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20,000 GOVERNMENT WORKERS IN ISRAEL TO STAGE TWO-HOUR STRIKE; ALL SERVICES WILL BE HIT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Some 20,000 government workers will stage a two-hour strike throughout Israel Thursday in protest against delays in settling a number of grievances. One of the major grievances is the government's failure to pay approved wage increases back to the establishment of the state.

All government services except the most essential will be hit by the action and government hospitals will be manned only by emergency forces. Interurban traffic and telephonic communication will be affected, but the seaports, airfields and international communications will remain in normal operation. Trains scheduled to leave home stations during the two-hour period will be halted, but trains already en route will be permitted to continue.

ORANGE GROWERS STRIKE IN ISRAEL CONTINUES; GOVERNMENT REPLY ON SUBSIDIES DUE TODAY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The strike of orange growers in Israel continued today as the citrus grove owners waited for the government to reply tomorrow to their demands for subsidies to cover losses suffered as a result of foreign competition in markets abroad. No shipments of fruit were made today.

However, the members of the Citrus Marketing Board could not agree yesterday on unified demands on the government. All, including the Histadrut cooperative which represents about 25 percent of the total production, are agreed on their receiving a fixed premium with a minimum guarantee. At this point agreement ends.

The Histadrut representatives are prepared to wait until a considerable portion of the marketing season has passed before the government computes and pays out the subsidy, thus permitting changes in market prices later on to enter into the computations. The private growers want an immediate subsidy based on their experience thus far in the season. They assert that they are not as well prepared to wait for their money as is the Histadrut.

ISRAEL-JORDAN COMMISSION GOES TO NEGEV TO INVESTIGATE CAUSE OF ARAB-JEWISH CLASH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- An Israel-Jordan survey commission left for the Negev today to investigate the recent clash between Jewish and Arab units on a stretch of road leading to Eilath, Israel's southernmost point.

The regular convoy of Israel vehicles permitted to proceed to Mt. Scopus by the Arab Legion -- which controls a strategic section of the road leading to the site of the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital -- left for Mt. Scopus and returned here yesterday without incident.

ISRAEL STUDIES PLAN TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO BUY EXTRA FOOD WITH DOLLARS SENT FROM U.S.

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Americans may soon be able to send relatives in Israel money which would permit them to buy food, clothing and other items in addition to their normal ration coupons, it was learned here today. The scheme, which is tentatively labelled "Script for Israel," is obviously a device to earn additional dollars for the Jewish state's economy.

The Ministry of Agriculture is reportedly agreeable to the plan and will support it and cooperate with it. The Ministry of Trade will also be approached for its assistance, it was said. The program is meant to supplement the new policy of admitting unlimited numbers of food parcels into the country from abroad.

ISRAEL LABOR MINISTER APPEALS TO JEWS OF WORLD TO AID IMMIGRANTS IN WORK CAMPS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- An appeal to Jews throughout the world to intensify their efforts in behalf of the immigrants living in Israel's semi-permanent and transit work camps was voiced here today by Labor Minister Golda Myerson. Mrs. Myerson, who has been placed in charge of coordinating the various government programs for immigrants in the camps, made her appeal during a discussion in the Parliament.

Mrs. Myerson, who just returned from a tour of work camps in Southern Israel, stressed that despite the great hardships being endured by the immigrants, progress has been made in improving their lot. She praised the work of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund in this respect, pointing out that the recently-announced J.N.F. program for land reclamation on a large scale will provide between three and four years of steady work for the immigrants. The same immigrants, she added, will then be able to move onto small farms on the land which they had improved under the J.N.F. program.

ARAB NATIONALISM TERMED ONE OF REASONS FOR INCREASED TENSION IN MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The tensions extant in the Middle East are analyzed today by the New York Times in an editorial which says that some of the reasons for these tensions "stem from the rise of Arab nationalism," but points out that the main reason is "the continuing disparity between the military power of the West and that of the Soviet bloc."

"The Middle East, which contains not only half the world's known oil reserves but also the traditional land and water routes from West to East, is too important to be surrendered by default," the Times says. "The British, who stripped their home defenses to hold the Middle East in two world wars, are well aware of this. So are the Russians, who stretched out their hands for positions in that region immediately after the last war. Fortunately, the latest reports suggest that the growing Soviet menace is inducing the Middle Eastern Governments to entertain some sober second thoughts about a game that can be continued only at their peril. Thus there are indications that the British-Egyptian dispute may be approaching a solution."

