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QE-2 SAILS ON PASSOVER CRUISE TO ISRAEL: 'SAFE AS FORT KNOX.'

**OWNERS SAY
But Passenger List Is Small**

LONDON, April 15 (JTA)--The Queen Elizabeth 2 sailed from Southampton today on her Passover cruise to Israel with 560 passengers aboard and, according to Cunard Line officials, "as safe as Fort Knox." Extraordinary security measures were taken to guard the giant liner against possible terrorist attacks during her voyage. Twenty armed Royal Marines augmented Cunard's security personnel during the embarkation and Royal Navy frogmen inspected her underwater hull for bombs prior to sailing.

Cunard claimed that no passengers or crew members had defected because of widespread media speculation in recent weeks over possible terrorist outrages planned against the ship. But the 560 passengers, mostly American Jews and non-Jews, represented little more than a quarter of the 65,800 ton liner's capacity. Cunard's chief public relations officer, Steven Mitchell, said earlier that there would be 580 passengers. He said that an original figure of 1200, provided by Assured Travel of Massachusetts who chartered the QE-2 for the cruise, apparently included a second group of passengers who will be embarking in Israel for the return leg of the voyage. The company also denied reports of cancellations by passengers booked on a 25th anniversary cruise to Israel.

The QE-2 carried a crew of 700, somewhat less than normal. But Cunard said that this was due to certain manning changes unrelated to the cruise and to the fact that some crew members were due for leave. Crew members making the cruise will receive a 50 pounds sterling "risk" bonus demanded by the National Seamen's Union.

The QE-2's regular skipper, Commodore William Law, was not on the bridge when the liner sailed. He was taken to a hospital yesterday for what doctors diagnosed as a leg and back ailment. The liner's Staff Captain, Mortimer Hehir, is in command.

ISRAEL ASKING INDIVIDUAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT TO SUPPORT ONE-SIDED RESOLUTION ON BEIRUT RAIDS

U.S. Agrees But Does Not Promise Veto

JERUSALEM, April 15 (JTA)--Israel has requested the eight Security Council members with which she has diplomatic relations not to support a one-sided resolution condemning the Israeli raid on Beirut without mentioning Arab terrorist actions of the past few months. Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Cabinet today that his envoys had contacted the United States, Britain, France, Austria, Australia, Panama, Peru and Kenya asking them to insist on a balanced resolution at the Council.

Officials here said the U.S. had promised not to support an unbalanced resolution. They said that Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs promised Israeli Ambassador to Washington Simcha Dinitz, with whom he met Friday, that America would not lend its support to any one-sided draft resolution, but did not promise that the U.S. would

use its veto power.

Officials here are not concealing their satisfaction at the U.S. attitude toward the Beirut raid and its aftermath. There has been no specific criticism by Washington of Israel's action, but rather a general expression of anxiety at the chain of violence. At the same time, there has been a sharp U.S. response to the "big lie" by which Arab propaganda sought to implicate U.S. intelligence in the Israeli action.

SECURITY COUNCIL RESUMES DEBATE TODAY, ARABS TRYING TO EXPAND IT TO FULL SCALE MIDDLE EAST CONFRONTATION

Acrimony Runs High; Tekoah Denounces Lebanon, Defends Israel's Right to Defend Itself

UNITED NATIONS, April 15 (JTA)--The Security Council will resume debate tomorrow on Israel's commando raids on terrorist headquarters and installations in Beirut and Sidon, Lebanon last Tuesday. The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohammed H. el-Zayyat, arrived over the weekend, apparently to take charge of Arab diplomatic strategy which seems aimed at expanding the Security Council's deliberations into a full scale Middle East debate beyond the immediate issue of the attacks on Lebanon.

The Security Council opened debate late Thursday afternoon at the request of the Lebanese government, and continued Friday. Israel's United Nations Ambassador, Yosef Tekoah, charged at the opening session that Lebanon was "a center for the planning and execution of terrorist attacks against innocent civilians in Israel and elsewhere and provides refuge to the perpetrators of these dastardly crimes."

(Israel's Defense Minister Moshe Dayan hinted in a Jerusalem television interview Friday night that Israel may in the future aim its attacks not only at terrorists but at the states that grant them haven. "We cannot release Lebanon from responsibility for the deeds of the terrorists... and we do not intend to act against the terrorists solely in an individual manner as we did in the raid on Beirut," Gen. Dayan said.)

