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STRIKING ISRAELI SEAMEN CLASH WITH POLICE; 100 STRIKERS ARRESTED

HAIFA, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- More than 100 crewmen of a strikebound vessel in Haifa were arrested today while seamen demonstrating in the port area clashed with police. Israel's maritime strike showed no sign of tapering off. The Defense Ministry took a hand in the situation today by sending draft notices to striking seamen, including four out of five top officers of the union, calling them to service in the army.

The crew and officers of the S.S. Negba were arrested by hundreds of policemen when they refused to release from lock-up 11 policemen sent aboard earlier to break up their sitdown strike. During the same period some 100 seamen in the port area held a demonstration in support of the Negba's crew and clashed with police. In the ensuing scrap a number of policemen were injured.

A Ministry of Defense spokesman explained today that the draft notices had been sent the seamen because by refusing to work they had automatically removed themselves from conscription-exempt status as essential workers. While Italian seamen, flown here to operate the strikebound vessels, were waiting to sail the Negba, another Israeli vessel, the Tamar, made port, but it was not known whether her crew would join the strike. The Artza, from which seamen were dragged off by policemen yesterday, sailed today with a "volunteer" crew for Genoa and Marseilles.

NEW AMERICAN GRANT-IN-AID SOUGHT BY ISRAEL, OFFICIAL REVEALS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has already applied to the American Government for a second grant-in-aid, to cover the fiscal year of 1952-53, it was announced here today by Ehud Avriel, director-general of the Premier's office.

Mr. Avriel, who has been appointed Israeli co-ordinator of the program of spending the first grant-in-aid allocated under the U.S. Mutual Security Act, said that Israel has already submitted to the U.S. general plans for spending the current grant. Details of the program will be worked out with Bruce McDaniel, American co-ordinator of technical aid to Israel, when he arrives here early next month.

It is hoped, he said, that at least half of the approximately \$65,000,000 U.S. grant can be used for food, oil and other consumer goods and agricultural implements. Mr. Avriel reported that the Israel Government will assign 23,000,000 pounds (\$64,400,000) from its development budget to Mr. McDaniel's office.

The Israel co-ordinator said that it is hoped that the first installment of the American aid will be made available next month and the first goods bought with the money will arrive in Israel in January. He stressed that the terms of the American grant permit Israel to use the money to purchase goods outside America if they are "better and cheaper" than American-manufactured products.

DR. WEIZMANN SPENDS 77TH BIRTHDAY IN BED UNDER DOCTOR'S CARE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The 77th birthday of President Weizmann was observed today throughout Israel. Dr. Weizmann was confined to bed under the supervision of physicians at his home in Rehovot. The President received many greetings, including one from Premier David Ben Gurion.

BRITISH COURT MARTIAL SENTENCES TWO INVOLVED IN ARMING JEWS

LONDON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A British court martial today confirmed the sentences imposed upon Major Ralph Herbert and Thomas Newman who were charged with being involved in illegal sale of arms to Jews in Palestine prior to the establishment of the Jewish State. Each had been sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

The British Government was asked today in the House of Lords whether it intends to re-admit Israel to the sterling bloc, and whether the Egyptian restrictions at the Suez Canal on the passage of oil tankers bound for the Haifa refineries are still in force.

The two questions were presented in writing by Lord Strabolgi, in order to give the government time to prepare an answer. Lord Strabolgi also wanted the Government to explain the circumstances under which Israel had left the sterling bloc.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT AND POTASH COMPANY START DELIBERATIONS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Official negotiations between the Palestine Potash Company and the Israel Government concerning the future of the Dead Sea mineral concession held by the company began this morning.

Representatives of the company and of the government met today and will continue their deliberations next week. In the meantime, experts from both sides will scrutinize every detail of the existing agreement under which the company is exploiting the Dead Sea resources. The experts will also examine the proposals submitted by the company and by the government on the fate of the concession.

Merger of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation and the Palestine Electric Corporation is now being negotiated, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. Under proposed plans, Palestine Electric will acquire the shares of the Jerusalem company. The merger would enable provision of additional electric power to Jerusalem. The Jerusalem Electric Corporation's concession covers the Old City of Jerusalem, Ramallah and Bethlehem, all of which are now in territory of the Kingdom of Jordan. Disposition of the concessionary rights in these Arab areas would also be covered in the proposed agreement.

