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LOCKOUT IN ISRAEL'S METAL INDUSTRY THREATENS TO DEVELOP INTO MAJOR ISSUE IN COUNTRY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The lockout of some 2,500 workers in the metal producing plants of Israel today threatened to become one of the major issues facing the government and the country as the Histadrut announced new and drastic measures in support of the locked-out workers.

The labor federation decided to call a 30-minute nationwide sympathy strike; the time has not yet been fixed. It also called on all members of the Histadrut to contribute one day's pay to the support of the locked out workers. In addition, it demanded that the government penalize the metal products manufacturers association by withdrawing from it the right to distribute raw materials in the industry.

The Histadrut charges that the manufacturers association has applied pressure for political reasons on individual manufacturers to join the lockout. Mordecai Namir, secretary of the Histadrut, today labelled the lockout an "anti-labor and anti-democratic move which the manufacturers will regret."

Last night, Premier David Ben Gurion, at a meeting of the Israel Manufacturers Association, which was attended by over 1,000 industrialists and members of the Cabinet and Parliament, urged the employers to subordinate their private interests to the security needs of the country. He insisted that the primary task of "our generation" is to gather in the exiles and on all other matters, except securities needs, to make compromises. He reiterated the government's pledge that it will not interfere with the right of labor to strike.

Minister of Finance Eliazer Kaplan, who also addressed the meeting, stressed that higher prices and wages at this time are harmful to the economy of the nation. He urged more private investments in Nefesh projects. Arie Shonkar, head of the Israel Manufacturers Association, recalled the gigantic strides made by Israel's industry since the establishment of the state. He urged the government to reform its wage and price policy, insisting that higher wages be granted only in proportion to higher productivity rates.

Simon Bejarano, vice-president of the association, declared that the metal trades dispute is a test case for some 80,000 industrial workers who are insisting on wage increases which he estimated to amount to 1,000,000 pounds a year. This, he asserted, will mean inflation and will cut the ability of Israel's manufactured goods to compete in the foreign markets.

ISRAEL SEEKS SPEEDY TRANSFER OF JEWS FROM IRAQ; ALLOCATES \$5,600,000 FROM 1952 BUDGET

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Finance Committee of the Israel Parliament today allocated the sum of 2,000,000 pounds (\$5,600,000) from next year's budget for the work of speeding up the immigration of Jews from Iraq.

SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A Soviet representative was reported today to have arrived here to negotiate with the Israel Government on the ownership of property in Israel territory formerly held by the "Russian Orthodox Society," an organization founded in Czarist Russia in 1882.

The properties involved are located in Jerusalem, Haifa, Jaffa, Ain-Karem, Nazareth and Affuleh. Their value is estimated at \$8,400,000. There is considerable doubt as to whether the Soviet authorities can legally claim to be the successors of the society.

Ilya Ehrenburg, Soviet writer and propagandist, will soon be appointed Soviet envoy to the republic of Lebanon, according to reports in the Cairo press broadcast over the radio.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN GERMANY WANT UNCLAIMED JEWISH PROPERTY TO GO TO ISRAEL

BONN, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Social Democratic Party in the Federal German Parliament will soon sponsor a motion urging the passage of a law under which the West German Government would recognize the state of Israel as the legal heir of unclaimed Jewish property in Germany, it was reported here today. The motion will specify that the unclaimed property must be handed over to Israel or be made available to Israel for aid to Jews driven from Germany.

The motion will also urge the West German Government to issue a statement acknowledging a special moral obligation to indemnify Jews persecuted by the Nazi regime, the report said.

GERMAN PROVINCIAL MINISTRY DROPS ACTION AGAINST JUDGE WHO MADE ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS

STUTTGART, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Wurttemberg Ministry of Justice has announced that it will drop disciplinary proceedings against Judge H. Kettacker who was suspended several months ago for making anti-Semitic statements in court.

What brought on the original disciplinary suspension was Judge Kettacker's statement in court that it made no difference to him whether a defendant is "a former gauleiter or had thrice unsuccessfully passed a rabbi."

Commenting on this statement, the Ministry of Justice said that while it was "a serious mistake if committed by a judge," there were mitigating circumstances. The Ministry found that the statement had been used by the judge to give "drastic expression" to the fact that the litigants involved in the case must not argue matters which were not germane to the issue. The Ministry declared that it had not been proved that the statement was "prompted by an anti-Semitic attitude."

GROUP OF KURDISH JEWS SNOWBOUND AFTER CROSSING INTO TURKEY EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL

ISTANBUL, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A group of 20 Kurdish Jews en route to Israel from Tel Aviv has reached the Turkish town of Karakose, just over Iran's western border, it was reported here today.

The Jews must remain there for the time being, and perhaps for several weeks, because of recent heavy snows which have blocked all roads in eastern Turkey. Thus far, some 500 Kurdish Jews have crossed the Persian-Turkish border in their movement to Israel. However, because of the severe winter weather the number has decreased drastically and will not pick up for several months.

100,000 DISPLACED PERSONS WILL BE ADMITTED TO UNITED STATES AS SKILLED WORKERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Displaced persons in Europe are now being catalogued as to skill in the expectation that 100,000 of them will be brought here to "meet the constantly increasing demands of our present and future man-power requirements in all phases of national defense," it was announced here by John W. Gibson, chairman of the Displaced Persons Commission.

Mr. Gibson, who spoke at the annual assembly of the Workmen's Circle Division of the Jewish Labor Committee, said that nine occupational specialists are currently engaged in screening displaced persons in Europe for occupational skills.