(The latest Middle East crisis was exacerbated yesterday when unidentified armed men attacked an American-owned oil terminal at Sidon. A previously unknown group calling itself the Lebanese Revolutionary Guard took credit for the attack which set fire to the installation. But Palestinian guerrilla groups in Lebanon said they were not involved and charged that "Israeli agents" carried out the assault in an effort to worsen U.S. relations with the Arabs. The Lebanese government said today it had no evidence that Israeli agents were operating in its territory.)

Malik: Would Expel Israel From UN

The Security Council debate was especially bitter, with Arab spokesmen lumping Israel and the U.S. together as aggressors and Israel defending its right to self-defense at home and to protect its citizens and installations from terrorist outrages abroad. The acrimony reached a new peak Friday when the Soviet Ambassador Yakov Malik accused Israel of "bare-faced aggression," "bloody crimes," and "bestial murder." He startled even case-hardened observers of the UN scene when he declared that the Soviet Union would support sanctions against Israel, "up to and including expulsion

from the United Nations as a state which has caused aggression."

Ambassador Tekoah, who spoke the day before, said "We do not come to the Council to justify our actions" because "they need no justification." He said "We come to charge that Lebanon has convened the Security Council to ask license for the continuance of terrorism."

Tekoah said that official statements in Beirut communiques "by terror organizations" and international news agencies reports from Lebanon "have confirmed that the targets struck were terrorist centers and hideouts and that the casualties were members of the murder groups." He charged that most of the attacks carried out by the Fatah Black September terrorists and other terrorists "have originated in Beirut" from which terrorists "are dispatched on their missions of death to different parts of the world." Citing nine incidents of the past five weeks, Tekoah said that "Beirut's sinister role was particularly evident in the seizure and murder of the American and Belgian diplomats in Khartoum." He said that in the preceding months, "almost all Arab terror agents involved in murder attacks, including the Lod Airport massacre and the killing of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympic Games, had come from Beirut."

Tekoah Blasts Lebanon

The envoy said that "the international community is weary of the sanctimonious protestations of innocence and of the sterile falsehoods with which the Lebanese government and its representatives try to cover up Lebanon's grave responsibility for turning Beirut into the capital of international terrorism." He said after many denials, "the mask is dropped. Lebanon tries to justify the terrorist operations in and from its soil and even has the audacity to claim immunity for itself and impunity for the terrorists."

FRANCE CONDEMNS ISRAEL FOR BEIRUT RAIDS

PARIS, April 15 (JTA)--The French government condemned Israel's commando raids on terrorist headquarters in Beirut and called them "a threat to the sovereignty of Lebanon." The French position was stated by Foreign Minister Michel Jobert at a Cabinet meeting Friday. His statement said, "The French government...deplores the grave events in Beirut which threaten the sovereignty of Lebanon to which France is especially attached."

Joseph Comiti, the Minister in charge of relations with Parliament, told the press after the meeting that the Middle East conflict and the succession of violence will worsen if no progress is achieved towards a settlement along the lines of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 keeping in mind the situation of the Palestinian people.

ARABS WOULD HAVE GOTTEN MORE TERRITORY BACK HAD THEY MADE PEACE IN '67, MRS. MEIR SAYS

TEL AVIV, April 15 (JTA)--Israel is prepared now to return less territory than it was after the Six-Day War, Premier Golda Meir told the Labor Party secretariat Thursday at the end of a marathon session in its internal debate on the question of the future of the administered territories.

She added that despite advantages which the present lines afforded, she would trade some

areas for real peace. At Mrs. Meir's recommendation, Labor Party secretary Aharon Yadin announced the end of the debate which has continued sporadically for six months in eight sessions with 80 speakers. Mrs. Meir and Yadin said that with elections slated for next fall, the party would be preparing its platform and that all views expressed in the debate would be considered.

OFFICERS' STRIKE IDLES 12 ISRAELI SHIPS IN HAIFA

TEL AVIV, April 15 (JTA)--Israeli ships' officers went on strike today for the second time in two weeks, idling 12 vessels in Haifa and creating a new headache for the government. The maritime strike was on the agenda of today's Cabinet meeting and the government presumably was seeking measures to end it.

