ISRAEL CABINET HOLDS EXTRAORDINARY MEETING: 25,000 MERCHANTS CALL GENERAL STRIKE TODAY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Faced with a general strike of 25,000 Israel shopkeepers starting tomorrow in protest against the new rationing law on shoes and clothing, the Israel Cabinet held an extraordinary meeting here today to review the rationing ordinance. It was understood that the government's position on the strike, which will be made known tomorrow in the debate on rationing in parliament, was also discussed. Premier David Ben Gurion is scheduled to participate in the Knesset debate.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Supply decided to open special canteens for the sale of such essential food products as bread and milk. The 750 retail shops throughout Israel affiliated with the Histadrut--the Israel Federation of Labor--announced they will remain open tomorrow and will serve not only Histadrut members but the general public as well. All cooperative retail stores will also remain open to the general public.

Earlier, an Israel Government spokesman declared that the rationing system will be enforced despite the demonstrations against it. The general strike tomorrow is expected to include shoe and clothing stores, tailor and shoe-repair shops, groceries, restaurants and cafes. The Merchants Association has called a mass protest meeting for tomorrow and has announced that several members of parliament will speak.

A Merchants Association spokesman said at a press conference that "we shall not abandon the fight until the government understands that it is ruining the country. The strike is not only a problem for the merchants but for the entire state, since the rationing of shoes and clothing may ruin a section of private trading and will lead to unemployment," he added.

General Zionist Party Calls for New Knesset Elections

The General Zionist Party, at a meeting of its executive, adopted a series of resolutions opposing the ordinance on rationing of shoes and clothing and declaring that the new ruling is "cruel from the standpoint of the population's essentials, which was enforced without prior exploration and serious examination with interested parties." The General Zionists also called for new parliamentary elections to "give the nation the opportunity to decide on the country's future."

The General Zionists claimed that the government is "responsible for the severe shortage of foreign exchange, owing to the prevailing regime which contributed to the eviction of Jewish capital investment badly needed for economic recovery, increased production, full employment and immigration and resettlement."

The Israel Government was also blamed by the General Zionists for "unreasonable use of foreign currencies." The "drastic cuts in raw materials importation," the party said, "which will procure only relatively small savings in foreign currency, do not justify the production slowdown and trade and industrial idleness which will result in unemployment and deprivation of income sources for masses of manufacturers, merchants and businessmen."
U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM TO RESUME ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE EFFORTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Members of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission--comprising representatives of the United States, France and Turkey--arrived here today from Lebanon to resume their efforts for renewal of Arab-Israel peace negotiations.

Three Israel soldiers who had been held prisoners-of-war in Jordan since May were brought today to Mendelbaum's Gate here and turned over to authorities of the Jewish state by Arab Legionnaires. It was believed here that establishment of mixed Israel-Jordan border patrols is one step nearer as a result of the Jordanians' action.

ISRAEL'S OFFER OF MEDICAL AID TO KOREAN FORCES AIDS TO STRENGTHEN U.N., SHARETT SAYS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The precise nature of the medical aid offered by the Government of Israel to the United Nations for use on the Korean war front will be made public within a few days, it was announced here by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. A cable informing the United Nations of Israel's decision to send medical assistance to the U.N. forces in Korea was sent by Mr. Sharett to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie.

Reiterating that the Israel Government will support the efforts of the U.N. Security Council to restore peace and security in Korea, Mr. Sharett's message expressed satisfaction with the Soviet Union's resumption of participation in the meetings of the U.N. Security Council. The cable then stated:

"Surrounded by states which have jointly carried aggression and war against Israel and which refuse to negotiate a peace settlement despite the Security Council's injunctions, whilst pursuing an active program of large-scale armament, vigilance and preparedness are dutifully imposed upon Israel's armed forces and its people.

"Nevertheless, the Israel Government deems it its duty to give practical expression for its stand on the Korean issue and to strengthen the hands of the United Nations in the task it assumed. Under the present circumstances, the most effective assistance is an offer of medical aid for the United Nations forces in Korea."

WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS TO BE HELD DECEMBER 20; U.S. ZIONIST PARTIES TO GET 120 SEATS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Congress will take place December 20 in Jerusalem, Eliahu Dobkin announced today at a press conference. He said that elections to the Congress had already been held in a number of smaller countries.

Mr. Dobkin said that Zionist parties in the United States will not hold elections but will receive 120 seats as follows: General Zionists, 33; Hadassah, 33; Labor Zionists, 25; Mizrachi, 12; Hapoel Hamizrachi, 7; Hashomer Hatzair-Mapam, 3; and Revisionists 6.

The Jewish Agency official disclosed that 450,000 Shkolim had already been sold in Israel, making Israel's largest delegation to the Congress. Elections to the Congress will be held in the Jewish state at the end of October.

INDIA IS "WAITING FOR OPPORTUNE MOMENT" TO ANNOUNCE ISRAEL RECOGNITION, OFFICIAL SAYS

NEW DELHI, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Dr. B. Keskar, Deputy Minister of External Affairs, declared in the Indian Parliament here yesterday that the Government of India was "only waiting for an opportune moment to make an announcement of formal recognition" of Israel.
TEL AVIV, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The entire Jewish community of Habban, in Hadhra-mut Arabia, recently proceeded to Aden en route to Israel, it was revealed here today. The first Habbani Jews were recently flown here from Aden several days ago.

The Habbani Jews claim they are descendants of the tribe of Dan and that they settled in Habban prior to the destruction of the Second Temple. Located some 225 miles from Aden, the Jewish community of Habban in 1944 sent a delegation to Palestine to arrange for transfer of the Jewish population to the Holy Land.

18,000 IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED IN ISRAEL DURING JULY; OVER ONE-THIRD CAME FROM RUMANIA

HAIFA, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A total of 18,000 Jewish immigrants arrived in Israel during July, it was announced here today. More than one-third of the number came from Rumania.

A group of 799 Jews from Poland landed here from Venice. The group is said to be the last immigrant contingent which will make the trip to Israel by way of Italy. Henceforth, it was reported Israel-bound Polish Jews will board vessels sailing for Haifa at Polish ports.

Meanwhile, Dr. B. Josephthal, head of the Jewish Agency's settlement division, announced that all immigrant families whose family head is not older than 45 will in the future be transferred immediately upon their arrival in Israel to established settlements "where they can find work for themselves."

DR. GOLDMANN WARNS CATASTROPHE IS AROUND CORNER IF CRISIS IN ISRAEL IS NOT SOLVED

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa., Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, who arrived here last night from Israel, told a press conference today that he "went to Israel to participate in an emergency discussion with the Israel section of the Jewish Agency on the present financial crisis."

Dr. Goldmann said: "The situation in Israel is serious and I have come to South Africa to say bluntly that if the problem is not solved, catastrophe is around the corner." The Agency leader added that Israel's rate of immigration--"greater than in any other country in the world"--has imposed a "terrific burden on Israel." Dr. Goldmann said that the Israel Government is already making a "greater contribution than world Jewry" in absorbing new immigrants.

It is the "responsibility of world Jewry to shoulder this burden more adequately," he stressed, warning that failure to do so necessitates--against Israel's will--limitation on immigration "at a time when it is imperative to keep the doors open to Jews from the Arab states and from the countries of Eastern Europe."

Asked whether the World Zionist Congress is likely to be postponed, Dr. Goldmann replied that the scheduled date remains, but if the Congress Hall, which is now under construction in Jerusalem, is not completed in time, it may be necessary to postpone the Congress until Passover or some time after that. "Whatever happens," said Dr. Goldmann, "the date of the Shekel returns and elections is unchanged."
SWITZERLAND BARS ENTRY OF SWEDISH ANTI-SEMITE ABERG: ANTI-JEWISH LITERATURE CHECKED

BERNE, Switzerland, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Swiss Government informed the Swedish Foreign Ministry today that it has issued a ban on the entry to Switzerland of Einar Aberg, notorious Swedish anti-Semite. The action is especially significant in view of the existing agreement between Sweden and Switzerland permitting the entry of nationals from either state without visas.

