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BAKERS IN ISRAEL THREATEN TO STRIKE; OPPOSE GOVERNMENT'S AUSTERITY WAGE CUT PLAN

TEL AVIV, July 11. (JTA) -- A warning that a 24-hour strike will be declared by all bakers throughout Israel if the Israeli Government institutes its plan to cut workers' wages on Friday, as part of its program to reduce the high cost of living, was issued today by the Bakers Union, which is controlled by Mapam, the left-wing United Workers Party.

The warning was issued following a resolution adopted by the Mapam today, at a session of its council. The resolution emphasized that the Mapam "will stand by the workers in defense of their wages."

A stormy session of the executive council of the Histadrut is now expected as a result of the serious disagreement which is developing between the Mapam and Mapai, the Israeli Labor Party. The Histadrut is composed of both groups, and while the Mapam is opposed to the government austerity program, which includes the cutting of wages, the Mapai supports this program fully.

ARMISTICE COMMISSION DISCUSSES STRENGTH OF ISRAELI AND TRANSJORDAN UNITS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- The mixed Israeli-Transjordan armistice commission today held a four-hour meeting at which the composition and strength of the Israeli and Transjordanian service units stationed in Jerusalem were discussed.

The commission also appointed a subcommittee to investigate the possibility of harvesting in the Hebron area, where Arab fields are situated in Israeli territory. The subcommittee will also study various complaints submitted by Israelis and Arabs.

An Israeli relief convoy which was sent to Mount Scopus through Arab military lines returned today to the Jewish section of Jerusalem with 35 Israeli policemen who have been replaced by fresh Israeli guards who will be stationed at the Hebrew University and other buildings in the area. The Arab Legion maintains that the fact that this convoy was permitted to pass Arab military lines should not be taken to mean that the Legion has given up its right to search Israeli convoys.

Gen. William Riley, United Nations chief of staff, left today for Damascus, to attempt to persuade high Syrian authorities to resolve once and for all the minor differences holding up the signing of the Israeli-Syrian armistice pact. The text of the pact is ready for signature, but the Syrian military authorities suddenly demanded yesterday demilitarization of the town of Zmakh in order to enable the return there of several thousand Arabs who fled the town prior to its occupation by Israeli forces.

A meeting of the Israeli and Syrian delegations at which this demand will be discussed is scheduled for tomorrow. The Israeli delegation opposes the inclusion of Zmakh in the demilitarized zone.

A reception for Vice-Mayor Savvides of Famagusta, Cyprus, was held here today under the auspices of the Jewish Agency. Mr. Savvides is now visiting Israel. A check for \$6,000 was turned over to the guest by the Agency as a token of appreciation for the "humane attitude which the Cypriots displayed toward Jewish detainees" on the island when they were interned in British detention camps prior to the establishment of the Jewish state.

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO START IMPORTANT CONFERENCES ON MAJOR DIPLOMATIC PROBLEMS

TEL AVIV, July 11. (JTA) -- A series of major conferences defining the Israeli Government's policies to be followed in the United Nations will commence here with the expected arrival tomorrow of Aubrey Eban, Israeli delegate to the U.N.

The first issue will be the attitude to be taken by the delegation if the Israeli question is brought before the United Nations again. It is understood that the Foreign Ministry is not interested in having the Israeli delegation take the initiative on this, raising the problem as a whole, owing to the confused world situation and the impending resumption of the Israeli-Arab peace talks at Lausanne under the auspices of the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Palestine.

In the second place, the Israeli representative will be briefed on Israeli policy on international problems pending before the United Nations. For the first time, apart from voting on a few issues which followed Israel's admission to the United Nations in May, Israel will be called upon to vote and speak on world issues in the U.N. General Assembly.

JEWISH AGENCY OFFICIAL DENIES INTENTION TO SLOW DOWN IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

LONDON, July 11. (JTA) -- Itzhak Raphael, chief of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency, today denied reports that the Agency had any intention of slowing down immigration to Israel.

