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WORKERS DEMONSTRATE IN TEL AVIV STREETS; DEMAND MORE FOOD

TEL AVIV, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Several thousand workers today marched in a street demonstration demanding more food and stronger official action to curb the blackmarket. Later about 400 of them left for Jerusalem to present their demands to the Israel Parliament.

The executive of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, issued a declaration urging the workers not to participate in the demonstration. The declaration pointed out that the Histadrut is fighting the blackmarket and that no demonstrations were needed to get such action.

ISRAEL CABINET APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO DECIDE FATE OF POTASH CO.

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today appointed a five-man Ministerial committee to negotiate the future of the Palestine Potash Company which operates under a concession granted during the British Mandate over Palestine. Plans for the Israel Government's becoming a partner in the company are under active consideration, it was indicated by Treasury officials here.

The five-man committee appointed by the Cabinet includes Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan; Dov Joseph, Minister of Commerce and Industry; Levi Eshkol, Minister of Agriculture and Development; David Zvi Pinkas, Minister of Communications; and, Perez Naphtali, Minister without portfolio.

It was disclosed today that certain official quarters favor complete nationalization of the company, since it has failed to raise the requisite funds needed for operation in partnership with the government. However, other factors--including the expectation that development of Dead Sea resources will be accomplished more economically by a private company in partnership with the government than by a wholly nationalized industry--has militated against nationalization.

Moshe Novomeysky, managing director of the company, indicated that he is not opposed in principle to the transfer of control of the company to the Israeli Government. It is understood that shareholders who do not approve of the partnership arrangement with the Israel Government will be compensated by the government if they prefer to turn over their holdings in the company to the government.

ISRAELI POLICE APPREHEND 50 ARAB INFILTRERS; SEVERAL KILLED

TEL AVIV, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- A total of 50 infiltrers were apprehended in Israel by Israeli border patrols last week, it was announced here today. In a number of clashes between the Arabs and Israeli police units, 15 of the infiltrers were killed or wounded.

HAIFA OFFERED BY ISRAEL AS HEADQUARTERS FOR MIDDLE EAST COMMAND

LONDON, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has offered the port of Haifa to Britain and the United States as an Allied naval base and as headquarters for the Middle East Command, the London newspapers reported today. The report said that the offer was turned down because of fear that, if accepted, it might offend the Arab states.

Allied military command in the Middle East will be officially established in January with headquarters in Cyprus, it was indicated here today. It is believed that General Sir Brian Robertson will be named chief of the command, with an American general as deputy. A Turkish officer will head the land forces, an American will head the air forces and a British commander will direct the naval forces.

The Times of London came out today with a warning against supplying the Arab states with arms in connection with the establishment of the Middle East Command. "The Arab states," the paper points out, "still treat Israel as their mortal enemy; furthermore, they distrust each other and are not free from internecine designs among themselves. To distribute more arms among them may be dangerous."

Hope was expressed in Allied circles here today that Israel and some of the Arab states will join the command and that this will lead to Arab-Israel reconciliation and a formal peace agreement. It was noted that the four-power defense plan for the Middle East attempts to reconcile the interests of Israel and the Arab states, to make their participation in the command attractive and to avoid trespassing on their sovereignty.

It was pointed out that the statement issued by the four powers definitely indicated that none of the countries joining the Middle East command will have to place their armed forces under this command in peace-time. Also, that no foreign troops will be stationed on their territory except by agreement. These stipulations were included in the statement with a view to allay Israeli or Arab fears that they may lose sovereignty by joining the Allied command.

U. S. Press Hopes Israel and Arabs Will Join Command

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The importance of Israel and the Arab states in the planned Middle East Command is emphasized today in editorials in the leading newspapers here, which point out that either the democratic West defends the Middle East, or it will fall a prey to chaos and Russian Communism.

The New York Times says: "The dispute over the Suez Canal and the Sudan, and the mutual fears and hatreds between Israel and the Arab states, make the active participation of any of these countries a hope for the future rather than a practical possibility for the present. Yet the Middle East Command will ultimately be a failure if it does not win the support of the people of the region. They must be made to realize that the Western objective is the sovereignty and independence of each nation and the relief of the region's appalling poverty, ignorance and disease."

