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LIFE IN TEL AVIV AT STANDSTILL AS STORES, RESTAURANTS AND CAFES GO ON STRIKE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Life in this metropolitan city of Israel stood at a standstill today when all stores, restaurants and cafes closed down following the call of the Merchants Association to strike in protest against the recent law which introduced rationing of shoes and clothing in the country.

In contrast to the privately-owned commercial establishments, the cooperative food shops managed by Tnuva -- controlled by the Israel Federation of Labor -- remained open. Pharmacies similarly remained open, while artisans shops are functioning in accordance with a decision adopted last night by the Artisans Association not to participate in the merchants' strike pending negotiations with the Ministry of Supply.

More than 20,000 persons last night attended a meeting protesting against the economic policy of the government. The meeting, sponsored by the extreme right Herut Party, took place at Moggaby Square, in the center of Tel Aviv. A resolution adopted at the meeting called upon President Weizmann to intervene into the "critical situation," to disband the parliament and to order new parliamentary elections.

Mizrachi orthodox merchants and their followers decided last night to urge the Mizrachi members in the parliament to withdraw their support from the government on its rationing policy because it affects private enterprise. The decision said that the withdrawal of the Mizrachi members from the Israel Cabinet should also be considered.

The Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants Association and the General Federation of Middle-Class Traders today distributed leaflets warning the government, parliament and the public against "the danger of the prevailing regime of ordinances and the detrimental rationing system imposed."

Israel Cabinet Acts On Rationing Protests; Appoints Non-Party Committee

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet, at an extraordinary meeting today, decided to nominate a non-party committee of merchants, industrialists and representatives of cooperatives to "study and report on effects of clothing and footwear rationing." The committee will start work tomorrow and submit its report to the Cabinet as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, all shops, restaurants and cafes in Jerusalem were kept closed today in protest against the rationing of shoes and clothing. The only establishments open were the cooperative Histadrut stores and the shops run by the Ata textile factory. They were heavily guarded by police. No incidents were reported.

Huge crowds lined up in front of the Jewish Agency building where parliament is meeting, in an effort to witness the session at which the government's rationing policy was taken up for discussion. The debate opened with speeches by three members of the Cabinet defending the government's economic policy in general and its

rationing policy in particular. The three were: Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, Labor Minister Golda Myerson, and Minister of Communications David Remez.

The three ministers pointed out that one paramount task faces Israel -- unrestricted immigration and its absorption, and that all means at the state's disposal must be subjected to achievement of this task. "There is only one alternative," Mrs. Myerson added. "Either to absorb the immigrants on whom we have to spend all foreign currency, or to live in luxury." Premier David Ben Gurion was scheduled to address the evening session of the Knesset on the same subject.

Meanwhile, a huge protest meeting took place here arranged by the Merchants Association and addressed by its president A. Bernstein, as well as by members of parliament. Mr. Bernstein said that the Association "will seek to establish a World League of Jewish Merchants to defend private initiative in Israel." Speakers for the Religious Bloc told the crowd that members of the Bloc in parliament will not vote for the rationing law in its present form.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT INITIALS \$15,000,000 LOAN FOR ISRAEL; ISRAEL-RUMANIAN TREATY SIGNED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The French Government today initialed a \$15,000,000 loan to Israel, it was announced here. The loan was granted as a result of negotiations conducted in Paris between David Horowitz, Director-General of Israel's Finance Ministry, and the French Minister of Finance.

A Rumanian trade delegation left Israel for Rumania following the conclusion last week of negotiations for a series of barter agreements under which Israel will receive frozen kosher meat, wheat, timber, cattle, onions and chemicals in exchange for penicillin, precision instruments, citrus and other products.

ONE ISRAEL SOLDIER AND SEVERAL ARABS KILLED IN CLASH ALONG ISRAEL-JORDAN FRONTIER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- One Israel soldier and several Arabs were killed in a clash on the Israel-Jordan frontier near Beersheba last night, it was announced today. The Israel-Jordan mixed armistice commission has been informed of the incident.

The clash took place when a group of Arab shepherds, accompanied by an armed Arab escort, drove their flocks from Jordanian territory into Israel territory for grazing purposes. The announcement said that an Israel border patrol was met by fire from Arab Legion armored cars. The Israelis succeeded in driving the shepherds back across the border. The Jordanians' armored cars did not penetrate Israel territory.