He declared that the 250,000 quota for the current year will be fulfilled and possibly surpassed since the "emigration urge" is much greater in some countries than had been expected. He said that the absorptive crisis had already been overcome, with the immigrant camps in Israel soon to be emptied and made ready again to receive new arrivals.

Mr. Raphael reported that while the Jewish displaced persons camps in Germany, Austria and Italy are now almost emptied, and while immigration from much of Eastern Europe has been temporarily reduced, mass immigration was now beginning from North Africa. Large-scale emigration from Libya began yesterday, with 800 Jewish youths leaving for Israel on a chartered ship, he said, adding that expectations were that all Libyan Jews would go to Israel within a year.

PARIS MUNICIPALITY AUTHORIZES ERECTION OF TABLET ON BUILDING WHERE HERZL RESIDED

PARIS, July 11. (JTA) -- The Paris Municipal Council today voted authorization to the Zionist Federation of France to erect a memorial tablet on the building at 37 Rue Cambon where Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism, lived and wrote "Der Judenstaat," laying down the principles of modern Zionism.

The plaque will be unveiled in September at a ceremony in connection with the Congress of European Zionist Federations to be held here under Jewish Agency auspices.

TRIAL OF HITLER'S ENVOY IN PARIS OPENS TODAY, CHARGED WITH ORDERING ACTION AGAINST JEWS

PARIS, July 11. (JTA) -- The trial of Otto Abetz, Hitler's ambassador in Paris during the Nazi occupation of France, will open here tomorrow. The charges against him include responsibility for Nazi pillaging of Jewish property in France and for the deportation of thousands of East European Jews from France to extermination camps in Poland.

30 HUNGARIAN JEWS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR CROSSING FRONTIER

VIENNA, July 11. (JTA) -- Thirty Hungarian Jewish refugees were arrested by Czechoslovak frontier guards near Bratislava while attempting to cross the frontier illegally to reach Austria, it was learned here today. They were tried immediately and sentenced to six months imprisonment and return to Hungary after serving their sentences.

The Czech authorities have greatly strengthened their border controls to prevent illegal movements from Hungary to Austria over Czech territory. Near Bratislava deep trenches and fences are now being constructed.

According to reports here, some 100 Jewish refugees are now held in Czechoslovakia, at Bratislava and other points, and are faced with forced return to Hungary.

WORLD ORT CONGRESS HEARS REPORTS ON DP SITUATION; TWO DELEGATES HELD IN SAUDI ARABIA

PARIS, July 11. (JTA) -- The World ORT Union Congress which is being held here, attended by more than 110 delegates from 23 countries, today received information that the delegates who were due to arrive in Paris from South Africa had been detained in Saudi Arabia after the plane on which they were flying made a forced landing there. Those held are Rabbi M.C. Weiler and Dr. A. Schnabend.

Addressing the congress last night, Senator Justin Godart, president of the ORT parliamentary committee in France, stressed the great task which will face the ORT when the International Refugee Organization liquidates its activities within the next 12 months. Harry Greenstein, adviser on Jewish Affairs to the American Military Government in Germany, told the delegates that by September 8 all displaced Jews in Germany will be removed from the DP camps, with the exception of those classified as "hard core" cases or DP's wishing to go to the United States.

The congress today heard reports from various countries. Among the speakers who addressed the gathering yesterday were Chief Rabbi I. Schwartz of France, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, Israeli Consul-General A. Gilboa and representatives of the UNESCO and the International Refugee Organization. The congress, which was opened by Judge Leon Meies of France, is expected to last four days.