The officers said they walked out in protest against lack of progress in working out contracts for 1972-73. They said the strike would not affect oil tankers and ships carrying security cargoes. But they warned that if no progress is made toward an agreement they would order officers to strike Israeli ships in foreign ports.

All of the struck vessels belong to the Zim Lines, Israel's national shipping company. A Zim spokesman said today that the officers' demands exceeded the government's declared wage ceilings. Meanwhile, 5000 administrative workers of the various sick funds began a job action today in support of demands for back pay and threatened to call a three-day general strike of sick fund workers on April 25 if no progress is made.

The workers are refusing to issue documents and registrations but their action so far has not affected the medical care of sick fund subscribers. The workers are asking back pay of IL 75 per month retroactive to Oct. 1970. They claim that government hospital medical staff received back pay from that date while the sick fund staff were paid only from June, 1972.

SEVEN ARABS GET PRISON TERMS FOR SPYING; 11 DRUZE GO ON TRIAL

TEL AVIV, April 15 (JTA)--Seven more Arab members of a Syrian-directed Arab-Jewish spy ring got prison terms today. A Haifa district court pronounced sentences ranging from 4-9 years against the accused on charges of membership in a hostile organization and conspiracy to commit treason. One suspect was acquitted and another, who was under 21 at the time of his offense, will be sentenced after a report by his probation officer.

Eleven of 59 Golan Heights Druze accused of spying for Syria went on trial before a military tribunal in Kuneitra today. They are charged with spying, committing acts of sabotage and mailing letter bombs to President Nixon, former U.S. Defense Secretary Melvin Laird and U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

POLICE DRAGNET ROUNDS UP 40 ARAB SUSPECTS IN GAZA STRIP, MORE IN NABLUS

TEL AVIV, April 15 (JTA)--Police arrested 40 Arabs in the Gaza Strip last night on suspicion of membership in an illegal terrorist organization. An undisclosed number of Arab suspects were also arrested in Nablus during the past 24 hours in connection with a recent wave of sabotage. The mass arrests are believed to be linked to documents seized at terrorist headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon by Israeli commandos last Tuesday.

There will be no JTA Daily News Bulletin dated Wednesday, April 18 owing to the Passover holidays.

CONGRESS PROCLAIMS APRIL 29 WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING DAY

WASHINGTON, April 15 (JTA)--The Congress has adopted without dissent a joint resolution proclaiming April 29 the 30th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising against the Nazi occupying forces. The resolution is at the White House for President Nixon's signature.

Action on the resolution was completed Thursday by the Senate where it had been introduced by Senators Jacob K. Javits (R,NY) and Abraham Ribicoff (D,Conn.). It was originally introduced in the House by Rep. Bertram Podell (D,NY) and 20 co-sponsors. The resolution observes that the Nazis were confronted by "beleaguered and outnumbered Jews who by their heroic struggle reaffirmed the ineradicable determination of mankind to fight for freedom from oppression and symbolized the indistinctible spirit of liberty."

THREE YOUTHS ARRESTED FOR CHURCH BREAK-IN

JERUSALEM, April 15 (JTA)--Three Tel Aviv area youths have been arrested for breaking into the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem Friday, injuring a priest and stealing a religious article, police disclosed today. One of them, Yarom Landsberger, 22, was remanded in custody for six days after a court appearance this morning. The identities of the other two were not disclosed. They are to appear in court tomorrow.

The youths have not been charged formally. Police said they are suspected of breaking into the church and injuring an American Franciscan priest, Francis Kurza, 58. He underwent surgery Friday for fractures of the wrist and leg and was reported in a satisfactory condition. Police said the intruders stole a glass enclosed plaque from the top of a statue of Jesus. Church officials said the plaque had no monetary value.

JERUSALEM'S RELIGIOUS QUARTER BUSTLES WITH PASSOVER PREPARATIONS

JERUSALEM, April 15 (JTA)--The marketplace in the religious quarter of Mea Shearim came alive this morning as its residents made final preparations for Passover. "There's no time to rest and no time to speak," said 21-year-old Moshe Blau, a Yeshiva student working temporarily in a religious articles shop.

"Everybody works much harder the day before Pesach than at any other time," Blau explained. Officially the holiday begins at sundown tomorrow, but observant Jews must have their homes ready by early morning. Mrs. Leah Dirnfeld, a 40-year-old immigrant from the United States, who came to Israel more than seven years ago, said she was up until 3:30 this morning finishing up in the kitchen. Tonight she will go through the house with a candle to "see if there's even a crumb of hamatz left."