The Swiss postal and customs authorities have meanwhile issued orders that all anti-Semitic literature being sent to Switzerland from abroad be detained. The decision, although taken following an inundation of anti-Semitic literature emanating from Sweden, also covers anti-Jewish literature sent here from all overseas points.

ANTI-SEMITE LEAFLETS FROM SCANDINAVIA REACH AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS FIRM THROUGH MAIL

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders here today indicated that they are contemplating action against the dissemination of anti-Semitic leaflets referring to Jews as "war criminals" and carrying such slogans as "My Country -- Against the Jews."

The leaflets, which are signed by the notorious Scandinavian anti-Semite Einar Aberg, who has been emulating Nazi propaganda tactics against Jews for many years, are being received here by business firms through the mail. One leaflet carries a remark: "Ban on this leaflet was proposed by the Swedish Minister of Justice, but the proposal was rejected by a court in Stockholm."

29. AFRICAN MINISTER APOLOGIZES TO JEWISH DEPUTY FOR NOT HALTING ANTI-SEMITE TELEGRAM

JOHANNESBURG, S. Africa, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- F.C. Erasmus, South African Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, today sent an apology to Sam Kahn, a Jewish member of parliament, for having the post office accept and transmit a telegram containing anti-Semitic expressions. The telegram was addressed to Mr. Kahn.

"This unhappy incident," the Minister wrote to the Jewish deputy, "occurred because of injudicious action of a clerk at Hermanus who accepted the telegram. Although he hesitated over the permissibility of a telegram of such content, he neglected to consult his postmaster on the matter as laid down in the department regulations. Appropriate action will be taken against the official and I would like to register regret over the incident.

GREEK-JEWISH GIRL WHO OBTAINED DEGREE IN U.S. NOT PERMITTED TO TEACH NON-JEWS

ATHENS, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A Greek Jewish girl, Odette Sabetay, who last year obtained a college degree in nursery education in the United States, was forbidden to teach in Greek schools because she is not a member of the Greek Orthodox Church, it was reported here today.

Miss Sabetay obtained her degree at State Teachers College in Milwaukee under a scholarship from the National Council of Jewish Women. When she applied to the Ministry of Education here for a working permit, she was granted a license valid for Jewish schools only.

There is only one Jewish school -- a primary school -- in Athens which has no kindergarten facilities. Greek Jewish children of kindergarten age usually attend Greek schools. Intervention from several quarters on behalf of Miss Sabetay has so far brought no results.
NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Election of Dr. Isadore Breslau, of Washington, D.C., as president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency took place here during the weekend, it was announced today.

Dr. Breslau, who is president of the Washington Jewish Community Council, has been active in Jewish affairs for many years and was an intimate associate of the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis in the Zionist movement.

Dr. Breslau served as a chaplain in the United States Army in both World Wars and was the first Jewish chaplain to enter Berlin in 1945. A graduate of New York University, Albany Law School and the Jewish Institute of Religion, Dr. Breslau formerly occupied pulpits in New York, Waterbury, Conn., and other cities. He is a member of the National Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal and has been chairman of the Allocating Committee of the American Fund for Israel Institutions.

Dr. Breslau's election follows the reorganization of the J.T.A. as a public trust earlier this year. With the new Board of Directors now in formation, he will direct the expansion of the J.T.A.'s world-wide news coverage and the development of a complete news coverage of the American Jewish scene.

ENROLLMENT OF JEWS IN U.S. MEDICAL SCHOOLS DROPPED 50 PERCENT IN LAST 20 YEARS

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Enrollment of Jewish students in American medical schools has dropped 50 percent in the past 20 years, the American Jewish Congress reported today in disclosing the findings of a study by its Commission on Law and Social Action. Describing its estimate of a 50 percent drop as "possibly conservative," the A.J.C. attributed the decline to the prevalence of a quota system based on the concept of racial and religious group acceptance in direct proportion to the general population."