UNITED NATIONS AUTHORITIES NEARING SOLUTION OF ISRAEL-LEBANESE PLANE INCIDENT

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie indicated today that United Nations authorities in Palestine were nearing a solution of the recent Lebanese plane incident on Israel's northern border.

Replying to a question at his weekly news conference, Mr. Lie reported that the U.N.'s mixed armistice commission, in dealing with the incident, had been in contact with both the Lebanese and Israel Governments. "I think they are very close to reaching a satisfactory solution," he added. He said, however, that U.N. headquarters had still not received a report on the details of the incident, in which an Israel fighter plane intercepted the flight of a Lebanese transport charged by Israel with having crossed the Jewish state's border.

J.D.C. INTRODUCES DRASTIC BUDGET REDUCTIONS; MAY BE FORCED TO ABANDON EMIGRATION WORK

PARIS, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Drastic cuts in the budget of the Joint Distribution Committee were announced here today following a conference of heads of various J.D.C. departments here at which the financial position of the organization was discussed.

It was established at the conference that there is a large gap between needs which the J.D.C. has to meet and the financial resources it has at present at its disposal. It was also revealed at the parley that the monthly budget for the J.D.C. in France was reduced from 135,000,000 to 70,000,000 francs last December and that further cuts are envisaged.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, European director of the J.D.C., told the conference that because of insufficient funds, even immigration to Israel -- which enjoys priority in the J.D.C. work -- might be curtailed or possibly suspended in October. With regard to the J.D.C. activities in France, he indicated that 200 aged Jews now being cared for by the J.D.C. might be transferred to the care of French authorities, while cultural and educational programs may be completely discontinued.

Dr. Schwartz emphasized that drastic reductions have been made necessary in view of the urgent needs imposed by the mass emigration to Israel of Jews from Iraq and Rumania at a time when the United Jewish Appeal failed to achieve anticipated results.

GERMANS IN UNITED STATES SEND 200 ANTI-SEMITIC LETTERS TO BAVARIAN PRIME MINISTER

MUNICH, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Germans in the United States have written about 200 anti-Semitic letters, some filled with profanities, to Bavarian Prime Minister Hans Ehard, American officials disclosed here today. The letters, most of which came from Yonkers, N.Y., where there is a large German colony, attacked Ehard for bringing about the trial by denazification court this year of Mathilde Ludendorff, widow of the former Field Marshal Erich Ludendorff.

American authorities told Reuters they were investigating a complaint that neo-Nazi movements in Germany, particularly that said to be headed by Frau Ludendorff, were backed in the United States. Premier Ehard was said to have walked into American High Commission offices here and dropped the letters, in three large bundles, on the desk of a high official with the remark "here's something that should interest you." One letter accused him of "taking part in a foul plot of international Jewry" against Frau Ludendorff.

A Commission official said: "Premier Ehard indicated that he thought the job of teaching the Bavarians democracy might begin in the United States." U. S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy's political intelligence officers, it was disclosed, have long been disturbed over the appearance of anti-Semitic articles in the German-language press in the United States, which are passed on to nationalistic groups in Germany.

TURKISH AUTHORITIES CONFISCATE ANTI-JEWISH BOOK; CHECK NOTORIOUS ANTI-SEMITES

ISTANBUL, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Turkish authorities today seized all copies of an anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli book entitled "Zionism -- A Danger for Islam," written by Cevat R. Atilhan, a notorious anti-Semite. The book, which was published several months ago, passed unnoticed and its few readers were chiefly Jews curious to see what Mr. Atilhan had to say. Atilhan was active in World War II in trying to spread Nazi ideas in this country through his German-sponsored but unsuccessful weekly publication. He also tried unsuccessfully to recruit Turks in the war against Israel.

THREE-DAY WORLD PARLEY OF OSE OPENS IN PARIS; IMPORTANCE OF ORT AND OSE STRESSED

PARIS, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A three-day world conference of OSE, Jewish health organization, opened here today, attended by delegates from all parts of the world with the exception of countries behind the Iron Curtain. The conference will deal with financial problems of the organization as well as with the problem of training new personnel for work in Israel and other countries.

The importance of the ORT and the OSE as a "living link" between Jewish communities the world over was stressed here today at a reception tendered in honor of South African delegates attending the OSE conference here.

Judge Leon Meiss, who presided, spoke also of the important part played by the Contemporary Jewish Documentation Center of Paris in preparing evidence for war criminal trials, particularly those conducted at Nuremberg. I. Schneesoehn, founder and head of the Center, suggested that the institution's publications be translated into English and Yiddish and urged Jews abroad to support the institution's work.

