pilots will deliver three Hawker-Hunter jet fighter planes to the Jordanian Air Force tomorrow.)

Boycott Closes Arab Schools on West Bank; UNRWA Schools Are Open

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6. (JTA) - Some 200 schools in the west bank area, maintained by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, functioned normally yesterday, the first day of the school term, but Government-operated schools in most of the West Bank Arab centers were closed as a result of a boycott by teachers and pupils.

A noisy demonstration by youngsters at the UNRWA school in Tulkarem failed to compel the UNRWA authorities to close the school. Extremist nationalist Arabs have been waging a campaign of intimidation and threats to force closure of the UNRWA schools in Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarem, the larger Arab towns,

The Israel Army authorities have decided not to force the Government schools to open and not to penalize the striking teachers. Only those guilty of using threats will be subject to prosecution. Arab parents, in the view of the authorities, will, sooner or later, press the teachers to return to the classrooms.

New Entry to Mount of Temple Area Eliminates Moslem Admission Fee

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Religion has quietly ended a centuries-old practice of the Moslem religious authorities of making non-Moslem pilgrims and visitors to the Old City pay a fee to enter the Mount of the Temple area, site of the Dome of the Rock, and the Al Aksa Mosque and traditionally believed to have been the site of the First Temple.

The holy places in the area are administered by the Waqf, the institution which administers Moslem religious properties. Under the British Mandate, non-Moslem visitors to the area were required to pay an admission charge of four shillings (then one dollar) to enter the area. Since the liberation of the Old City, the charge has been one pound (33 cents).

Many Jewish visitors have complained of having to pay tribute to the Moslems for the right to visit a site the Jews regard as holy. Following their protests, the Ministry of Religion opened another sate, affording free passage into the compound.

Israel to Announce Policy on Exploitation of Singi Mineral Resources

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6, (JTA) -- The Israel Government will make a decision within a few days on the exploitation of mineral resources in the Sinai Peninsula conquered by Israel in the Six-Day War.

Aharon Nachshon, director-general of the Ministry of Development, said today that the ministry would submit its report and recommendations to the Cabinet and that a decision would follow shortly.

Israel has already begun to pump oil from Sinai oilfields formerly held by Egypt and operated by it in conjunction with Italian oil interests. Mr. Nachehon said that in addition to oil, the Sinai Peninsula also has manganese deposits, iron ore, aluminum-bearing clays, copper, phosphates, gypsum, coal and possibly radioactive black sands,

Supplies Normal Again, Israel Reduces Price of Gasoline

TEL AVIV, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Gasoline prices have been reduced to the level they were at preceding the outbreak of the Arab-Israel war last June, it was announced today.

The price rose substantially the first week in June, when Egyptian forces seized the heights of Snarm-El-Sheikh, dominating the Strait of Tiran, and blocked the passage of oil tankers to the Israeli port of Ellat. With Sharm-El-Sheikh now under Israeli control, the strait reopened and fuel shipment restored to its pre-war volume, transportation costs have dropped and the Government has been able to cut the price of gasoline accordingly.

Israel Participating in Levant Trade Fair at Bari Today

ROME, Sept. 6. (JTA) — Israel will participate in the famed Levant Trade Fair opening at Bari tomorrow after a four-year absence. An imposing Israel Pavilion features agricultural machinery and the model of an Israeli-built desalination plant.

Fertilizers and other Israeli chemical products, and Israeli dairy and citrus products are also being exhibited. September 13 will be observed as "Israel Day" in the presence of Ambassador Ehud Avriel.

Israel, Egypt in Battle to Win East African Markets

LONDON, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- An intense battle for the East African market is being waged in Nairobi between Israel and the United Arab Republic, the London Financial Times reported today.

A special Israel economic mission now in Nairobi is stressing the advantages to African traders of Israel's "toverland Suez" route to Europe and the west, bypassing the Suez Canal which has been closed to traffic since the first week in June. The Israelis stress the advantage of shipping cargo to Eilat and moving it from there overland to Haifa or Ashdod for transshipment.