The Congress study is based on an analysis of surveys by its own staff and by various other groups and individuals covering the period 1925-50. The decline has been extremely sharp in the past 15 years. "It has become obvious during the last 15 years," the document states, "that this marked differential between the treatment of Jewish and non-Jewish applicants by medical school admission committees throughout the country is due to 'quota thinking.' With the number of applications increasing approximately 14 times between 1920 and 1950 while the number of available places in medical schools remained constant, 'rough quotas' became the rule of most of these admission committees. As a result, the number of Jews admitted to medical schools was arbitrarily limited with little regard for the qualifications of the excluded applicant."

The dim prospects for the Jewish applicant to gain admission to medical schools are emphasized by the fact that although Jewish students from New York City are more likely to be accepted in New York City medical schools than anywhere else in the country, the New York institutions also practice quota discrimination. Although half of all Jewish medical students in the country are New York City residents, New York City medical schools accommodate less than one-fourth of Jewish medical students.

"Indeed, our study indicates that the New York City schools may have been the initiators of the quota system," the Congress said. "A study made by the Commission on Law and Social Action of the Congress shows that approximately 45 percent of the 2,439 students who were admitted in the years 1921-25 in New York City were Jewish and that of the 3,351 who were admitted in the years 1941-45, only 25 percent were Jewish."
ISRAEL EXPERTS ARRIVE IN U.S. TO BUY $10,000,000 WORTH OF MACHINERY AND RAW MATERIALS

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Three leading Israel industrialists and financial experts, including the head of the Knesset's Economic Commission, told a press conference in the offices of American Palestine Trade Corporation here that they will purchase approximately $10,000,000 worth of raw material, machinery and equipment, construction items, new buses, spare parts, tires and lubrication supplies in this country.

It was announced at the same time by Abraham Dickenstein, president of Ampal, that his corporation will finance a part of these purchases from the proceeds of the sale of its three percent Sinking Fund Debentures. The purchases will be executed by Ampal's subsidiary, Israel Purchasing Service. Mr. Dickenstein will leave next week for Israel to discuss with his associates and government authorities ways and means for enlarging dollar credits in this country for the financing of Israel purchases here.

The three Israel officials, who arrived here for the purpose of purchasing varied items, are: Shraga Goren, general manager of the Producers' and Service Cooperatives in Israel, the largest operators in the transportation field in that country; Hillel Dan, managing director of Solal Boneh, Ltd., the largest contracting enterprise in the entire Middle East; and Aaron Weisberg, a member of the executive of Solal Boneh, Ltd., who heads its purchasing mission in the United States.

In emphasizing that his corporation was in immediate need of tires, spare parts and lubrication supplies, Mr. Goren also stressed that he will seek to purchase at least 500 new buses at a cost of $4,000,000. The head of the Producers' and Service Cooperatives also pointed out that he will expend approximately $750,000 for the purchase of industrial equipment and raw materials.

Messrs. Dan and Weisberg said that their company was the parent body of approximately 40 subsidiaries, employing approximately 30,000 persons. Both officials stressed that for the last 30 years, their company has made mammoth strides, particularly since the establishment of the state of Israel. In the past year, they stated, the corporation spent more than $1,500,000 in this country for the purchase of construction equipment.

SPECIAL "TENT VILLAGE" BEING ERECTED IN ISRAEL TO ACCOMMODATE MACCABIAH CONTESTANTS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- A tent village to be known as "Kfar Maccabi," which is currently being erected near here, will accommodate 600 foreign and 150 Israeli athletes who will participate in the Maccabiah, scheduled to open in the Jewish state Oct. 8, it was announced today.

The village will have modern showers and a host of other equipment for use of the athletes. The Israel Supply Ministry will provide special food rations for the contestants, it was disclosed.

77 Athletes to Comprise British Team at Maccabiah

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The British Maccabiah Organizing Committee announced today that 77 athletes have been selected for the British Maccabiah team. The team includes two girl athletes, three boxers, 15 football players, three cyclists, six fencers, 18 swimmers (including four girl swimmers), eight tennis and three table tennis players, three weight-lifters, a wrestler and a seven-man basketball team.

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