I.R.O. PRESENTS PLAN TO UNITED NATIONS BODY FOR CONTINUATION OF REFUGEE RELIEF WORK

GENEVA, July 11. (JTA) -- The International Refugee Organization today presented to the U.N. Economic and Social Council, now meeting here, a program for the continuation of refugee relief activities after the I.R.O. suspends its operations. The plan suggests that: 1. Assistance to and protection of refugees on an international basis should continue after June, 1950, when the I.R.O. liquidates its activities; 2. An organ, within the framework of the United Nations, should be entrusted with that responsibility, and 3. The Economic and Social Council should set up a relief fund after the I.R.O. is terminated.

A proposal that the I.R.O. continue its activities as a specialized agency was rejected by the Council. Alternative suggestions urged the establishment of a high commissioner's office for refugees by the United Nations, or the assumption of relief responsibility by the U.N. Secretariat. The Council is now debating these suggestions.

AMERICAN GROUP APPEALS FOR FUNDS TO AID PERSECUTED ZIONISTS IN EASTERN EUROPE

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- Zionist labor groups here today issued an emergency appeal for funds to aid persecuted Zionists in countries behind the Iron Curtain.

The call was issued following a special conference held at the Hotel Astor attended by representatives of all branches of the labor Zionist movement in the United States. The meeting was addressed by Baruch Zuckerman, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America, Louis Segal, president of the National Jewish Workers Alliance, and others.

JEWISH LEADERS IN ARGENTINA CONDEMN COMMUNISTS; WANT THEM EXPELLED FROM INSTITUTIONS

Buenos Aires, July 11. (JTA) -- Assertions in the Argentine Yiddish Communist daily, "Haint," that the Israeli Government is "torturing Arabs" and "beating up hungry Jewish immigrants" were condemned today in a statement issued by the central committee for the United Israeli Campaign and Ajuda.

Simon Mirelman, president of the U.I.C., told a press conference that leaders of the campaign reached the conclusion that "there is no possibility of cooperating" with the Jewish Communists, because "they are only interested in obstructing any work in behalf of Israel." Mr. Mirelman voiced the opinion that the Jewish Communists have "put themselves out of the fold of Israel." Reviewing the progress of this year's campaign, Mr. Mirelman said that although contributions to date have not been as "spontaneous" as during the previous year's drive, many contributors have nonetheless increased their gifts to the current campaign. He expressed the belief that results of the 1949 drive would not fall short of the funds raised last year.

Mordecai Kofman, Labor Zionist leader in this country, said "an impossible situation" has arisen in which the Jewish Communists slander Israel and the Jewish people and sabotage the United Israeli Campaign, while at the same time they pretend to be engaged in Jewish communal activities. "The Jewish State," organ of the General Zionist party here, in its current issue carries an editorial calling for the expulsion of Communists from Jewish institutions.

URUGUAYAN JEWISH INDUSTRIALISTS FORM \$1,000,000 COMPANY TO INVEST IN ISRAELI HOUSING

Montevideo, July 11. (JTA) -- A \$1,000,000 company has been formed here by a group of leading Jewish industrialists for the purpose of investing in housing enterprises in Israel, it was reported today. Shares of this company will be sold to hundreds of Jewish merchants and industrialists throughout Uruguay.

The Israeli Consulate here reported increasing tourist traffic from this country to the Jewish state. Since the consulate's opening, more than 300 tourist visas have been issued to Uruguayan citizens, while a larger number of immigrant visas have been granted to Jewish families here who have liquidated their Uruguayan holdings and proceeded to Israel for permanent settlement.

ISRAELI COMMERCIAL MISSION RECEIVED BY ARGENTINE FINANCE MINISTER; TRADE TALKS UNDER WAY

Buenos Aires, July 11. (JTA) -- The Israeli commercial mission here was received over the week-end by Finance Minister Roberto Ares. The mission, which includes Moises Toff, Undersecretary for Latin American affairs in the Israeli Foreign Ministry, and Carlos Grunberg, was informed that President Juan Peron and Foreign Minister Juan Bramuglia are making efforts to conclude an Argentine-Israeli trade treaty.