Another editorial in the same issue dealing with the failure of the U.N. General Assembly to settle the problem of the status of Jerusalem at its present session, says: "Technically, the Assembly is still on record as establishing a separate international enclave for Jerusalem and its environs, while, realistically, that development is a manifest impossibility in view of the refusal of both Israel and Jordan to cooperate in such a plan. It has never seemed to us that creation of a political entity under U.N. control was necessary or even desirable to protect the holy places."

HEAD OF BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHARGES CITY AUTHORITIES WITH BAD FAITH

BERLIN, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The action of the West Berlin city council in sponsoring the appearance on a Berlin stage of Ernst Krauss -- Austrian Nazi actor who portrayed five different Jews in the anti-Semitic Nazi film "Jew Süss" -- amounted to throwing down a "gauntlet to the Berlin Jewish community, the Jews of Germany and world Jewry," Heinz Galinski, chairman of the Berlin Jewish community council, charged today.

In an article in the current "Allgemeine Wochenzeitung der Juden in Deutschland," publication of the Jewish community, Dr. Galinski reveals that as early as December 1 Jewish community leaders called on West Berlin Mayor Ernst Reuther to urge that Krauss' scheduled appearance in an Ibsen play on the night of December 8 be cancelled. The Mayor suggested that the time for forgiveness had arrived.

The Jewish delegation differed with Dr. Galinski, pointing out that Krauss' portrayal of the Jews had resulted in the heightening of anti-Jewish feeling in Germany and elsewhere and that the murdered millions of Jews and the survivors of the concentration camps -- including himself -- could not forgive Krauss so easily.

In his article, the head of the Berlin Jewish community expresses his thanks to the people of Berlin, particularly students, who joined with the Jews in protesting Krauss' appearance and whose protest action forced the cancellation of further appearances by the Nazi actor. During the demonstration on the night of December 8 Berlin police charged hundreds of demonstrators, injuring a number.

Dr. Galinski also warns that the Berlin authorities' action in this case "justifies the worst expectations" as to what Jews can expect in reparations and other matters. He labels the action a "refusal by the Greater Berlin Municipality to make moral reparations to its Jewish fellow citizens."

BRONISLAW TEICHHOLTZ, HEAD OF VIENNA I.R.O. OFFICE FOR FIVE YEARS, LEAVING FOR ISRAEL

VIENNA, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Bronislaw Teichholtz, president of the International Refugee Organization of Vienna since 1945, has announced that he will shortly be migrating to Israel.

It is estimated that during the five years of Mr. Teichholtz' leadership of the organization some 200,000 refugee Jews were serviced by it. For the manner in which he handled this difficult post Mr. Teichholtz' name has been entered in the Jewish National Fund Golden Book by his associates.

Jews in Europe Disturbed Over Possibility of Decreased Aid from U.S. Jewry in 1951

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- American Jews were urged to continue their aid to the needy Jews in Europe, and to help maintain their vocational training institutions, in an appeal made here today by Dr. Aron Syngalowski, chairman of the executive of the World ORT Union.

Speaking at a press luncheon, Dr. Syngalowski said that Jews in Europe are very much disturbed by the possibility that American aid to their institutions will be greatly reduced in the coming year. Dr. Syngalowski spoke enthusiastically of the progress of the ORT work in Israel and announced that there are 1,200 students learning trades in ORT institutions, which are of great importance to Israel's economy.

70 MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR NAZI-KILLED JEWS HELD IN ISRAEL; LARGEST HELD IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Impressive memorial services honoring the 6,000,000 European Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis were held today -- the Fast of the Tenth Day of Tebeth, commemorating the first siege of Jerusalem -- in all parts of Israel. The services were arranged under the auspices of the Ministry of Religion.

The principal service took place on historic Mount Zion, where Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog and representatives of immigrant groups in Israel assembled hundreds of objects which had been fashioned from Scrolls of the Law by the Nazis. Rabbi Herzog and other participants in the rites covered themselves with ashes taken from a furnace symbolizing the destruction of the 6,000,000 Jews who died as martyrs for "Kiddush Hashem."

Chanting the hymns composed in the ghettos of Europe, the participants -- led by Rabbi Herzog -- entered a "Cellar of Anguish," a cave on the mountainside, where they lit a specially-constructed 31-branch Menorah, symbolizing the 31 Nazi concentration camps in which Jews were put to death. Altogether, about 70 memorial services were held throughout the country.