Soviet immigrants at absorption centers were visibly moved when teams of volunteers--organized by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Jewish Agency appeared last week with paraffin burners and cauldrons to kosher their saucepans and cutlery. Many said this was the first time they were able to prepare for the festival openly and without hindrance.

NYC PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED FOR ENTIRE PASSOVER PERIOD

NEW YORK, April 15 (JTA)--All New York City public schools will be closed for the first

time this year for the entire eight-day Passover period in a school calendar change proposed by the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers to Dr. Seymour Lachman, vice-president of the Central Board of Education.

An aide to Dr. Lachman confirmed the calendar change and added that through Dr. Lachman's efforts, the proposal was approved by the Board of Education and later at a public meeting. Philip Kipust, president of the teachers group, said the change will mean that some 250,000 Jewish children and teachers will be able to avoid problems which might make it difficult or impossible to avoid eating leavened foods, which are forbidden during the Passover period. Kipust noted that Christian pupils and teachers will at the same time be able to observe the Easter holidays.

COLPA SUPPORTS STATE LAWS GRANTING TAX RELIEF TO PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PARENTS

NEW YORK, April 15 (JTA)--The National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs has filed a brief in the U.S. Supreme Court, in support of the New York and Pennsylvania state laws granting tax relief and tuition aid to parents sending their children to non-public schools, Howard I. Rhine, COLPA president, said.

He said the COLPA brief, which was prepared by Nathan Lewin, a Washington attorney and COLPA vice-president, points out that this "limited help" given to non-public schools is in complete accord with the Supreme Court's recent decisions reaffirming the ban on excessive government entanglement with religion.

PHILA. TV STATION CANCELS 'JEWS FOR JESUS' PROGRAM

PHILADELPHIA, April 15 (JTA)--The management of WTAF-TV cancelled a telecast of "Les Crane Reports on Jews for Jesus," which had been scheduled for broadcast last night after widespread protests by Jewish individuals and organizations. Similar protests in New York led to a cancellation of a scheduled showing of the program there over WPIX-TV on March 29.

The program was produced by Beth Shar-Shalom, an affiliate of the American Board of Missions to the Jews. Its cancellation here was urged by Allen Rothenberg, executive director of the Philadelphia chapter of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) who told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the planned telecast had been brought to his attention by members of Inter-City Yavneh, an organization of chapters of the Orthodox Jewish students group on five area college campuses.

PLAY CALLED 'ANTI-RELIGIOUS'; KNESSET ASKED TO DECIDE

JERUSALEM, April 15 (JTA)--The Knesset education committee was asked to decide whether a play, "Status Quo Vadis" should be performed around the country under the sponsorship of the Education Ministry. The Knesset voted to send the matter to committee after two Orthodox MKs, Dr. Yehuda Ben Meir of the National Religious Party and Avraham Werdiger, of Poale Agudat Israel, alleged that the play was "anti-religious."

Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yigal Allon told the Knesset that he supported the Omanut Laam theatrical department's decision to produce the play. Omanut Laam is run jointly by the Education Ministry, Histadrut and the Israel America Cultural Foundation. It arranged theatrical performances in new development areas. Allon said the group had assured him that the play was not anti-religious in any way.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**ARE ARGENTINA'S JEWS IN TROUBLE?**

By Murray Zuckoff, JTA News Editor

SANTIAGO, April 15 (JTA).—A general anxiety permeates the Jewish community in Buenos Aires. It isn't actually fear but a pervasive feeling of uncertainty and unease. In six weeks—May 25—the present government of President Alejandro Lanusse will be replaced by that of President-elect Dr. Hector J. Campora. In effect, Peronism will again be in power.

Jewish leaders in Buenos Aires, including officials of the DAIA, the representative body of Argentine Jewry, told this visitor time and again that anti-Semitism is unlikely to become a political factor in the life of the country. They were extremely skeptical that the Campora government would espouse any anti-Semitism but that the domestic and international politics of the new government might exacerbate feelings against Jews and encourage a form of unofficial anti-Semitism in certain sections of the population and among some of the government officials.