RABBINIC PLAN FOR DRAFTING CHAPLAINS IS ANNOUNCED; IS BACKED BY SEVERE SANCTIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A draft program designed to insure a steady flow of Jewish chaplains to minister to Jews in the U.S. Armed Forces and to build up a reserve force of chaplains in the event of war was announced here today by Rabbi Aryeh Lev, director of religious activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board, which is the government-recognized agency serving the religious needs of Jews in all branches of the armed forces.

The program, agreed upon by all rabbinical groups representing Orthodox, Reform and Conservative congregations, is backed by a program of severe sanctions. At present there are 37 full-time Jewish chaplains and 205 part-time chaplains serving throughout the world. At least 75 additional Jewish chaplains will be needed. During World War II there were 311 full-time Jewish chaplains in the armed forces and several times that number of part-time chaplains and lay assistants.

The rabbinical groups which drew up the draft program decided that younger rabbis, who were in the theological seminaries during World War II, should serve now. The plan divides all rabbis into two categories: men under 33 and men over 33. Under present conditions, men over 33 are not being considered. The other category is divided into the following classifications: 1. For single men; 2, for married men; 3, married with children; and 4, veterans. Thus far, men from groups one and two have been called by their respective rabbinical bodies and selected by lot.

The rabbinical groups have established appeals boards which are operating exactly as similar boards established for laymen. The rabbinical program provides that a drafted rabbi must get his old post back upon return from service, even if his agreement with the congregation has expired meanwhile. In addition, the National Jewish Welfare Board has urged all congregations whose rabbis have been drafted, to make up the difference between the chaplain's army pay, usually that of a first lieutenant, and his civilian pay.

The sanctions which the rabbinical groups will impose on a rabbi who refuses to serve after being drafted are: 1. Young rabbis refusing to serve as chaplains will find it difficult or impossible to get new positions because of the moral stigma attached to their attitudes; 2. Congregations are informed if a rabbi refuses to serve. Because the sons of congregation members are drafted by the Federal Government, ill feeling is likely to develop against a rabbi who refuses to go. 3. In extreme cases, a rabbi is subject to expulsion from the rabbinical organizations to which he belongs.

Citations for "consecrated service" to interfaith goodwill were presented in absentia last night to three chaplains of the armed services at a dinner sponsored by the Chaplain Alexander D. Goode Lodge of B'nai B'rith. The citation winners, each of whom received a gold medal and a \$500 cash award, are: Comdr. Robert M. Schwyhart of the Navy, Maj. Merritt O. Slawson of the Air Force, and Capt. Harman G. Gelboelter of the Army.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN JAPANESE CITIES GROWING; JEWISH CENTER PLANNED IN TOKYO

HONG KONG, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- While the never very large Jewish communities in the main coastal cities of China are decreasing in size, the Jewish community of Tokyo and other Japanese cities are growing, it was reported here today.

One reason for this growth is the fact that Jewish businessmen from Shanghai, Tientsin and elsewhere, although they receive temporary visas for business visits to Japan, are given residential permits for their families. The other reason for the growth of the Jewish communities in Japan is the presence of large numbers of American civilian and military personnel among whom are many Jews.

A Christian mission chapel in Tokyo is used as a synagogue during the Jewish holidays and, if the war does not interfere, the community may soon open a center. Aside from the American Jewish families here, there are some 30 families of Russian Jews, refugees from China and some Jews from England and India in the Tokyo community.

MIDWESTERN JEWISH COMMUNITIES RAISE \$3,000,000 FOR U.J.A. AT CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- More than \$3,000,000 was raised last night at a mid-west conference of the United Jewish Appeal here as over 300 Jewish leaders from 16 midwest communities rallied to answer the emergency needs of some 54,000 Iraqi Jews to leave that country before May 31, the latest deadline for Israel-bound emigration set by the Iraq Government. The sum was contributed as an initial installment of the midwest communities in advance of the launching of the 1951 U.J.A. national drive at Miami Beach February 16-18.

Israel's Minister of Agriculture, Pinhas Lavon-Lubianiker, reaffirmed Israel's pledge to keep open its doors to the homeless Jews of Europe and the Moslem countries, regardless of the sacrifices which must be made by the Israelis themselves. Minister Lavon told the conference that aiding the people of Israel means strengthening democracy in a key area of the world. He endorsed the U.J.A. as the major agency for aid to the Jewish state.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive director of the U.J.A., hailed the midwest conference's contribution as the first large-scale reply to the urgent call received this week from the Iraqi Jews. The U.J.A. and all who support it are the backbone of the effort that must be made to bring thousands of homeless Jews to Israel from deadline areas before time runs out, he said.

AMERICAN ORT FEDERATION APPOINTS HYMAN SCHULSON AS ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Hyman A. Schulson, former Washington representative of the American Zionist Council and advisor to the American section of the Jewish Agency, was appointed to the post of executive director of the American ORT, it was announced here today. Mr. Schulson was an attorney for the National Labor Relations Board and during the war served in the U.S. Army Air Forces.

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES \$2000 FELLOWSHIP AWARD CONTEST

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The American Friends of the Hebrew University today announced a Fellowship Award Contest for \$2,000 in maintenance at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem for a ten-month academic year, tuition, and a round-trip fare from New York. Entries will consist of essays of no more than 2,500 words in length written on the subject of "The Hebrew University - A Challenge to Our Time." The contest closes on April 15, 1951. It is sponsored by the Jacob Levy Foundation, and is open to anyone eligible for admission as a student at the Hebrew University.

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