The United Arab Republic Embassy has countered this by offering an Egyptian "overland Suez" the Cargo from East Africa unloaded at a Red Sea port, treked across the desert to the Mediterranean at Port Said for transshipment,

The Israeli mission is expected to go on from Nairobi to Uganda, Ethiopia, Tanzania and, possibly Zambia.

Government-Supervised Corporations Show 20 Million Pound Profit For Year

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Government corporations supervised by the Ministry of Development showed profits this year of 20 million pounds (\$6,677,000), Minister of Development Moshe Kol reported today. He said this figure compared to a profit of three million pounds (\$1,000,000) last year. He attributed the increase to increased operating efficiency and lower costs.

Israel's Immigration Needs Stressed at Farband Convention

HIGHLAND MILLS, N.Y., Sept. 6, (JTA) — President Johnson appealed tonight to the Farband Labor Zionist Order for "sustained support" of his administration's efforts to extend American prosperity to "those it has bypassed for much too long." In a message to the opening session of the Farband's five-day 21st national convention, the President also lauded the organization for its support of the "wide range of new laws" which "are brightning the lives of all our citizens."

Vice-President Hubert H, Humphrey told the 750 delegates and guests, in a message, that he hoped there would be a "just and lasting peace" in the Middle East, "so that Israel can continue to build her young but ancient nation, enhancing the lives of the exiled whom she gathered from the four corners of the earth."

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol of Israel said, in a message, that Israel needed a much larger Jewish population for its postwar tasks of developing the economy and consolidating its security. He called for "more allylah from the free countries, particularly the United States, and the closer involvement of the entire Jewish people in Israel's future." He added that he hoped the Farband would consider allyah "as your most important function at this hour."

Jacob Katzman, general secretary, said in the keynote address tonight that "aliyah from America is something to which we ourselves must apply our considerable resources, organizing skills and techniques," adding that this applied "for the whole Zionist movement, indeed for all our central communal agencies,"

He cited the Jewish response to Israel's May-June crisis and Six-Day War not only from committed Jews but also from those whose Jewish associations were "tenuous or non-existent" and said that "the greatest challenge facing American Jewish organizations and institutions, including Farband," was "how to keep alive this outpouring of national feeling on the part of most diverse elements" among American Jews, "how to channelize it constructively among the many whose sense of Jewish identity has been reawakened."

Goldmann Tells South Africans Zionists Must Shift Objectives

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, told the 30th biennial convention of the South African Zionist Federation that the next World Zionist Congress must give up its attempt to represent world Jewry in relation to Israel and concentrate instead on becoming an organization with maximal aims of Zionist commitment and aliyah,

The convention was held in Johannesburg City Hall simultaneously with the annual conference of the South African Women's Zionist Organization, Dr. Goldmann also told the keynote session that South Africa was "one of the few countries in the world where Zionists are actually leading in the work for Israel," He said that in the United States and other countries, non-Zionist organizations did more to help Israel than the Zionist organizations. He also declared that the Zionist movement had failed in its goal of becoming the representative body for world Jewry to Israel,

"Israel does not accept us as the representative of the Jewish people, nor does the majority of the Jewish people," he declared.

Dr. Teddy Schneider, president of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, said that South African Jewry, which had exerted itself as never before to rally to Israel's cause in the May-June crisis and Six-Day War, was grateful for the goodwill and sympathy of South African non-Jews and for "the understanding shown by the Government for our desire to help Israel in its crisis."

Edel Horwitz, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, said that South African Zionism had, in the recent emergency, achieved its finest hour. He expressed the Federation's appreciation of the South African Government's "magnificent gesture of sympathy and understanding in giving us permission to transfer funds raised in our Emergency Campaign to Israel," National currency restrictions are in effect in South Africa.

Dr. Goldmann inaugurated the new campaign for the United Communal Fund, South African Jewry's community chest for local Jewish institutions. He spoke at a rally in Cape Town and at a dinner here. He suggested at both meetings that the time had come when South African Jewry must contribute much more to maintaining and extending its local institutions,

Israel and Brazil Sian New Technical Aid Agreement

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 6. (JTA) --- A new agreement on technical cooperation was signed here between Israel and Brazil. Eytan Ron, director of the division for international cooperation in the Israel Foreign Ministry, headed a delegation which signed for Israel.