MEXICO AND ISRAEL DISCUSS PROBLEM OF ESTABLISHING NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The question of establishing normal diplomatic relations between Mexico and Israel was discussed here by the Mexican Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Manuel Tello, and Dr. Adolph Fastlichtz, Israel immigration officer in this country.

Despite the fact that Mexico granted de facto and de jure recognition to Israel in 1949, no exchange of diplomats has taken place between the two countries up to now.

ISRAEL APPOINTS HONORARY CONSUL TO HONG KONG; HE BECOMES FIRST ENVOY IN FAR EAST

HONG KONG, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- W. J. Citrin, chairman of the Pal-Amt in Shanghai, has been named Israel's honorary consul in Hong Kong, it was learned here today. Mr. Citrin thus becomes the first Israel consul to any country in the Far East.

A British citizen, Mr. Citrin will leave his post in Shanghai to take up residence here. For the last 18 months he has been in charge of the migration program which saw thousands of Jews who had taken refuge in China during the Nazi regime leave for permanent resettlement in Israel and other countries.

OVER 12,000 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED IN ISRAEL DURING NOVEMBER. OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A total of 12,029 Jewish immigrants arrived in Israel during November, it was officially announced today.

One hundred and eighteen immigrants arrived at Haifa last night from North Africa. They were disembarked this morning.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PILGRIMS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- An Israel Government announcement said today that "arrangements for widening the scope of the free movement of Christian religious personnel and pilgrims for the Christmas holidays" have been completed. Previously, Israel expressed its readiness to open the road to Bethlehem to all religious pilgrims.

THREE AUTHORS WIN PRIZES IN MEXICO FOR BEST WORKS IN YIDDISH LITERATURE IN 1950

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Two New York Yiddish writers, S. Izban and S. Tannenbaum, and the Argentine Jewish poet K. Kliger were awarded here the "Zvi Kesel prize" for the best works in Yiddish literature in 1950. Each will receive \$200. Mr. Izban was awarded the prize for his novel, "The Family Karp." Mr. Tannenbaum was given the award for his volume, "In the Image of God," and Mr. Kliger was honored for his book of poems.

MORGENTHAU PRESENTED WITH 1950 AWARD OF PHI EPSILON PI FOR JEWISH LEADERSHIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The 1950 National Service Award of Phi Epsilon Pi, national college fraternity in the United States, for the most outstanding Jewish leadership in 1950 was presented yesterday to Henry Morgenthau, Jr., retiring General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. In addition to the plaque, Mr. Morgenthau received a cash award of \$100 which he immediately presented to the United Jewish Appeal.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SAN FRANCISCO JEWISH WELFARE FUND IS MARKED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish Welfare Fund of this city, as well as the centennial of the Eureka Benevolent Society -- a Jewish family service agency -- was celebrated here at a dinner attended by 300 guests. Speakers included Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel, president of the Jewish Welfare Fund.

AMERICAN INVENTORS ARE URGED TO OFFER THEIR PATENTS TO ISRAEL TO AID NEW STATE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Inventors and scientists of all nationalities were urged here today by the United Inventors and Scientists of America to offer their patents to Israel to aid the Jewish state "attain economic strength and a more rapid industrialization." The organization is headed by David Resnick, a member of the American Federation of Scientists.

ARGENTINE GENERAL ZIONISTS BACK VIEW OF ONLY ONE PARTY IN COUNTRIES OUTSIDE ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A specially-convened conference of the Argentine Zionist Federation adopted a resolution expressing support of the World Confederation of General Zionists, in the latter's contention that there should not be two General Zionist groups in countries outside Israel. The conference, presided over by Dr. Moises Goldstein, Federation president, also agreed to finance the programs of the General Zionist youth movement, known as Hanoa Bazioni.

ARCHBISHOP OF QUITO PRESENTED WITH J.N.F. CERTIFICATE; INSCRIBED IN GOLDEN BOOK

QUITO, Ecuador, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A certificate of inscription in the Jewish National Fund's Golden Book in Jerusalem was presented to Jose Maria de la Torre, Archbishop of Quito, by Dr. Menashe Dolan, special Israel delegate. In accepting the certificate, the Archbishop, who visited Israel last summer, expressed his appreciation for the achievements of the Israel Government.

RABBI GOODMAN ROSE, PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY LEADER, DIES OF STROKE; WAS 58

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Rabbi Goodman Rose, a leader in the Jewish community here for the past 25 years, died last night of a heart attack at a dinner of the United Jewish Fund. He was 58.

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