Jews Disturbed By Meeting With Arab Envoys

Frequently during this visitor's stay in Buenos Aires last week, Jewish spokesmen asserted that "Jews face very difficult times." Two DAIA representatives characterized the forthcoming situation thusly: "We are in an expectant situation. There is no panic, but there is a state of alert as there always is when changes take place that can affect the life of our community."

What makes the situation so expectant is the juxtaposition of an economic crisis that is gripping the country; a consolidation of extreme right-wing and Nazi elements in the loose coalition that today characterizes Peronism; a powerful left-wing within the coalition that is drumming up anti-Zionist and anti-Israel sentiment; the many Jewish youths who are part of this left-wing of Peronism; and a flirtation with the Arab states.

Last week, Jewish community leaders expressed concern when the former Argentine dictator, Juan Domingo Peron, and Vice-President Elect Dr. Vincente Solano Lima, met in Madrid with the ambassadors of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Lebanon, Algeria and Iraq. Some Jewish leaders saw this meeting as a direct result of the influence exerted by some of Peron's close advisers who have expressed extreme anti-Semitic feelings in the recent past, and as a concrete manifestation of Peron's "Third World" position; Neither imperialism nor Communism.

Despite this, the official position on the parts of the Jewish community leaders continues to be that Argentina has traditionally adopted a policy of "equi-distance" (even handedness) in the Middle East conflict and would presumably and hopefully continue this after May 25.

Argentinia Not Uganda

"We refuse to speculate on what will happen after May 25, so far as the Jewish community and Israel is concerned," the DAIA spokesmen said. "It would be counter-productive." One very high and informed source in the community asserted "Argentina is not Uganda. Peron is not Idi Amin. Argentina cannot be bought." The reference was to President Idi Amin of Uganda who expelled Israeli technical and military advisers and diplo-

mats from his country last year apparently after accepting a large financial subvention from Libya.

But when one leader was asked why Peron's "equi-distant" policy was not equi-distant enough to have also suggested a meeting with an Israeli representative, he stated that this is a matter for Israel to consider.

The anxiety about the return of Peronism arises basically from the alignment of several forces and developments:

1) Economics: There is rampant inflation. Figures released by the national statistics board showed that the cost of living rose by 8.6 percent in March, which brought the hike since Jan. up 22.7 percent and 76.5 percent in the last 12 months. Not only has this caused severe hardship and, in some cases economic ruin for the Jewish middle class, but it can spark anti-Semitic feelings among workers who view Jews as part of the exploiting class in Argentina and as part of the international imperialist cartel.

2) Political: Peron's theory of synarchy has provided a rationale for a coalition of the most diverse political groups. Last April Peron himself defined synarchism when he met with Lanusse's emissary in Madrid, Col. Francisco Cornicelli, and told him that "...We were faced with the imperialist power (U.S.A.) and with the great international synarchy managed from the United States, comprising Communism, capitalism, Judaism and the Catholic Church - which takes part when it is paid." The main bugaboo, however, is Judaism which is seen as the front for capitalism and Communism. Dr. Campora, in his first address to the nation this week, assuaged the feelings of Catholics by declaring that he is "a Christian and a Catholic."

3) Social: Many Jewish youths have been attracted to Peronism because of its anti-imperialist and anti-Communist views. In fact, it is a strange situation in which Jews and former Nazi elements - along with right-wing, left-wing and conservative, and military elements--are all part of the justicialist liberation front. Each element in the front hopes that after May 25 its particular point of view will become the dominant one in the government. There is no way, at this point, to determine which element will in fact gain hegemony.

It is this mercurial situation which provides the basis for the anxiety within the Jewish community. Their greatest concern is that with the best of intentions on the part of Dr. Campora and the new government, this alignment of forces will generate "a cloudy future" for the Jews. "Therefore," one spokesman noted, "the greatest measure of alertness is called for the events to occur within the next few weeks."

Whatever happens, it is the consensus that May 25 will be a day of reckoning and the beginning of what some call a new era in the life of Argentina.

The Universidad Del Salvador, a Jesuit institution in Buenos Aires, has introduced courses in the Hebrew language, Jewish post-Biblical history and Biblical philosophy in its school of Oriental Studies, it was announced today. The courses represent a new departure for universities in this country. The endeavor was supported by the Latin American office of the American Jewish Committee headed by Jacobo Kovadloff with the assistance of the Rev. Father Dr. Ismael Gutierrez, Rector of the university.