AMERICAN JEWS IN ISRAEL DEPLORE RETURN OF IMMIGRANTS TO U.S.

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The "alarming decrease" of the migration of Jews from the United States to Israel was decried here today at the opening session of a national conference of American Jews who have settled here permanently.

The speakers also deplored the fact that numerous American Jews, who came from the United States to become permanent residents of Israel, are returning to America following a short stay here.

BILL OUTLAWING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT GETS FIRST READING IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- A bill outlawing capital punishment in Israel received its first reading in Parliament today.

N.C.R.A.C. PARLEY ENDORSES PRINCIPLES OF MACIVER RECOMMENDATIONS

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A series of measures designed to implement phases of the MacIver Report on Jewish community relations work in the United States was adopted here last night by the ninth plenary session of the National Community Relations Advisory Council after a sharp two-day debate.

The program, submitted to the session by the N.C.R.A.C.'s Special Committee on Evaluative Studies, provided for reorganization of community relations work by its six constituent national agencies through establishment of machinery for long-range planning to secure development of an integrated program, division of responsibilities among the organizations and a new financing plan for the work.

The conference endorsed Prof. MacIver's recommendations for re-assessment of community relations work as to its needs, directions and methods and voted for establishment of a special N.C.R.A.C. committee, including outside experts, to assume this responsibility.

Defers Specific Action on Division of Responsibilities

On the stormy question of division of responsibility for different aspects of the work, on which the debate had been sharpest, the conference voted that the evaluative committee should make "specific recommendations" on this to the executive committee of the N.C.R.A.C. by May 1. If the executive does not agree on these recommendations unanimously, then final decision will rest with the N.C.R.A.C. plenary by a majority vote. In this case, the plenary session would be held by June 15.

The conference voted that "with respect to the report of the Special Committee on Evaluative Studies on the logical and practical division of labor, or such of the committee's recommendations as shall have been completed by the time of the next plenum, no action shall be taken by the executive committee except to refer the report of the Special Committee on Evaluative Studies to the plenum. The right of action of the plenum as well as the right of action and dissent by any member agency as they heretofore existed shall remain inviolate."

The MacIver report recommendations on division of responsibility would have the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith relinquish their activities in the veterans field to the Jewish War Veterans, their labor activities to the Jewish Labor Committee, and interfaith work to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The report also proposed allocation of specific functions in the civil rights field and other measures aimed at eliminating overlapping and duplication of which the report complained.

N.C.R.A.C. Strengthened; Majority Vote Principle Adopted

Measures to strengthen the N.C.R.A.C. as "crucial for any better organization and more effective conduct of Jewish community relations work" were also adopted by the conference. It adopted a proposal that its decisions and policies shall be established by a majority vote except with respect to the evaluative committee's report on the logical and practical division of labor. It added that "necessarily, the autonomy of the member agencies will be fully respected and maintained."

Current procedures regarding public statements will be maintained, according to the plenary vote. Where agencies act on the basis of their dissent, the N.C.R.A.C.

administration is empowered to inform the Jewish community of dissents or deviations from majority decisions, giving dissenting agencies the opportunity to place their positions before the community.

N.C.R.A.C. Committee to Prepare New Financing Plan

The conference set up a committee to prepare a new financing plan, as recommended by the evaluative committee, for submission to the next plenary session of the N.C.R.A.C. and to the 1952 General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

On this issue, the evaluative committee had declared: "We believe that equitable procedures with regard to applications for funds and the review of applications should be devised. The new procedure must relate financing to the joint planning of program, so that the total funds available for national community relations activities will be distributed on the basis of the entire program of activity. The N.C.R.A.C. should continuously inform the welfare funds of the progress in the co-operative process.

"In accordance with the above policy recommendations, a joint committee of the N.C.R.A.C. and of the Large City Budgeting Conference should consider the detailed problems of financing and should develop a specific plan which it will present for adoption to the next plenum of the N.C.R.A.C., to the Large City Budgeting Conference and to the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in 1952. The question of the financing of the N.C.R.A.C. should also be referred to that committee."