U.S. Navy Gives Grant to Israeli Physicists for Radiation Research

JERUSALEM, Sept. 6. (JTA) — The United States Navy has made a grant to two Hebrew University physicists, Prof. Ernest Alexander and Dr. Benjamin Fraenkel, to continue radiation research they had been conducting under a \$100,000 U.S. Air Force grant,

AJC Head Hits Czechoslovak Cancellation of Jewish Celebration

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (JTA) -- The president of the American Jewish Congress today criticized the Government of Czechoslovakia for cancelling plans to celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of the Czech Jewish community next year.

Rabbi Arthur J, Lelyveld of Cleveland termed the cancellation "another hostile act by Czech authorities echoing the hard-line anti-Semitism emanating from Moscow." He cited as other Government actions the "failure" of responsible Government authorities to press an investigation of the "violent death" in Prague of Charles H, Jordan, director-general of the Joint Distribution Committe the severance of diplomatic relations with Israel; the deprivation of citizenship of Ladislav Mnacko, Czechoslovakian author, for criticizing Czechoslovakia's Middle East policy; and withdrawal from circulation of several recently-issued postage stamps on Jewish themes,

Rabbi Lelyveld charged that "these acts form a pattern of behavior aimed at isolating the Czec Jewish community from their fellow-Jews in other lands and from the rich cultural heritage of their own history."

State Dept. to Study Arab Supply of Anti-Jewish Propaganda to Negroes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6. (JTA) — The State Department has been asked to determine whether officials of any of the Arab embassies in Washington acted improperly in supplying anti-Jewish prop ganda to Black Power advocates, the Department of Justice disclosed today. If the State Department found such action, it would have to determine whether any of the diplomats involved should be declar persona non grata,

Rep. Joel T. Broyhill, Virginia Republican, who had raised the question with the Department of Justice, was informed by the Department that it had asked the State Deptartment to determine whethe the Arabs had violated protocol in supplying the anti-Jewish propaganda to the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNIC). He was told that the State Department would advise him of the resul of the inquiry.

Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeager wrote Rep, Broyhill that under existing statutes it did appear that SNIC could be required to register under the Foreign Agents' Registration Act. He said, however, that "the Department will be alert to any information which would establish an agency relationship and, if such information is received, the Department will take appropriate action

CORE Executive Repudiates 'New Politics' Attack on Israel

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (JTA) — The director of the Congress of Racial Equality confirmed yester are reports that he had formally dissociated himself from a Black Power resolution condemning the "imperialist Zoinist war" between Israel and the Arab countries. The resolution was adopted at the National Conference for New Politics in Chicago last week,

Floyd B, McKissick, confirming the report, said he had attended the Chicago meeting as an observer and had not voted on any issues. Most of the delegates were opponents of the Viet Nam war and militant civil rights advocates, including a strong bloc of Black Power advocates.

The resolution said that the "condemnation" did not imply anti-Semitism but this disclaimer failed to satisfy Jews and Jewish sympathizers at the conference and several national Jewish organizations which formally denounced the resolution.

In disclosing his position, Mr. McKissick said CORE had received an inquiry about its stand on the issue from the Commission on Social Action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Reform congregational and rabbinical bodies, Mr. McKissick said that CORE did not oppose Zionism because it considered Zionism a form of nationali

Mr. McKissick said he had sent a telegram to the Commission yesterday on CORE's position, which said that "Zionism is a form of nationalism. CORE supports nationalism and is now studying various national—state theories. Thus CORE cannot support a position against Zionism."

48,000 To Attend Hebrew Day Schools in New York Metropolitan Area

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (JTA) — A total of 48,000 students, an increase of nearly 3 percent, will attend Hebrew Day Schools in the New York Metropolitan area, which includes all of the five borough as well as Nassau and Westchester counties. These schools, offering a combined program of religious and secular studies, open their regular sessions on Monday.

Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, national director of Torah Umesorah, National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, reported that five new schools were established during the past summer, bringing the numb of schools in the New York Metropolitan area to 159. Of these, 105 are elementary schools and 54 pr vide a high school educational program. The high school enrollment has, for the first time, gone ove the 10,000 mark,