Mrs. A. Feldmann, chairman of the South African ORT-OSE women's committee, Abel Shaban, president of the South African ORT, and Dr. H. Sonnabend, of the World ORT Union, paid tribute to the work of the Documentation Center and endorsed its request for financial support from abroad.

JEWISH WOMEN IN UNITED STATES RAISED \$10,000,000 FOR 1950 UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- American Jewish women raised more than \$10,000,000 for the 1950 United Jewish Appeal so far, Mrs. S. Alexander Brailove of Elizabeth, N.J., national chairman of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal, announced here prior to her departure for Europe and Israel with her husband, Dr. S. Alexander Brailove, on the SS Caronia.

While overseas, Mrs. Brailove will inspect U.J.A.-supported installations, and will study the problems confronting Israel in its vast program of immigrant absorption. In the Jewish state, she will confer with leaders of the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency. She will visit Israel for three weeks.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS LAUDS PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S OPPOSITION TO LOAN FOR SPAIN

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress, issued a statement lauding President Truman for denouncing the U.S. Senate's action in voting a \$100,000,000 loan to the Spanish Government. "America's leadership of the democratic world, enhanced by President Truman's prompt and forthright action in the Korean crisis, has been gravely impaired" by the Senate's action, he said.

PROF. JANDY OF DETROIT APPOINTED U.S. CULTURAL ATTACHE FOR ISRAEL; TEACHES AT WAYNE

DETROIT, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The appointment of Prof. Edward Jandy of Wayne University here as U.S. cultural and public affairs officer in Tel Aviv has been confirmed by the State Department, it was reported today. Prof. Jandy, a sociologist, is not expected to assume his new post until after January 1, 1951, due to the housing shortage in Israel and the overcrowded conditions at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv.

ARGENTINE JEWISH EARLY DISCUSSES PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ISRAEL; HEARS GROSSMAN

Buenos Aires, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Opportunities for private capital investment in Israel were described here yesterday by Mair Grossman, member of the Jewish Agency executive, addressing a session of the all-day Israel Economic Convention, which took place here under the auspices of the local office of the Jewish Agency. Abraham Mibashan presided.

Mr. Grossman termed as exaggerated reports that the Histadrut dominates the entire economic life of Israel. He suggested the creation in Argentina of a small investors group and revealed that a total of 85,000,000 pounds was invested in Israel during the past year as compared with 130,000,000 pounds invested during the entire British Mandate period.

Jewish community leaders and leading businessmen participated in the convention. Speakers included a spokesman for the Argentine-Israel Chamber of Commerce, who emphasized that the Argentine Government permits the transfer of funds from this country to Israel, and Israel's charge d'affaires Mordecai Shneerson.

GENERAL ZIONISTS IN ISRAEL DEDICATE NEW MEDICAL BUILDING; NAME IT FOR DANIEL FRISCH

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A new building offering wide medical facilities under auspices of the General Zionist Party in Israel was dedicated today and named for the late Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who died in office earlier this year.

The cornerstone for the new structure was laid on municipal land. The medical building will comprise several clinics, a pharmacy and radiological facilities. Participants in the gathering included Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv and other prominent General Zionist leaders.

NEW REFORM TEMPLE IN JOHANNESBURG OPENED; GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDS CEREMONY

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The opening of the new Reform Temple Shalom Center was marked here today in ceremonies attended by Mayor Jack Mincer, Rabbi M. C. Weiler, spiritual leader of the United Jewish Reform Congregation, under whose auspices the new Temple was erected, and Dr. William Nicol, administrator for the Transvaal.

Tribute to the congregation's members for the "sacrifices which they made to achieve the fine new edifice" was paid by Dr. Nicol while Mayor Mincer lauded Rabbi Weiler's leadership in the Reform movement in this country. Leaders of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and the South African Zionist Federation also spoke at the dedication exercises.

JEANETTE STEINBERG, LONG ACTIVE IN ZIONIST AND HADASSAH AFFAIRS, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Miss Jeanette Steinberg, active for many years in the Zionist movement, particularly in the Detroit chapter of Hadassah, died here today. A charter member of the Hadassah chapter of Detroit, from where she came to New York ten years ago, Miss Steinberg was in charge of the metropolitan office of the Zionist Organization of America during the period when the late Simon Shetzer served as Z.O.A. executive director.