NUMBER OF JEWS DECLINES IN VIENNA; MANY ABANDON FAITH

VIENNA, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- There are only 18,000 Jews living in Vienna today, as compared with 12,500 who were registered here a year ago, it was reported today. Emigration is not the only factor contributing to the decline in the size of the Jewish community here, for, as in Berlin, many Jews have abandoned their faith, it is reported.

The East German news agency has reported that work has begun on the construction of the Erfurt synagogue, for which the East German Government made an initial grant of 300,000 Deutschmarks. The new house of worship will occupy the site of the former Erfurt temple and will accommodate 250 of Thuringia's 4,000 remaining Jews, according to reports reaching here.

SWEDISH ANTI-SEMITIC PLANS TO OPERATE IN GERMANY

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The local newspaper Dagens Nyheter reported today that the notorious Swedish anti-Semite, Einar Aberg, is preparing to launch a campaign to distribute his anti-Jewish propaganda leaflets and literature throughout Germany.

A German reader of the newspaper wrote from Hamburg that his son recently returned home with one of Aberg's leaflets and expressed regret that this should have happened, opining that "this is contradictory to the efforts of the West German Government to improved relations between the Germans and the Jews."

GERMAN COURT BANS BOYCOTT PROPAGANDA AGAINST "IMMORTAL BELOVED"

HAMBURG, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A German court here has enjoined Erich Lueth, Bonn Government press officer, from publicly calling for a boycott of the film "The Immortal Beloved," produced by Viet Harlan, anti-Jewish producer of the Nazi regime.

The court also stated that it will fine Lueth for calling for the boycott, and that it would state the reasons for its decision "at a later date." The action was brought by the producer and the film company which made "The Immortal Beloved."

SHORTAGE OF RABBIS IN ENGLAND DISCUSSED BY UNITED SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL

LONDON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The shortage of rabbis and cantors in England was discussed here today at a meeting of the United Synagogue Council which represents all major synagogues in the country.

Speakers pointed out that the reasons for the shortage are: 1. The salaries of rabbis and cantors are too low; 2. Fewer Jewish homes have a religious background; 3. Parents consider that other professions have a better future; 4. Religious Zionist groups are attracting religious youths to Israel who might otherwise have entered the rabbinate here.

U.S. AGUDAH OPPOSES ESTABLISHMENT OF MIZRACHI UNIVERSITY IN ISRAEL

BELMAR, N. J., Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A resolution opposing the establishment of the Bar-Ilan University in Israel by the Mizrahi Organization was adopted here last night at the closing session of the 29th national convention of Agudah Israel of America. The resolution emphasized that "leading rabbinical authorities in Israel and in the United States are opposed to the planned Bar-Ilan University because it will make dangerous inroads into the Yeshiva system in Israel."

The three-day convention, attended by 400 delegates, decided to establish a net of religious educational institutions in Israel. It urged the Israel Government not to grant any political status to the Jewish Agency. The delegates also adopted a number of decisions concerning the strengthening of Jewish religious education in the United States.

ISRAELI PATIENTS WILL BE BROUGHT TO UNITED STATES FOR TREATMENT

NEW YORK, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Plans for the admission into this country for treatment at the Denver Sanatorium of Israeli citizens afflicted with tuberculosis were announced today by the Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society, which operates the sanatorium.

The plans are being formulated in conjunction with the HIAS. The first group is expected to arrive in the United States in the near future. The cost of transporting the patients will be absorbed by the HIAS, while caring for them will be the responsibility of the Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society.

MAX ETRA ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UNION OF ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Max J. Etra was elected president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America yesterday at the closing session of the Union's 53rd biennial convention, meeting at Yeshiva University. Mr. Etra, a New York attorney, succeeds Special State Deputy Attorney General William B. Herlands. He is vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of Yeshiva University.

BLIND SURVIVOR OF NAZI CAMP WILL GIVE CONCERT IN LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Mikulas Gross, a blind violinist who survived the Nazi camp at Terezin, will make his London debut next month. Gross became sightless at the age of three and studied at the Prague Conservatory, graduating with top honors. Rounded up in 1942 by the Nazis, he was sent to the Terezin concentration camp along with thousands of other Prague Jews. His violin playing is said to have kept alive the spirits and hopes of his fellow inmates.