The New York Herald-Tribune writes: "There are still many divisive elements in the Middle East--Arab suspicions of the European powers, the unresolved Arab-Israeli issue, national and dynastic ambitions, economic and political inequities, religious antagonisms. The success of the M.E.C. in its first stages will be judged by the extent to which these forces can be subordinated to the overriding need for a common defense against the common danger of Communism. If even a few of the Middle Eastern states will join the charter members of the organization for that purpose, a genuine beginning can be made not only toward fortifying a region 'vital to the free world' but toward raising living standards there."

350 ISRAEL SEAMEN HALT WORK IN DISPUTE WITH HISTADRUT

HAIFA, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Some 350 Israeli seamen today "resigned" from their jobs in a dispute between the seamen's union and the Histadrut. As a result, three Israeli vessels are tied up in the harbor here.

Seamen's union officials are currently in Jerusalem conferring with Histadrut secretary-general Mordecai Namir over the Histadrut's refusal to accede to a demand that the seamen's union have its own hiring offices, as exist for other trades. The Histadrut, meanwhile, has called the seamen's "resignations" unjustified.

ISRAEL ARMY TAKES OVER 24 IMMIGRANT CAMPS FOR WINTER MONTHS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Army today took over 24 immigrant work camps with a population of 12,000 persons. The Army will be responsible for these camps during the winter months and will provide sanitation and other services, while the Ministry of Education will maintain schools in the camps. About 2,000 children will be evacuated from the camps for the winter months. The evacuation will start on December 1.

The Jewish Agency has begun feverish preparations to remove to Israel all Jews in Libya who wish to leave before that country is proclaimed an independent state on January 1, 1952. Of the 5,000 Jews still in Libya, some 800 are planning to remain while an additional 2,000 are aged, crippled and ill and are unable to emigrate. The remainder will be brought to Israel by plane. According to reports here, Libya will ban all emigration from the moment it proclaims its independence.

ARAB DELEGATE AT U. N. SESSION ASSAILS CREATION OF ISRAEL

PARIS, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The decision of the United Nations in establishing the state of Israel was illegal, Dr. Fadil el Jamali of Iraq declared today in the course of an address he made during the General Assembly general debate.

The Arab spokesman told the U.N. meeting that "there is no doubt that this organization has always shown weakness before Jewish aggression." He insisted that it was the duty of those powers which were responsible for the creation of Israel to see that the Jewish state abided by U.N. resolutions. Dr. Jamali further declared that the U.N.'s decision on Israel's creation was unbelievable, coming as it did from an organization designed to protect human rights.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE CRITICIZED AT MIZRACHI WOMEN'S PARLEY

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Claiming that the American Jewish Committee wants to limit the relationship between American Jewry and Israel to the philanthropic level, Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress, today told the 26th annual convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization that "such a definition flows out of a rejection of the unity of the Jewish people."

The approximately 1,000 delegates attending the convention heard Rabbi Miller charge the American Jewish Committee with "Jewish isolationism." James G. McDonald, former American Ambassador to Israel, was presented with the Mizrahi Women's annual award for promoting American-Israel friendship.

JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL ADOPTS \$5,077,040 BUDGET FOR 1952

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The national council of the Joint Defense Appeal concluded its three-day meeting here last night with the adoption of a national budget of \$5,077,040 for 1952 to be used by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith in combatting bigotry and discrimination in the United States.

Sidney S. Moyer of Youngstown, Ohio, was re-elected chairman of the J. D. A. national council. Paul H. Samplinger of New York was re-elected chairman of the executive committee. The 350 delegates who attended the parley pledged "full community support" to the J. D. A. agencies in their "pro-democratic efforts." The J. D. A. is the fund-raising arm of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League.

CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS WILL SEEK \$3,574,000 IN 1952

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The National Conference of Christians and Jews will seek to raise \$3,574,000 in 1952, it was announced here today at the concluding session of the 23rd annual meeting of the Conference. Roger W. Straus was re-elected national co-chairman of the organization.

Addressing an earlier session, Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban told the delegates that the Conference renders a valuable service to the cause of world peace. He pointed out that both Christians and Jews derived their spiritual tradition from "the prophetic literature of ancient Israel."

It was reported at the session that the Conference intends to allocate \$250,000 to the establishment of a "human relations center" at a university yet to be designed. The center would help in the work of combatting anti-Semitism and in the prevention of race hostilities.

The Conference adopted a resolution calling for a calm and tolerant objective examination of the question of the appointment of an American Ambassador to the Vatican. Among those who participated in the religious aspect of the program were Rabbi Louis Egelson, administrative secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath. The theme of the Conference, which brought 500 delegates here from most free nations, was "peace, freedom, and brotherhood."

Arthur H. Compton, Nobel prize winning physicist, said that "if we want peace with freedom, it is the spiritual background of brotherhood upon which this must be fashioned." A charge that Communists are making propaganda capital of American blunders in prejudice and discrimination was made by J. D. Zellerbach, former E. C. A. chief in Italy. "Every case of discrimination is picked up by the Communists and broadcast around the world," he said.

HUNGARIAN JEWS IN AMERICA FORM BRANCH OF WORLD FEDERATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The formation of an American division of the World Federation of Jews of Hungarian Descent was announced here today. Dr. Frederick Gorog, former president of the Joint Distribution Committee in Budapest, was elected president. Dr. Gorog was legal counsel to the Association of Hungarian Banks, and from 1938, when the first anti-Semitic laws were passed in Hungary, was leader of the Jewish community there.

466 IMMIGRANTS FROM ISRAEL ENTERED CANADA DURING EIGHT MONTHS

OTTAWA, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- A total of 466 immigrants entered Canada from Israel from January 1 through August 31, it was reported today by Walter Harris, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. During this same period, Canada admitted a total of 116,657 immigrants. The figures on the migration from Israel refer to the "country of last permanent residence," the Minister emphasized in his report.

LATVIAN EX-MINISTER CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING NAZISM IN CANADA

OTTAWA, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- W.J. Browne, a Conservative member of Parliament, told the Canadian legislature that "we are having National Socialism in Canada today" owing to the fact that Dr. Alfred Valdmanis, former Latvian Minister of Finance, who was once a special assistant to Dr. Hjalmar Schacht and also served as an economic consultant to Nazi Germany during World War II, is now director-general of economic development for Newfoundland.

Mr. Browne charged that Valdmanis was behind the importation into Newfoundland of a steady stream of German industries and technicians in what he described as a "mad venture into National Socialism." Valdmanis appeared two years ago before the Immigration and Labor Committee and pleaded for the entry into Canada of 20,000 members of the Baltic Waffen Gestapo, who had fought alongside the Nazis during the Second World War, and assisted the Nazis in mass annihilation of Jews.

SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONIST PARLEY ASKS END OF PARTY ELECTIONS

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Resolutions opposing the holding of any Zionist elections in South Africa which use the political platforms of Israel parties and urging also that the South African Zionist Federation, which at the present time is constituted on a party basis, should revert to a "best man" basis, were adopted at a specially-convened, closed conference of Non-Party Zionists.

A delegation elected by the conference has already met with the executive of the South African Zionist Federation and discussions have been initiated. The conference was called in view of the possibility that elections for the Federation may be held early next year. N. Kilschner, veteran South African Zionist leader, was elected chairman of the conference.

ITZHAK TRIWAKS, NOTED ISRAELI PHILOLOGIST, ARRIVES IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Itzhak Triwaks, noted Israeli philologist, arrived here this week-end to arrange for the sale of the 16-volume Encyclopedia Hebraica now being published in Israel under the editorship of Prof. Israel Klausner. Mr. Triwaks expects to secure 3,000 subscribers in the United States.

About 650 Jewish scientists from all parts of the world have contributed to the encyclopedia, Mr. Triwaks declared here today. In Israel more than 30,000 people have already subscribed to the encyclopedia, he reported, adding that the administration faces the problem of securing newsprint which must be imported into Israel for dollars. The sale of the encyclopedia in the United States would make it possible to secure the American currency needed to purchase the paper.

C.I.O. CONVENTION PLEDGES SUPPORT TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The 13th annual convention of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, which concluded here, adopted a resolution pledging the labor organization's support to Israel.

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