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STRIKING SEAMEN STORM HAIFA JAIL; SEEK TO RELEASE SAILORS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- A party of some 150 seamen last night attempted to storm a Haifa jail and release 27 striking seamen of the S.S. Negba who were arrested earlier in the day when they resisted police efforts to break up their sitdown strike aboard the vessel. Eighty-eight other crewmen arrested on the Negba had been released before the attempt on the jail.

A number of policemen and sailors were injured in the melee in front of the jail. The attack on the lock-up came at the height of a demonstration of striking maritime workers in the dock area.

Another demonstration was held by seamen and their supporters here last night, but the police made no attempt to interfere. At an earlier mass meeting at Beit Haam, speakers representing the union, which is engaged in a bitter dispute with the Histadrut, hinted that the seamen were prepared to return to their jobs.

A short but stormy exchange over the strike situation took place in the Knesset today when it was decided to debate the question of Israel's merchant marine. Premier David Ben Gurion intervened in the exchange by calling the seamen's strike "a criminal attempt by enemies of the state to sabotage the nation's vital arteries." To this Mapam leader Moshe Sneh shouted: "You are the state's number one enemy." The Premier also said that "there was not and there is not a strike. The Government is doing everything in its power to activate the Navy and to mobilize those seamen eligible for national service."

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT HEARS PREMIER'S STATEMENT ON SCHACHT'S LANDING

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today admitted in Parliament that new instructions would have to be issued to security and airfield officers at Lydda to cover such cases as the landing this week of one-time Nazi finance wizard Hjalmar Schacht. The Premier absolved the police sergeant who examined Schacht's documents of responsibility. He then proceeded to express his "shame" that a number of Israeli newsmen had seen fit to interview and photograph the man who was one of Hitler's top aides for part of his regime.

He said that this incident calls for investigation, as does the visit of Mapam deputy Chanan Ruben to Berlin and his interview there by German newsmen. (This is believed to refer to the Mapam deputy's attendance at a meeting in Berlin of the leftist World Federation of Trade Unions). Mr. Ben Gurion also said that Schacht's "daring" in entering Israel was "amazing."

The Premier's statement was made following defeat of a motion by a Herut deputy calling for debate of the Schacht incident. The motion was defeated 34-31, with the General Zionists, Herut, Mapam and Communists and Rabbi Mordecai Nurock of the Mizrahi favoring the motion, the Mapai opposing it.

SHARETT TO VISIT ENGLAND FOR FIRST TIME AS ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER

LONDON, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett will make his first official visit to England as a member of the Israel Cabinet in February, it was learned here today. He will come here to launch the 1952 Joint Palestine Appeal campaign, and will visit four of the major Jewish centers in the country.

JEWISH AGENCY PLANS TRAINING CENTERS FOR CHALUTZIM IN NO. AFRICA

LONDON, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency will soon open training centers for Cholutzim in Casablanca, it was announced here today. This would help to intensify the emigration of Jewish youths from North Africa to Israel, the announcement said.

A training school for Hebrew kindergarten teachers will be opened in Paris in January by the Jewish Agency. The girls will be recruited in the main Jewish centers in Europe. They will be given nine months training at the Paris school and three months training in Israel. After completing their course, they will be sent back to their respective countries to supervise Hebrew kindergartens there. The full cost of their training will be borne by the Jewish Agency.

LABOR ZIONISTS ASK GREATER MIGRATION TO ISRAEL FROM WEST EUROPE

LONDON, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- An appeal for greater emigration to Israel of Jewish youth from Western Europe was issued here today by the European conference of the Labor Zionist Party. The appeal also urged the establishment in West European countries of Hebrew evening classes, and, if possible, Hebrew day schools.

Israeli representatives, addressing the conference, stressed Israel's need for technicians to help in the settlement of new immigrants who have no skills. They appealed to young Jews to undertake this mission willingly by emigrating to the Jewish state.

ISRAEL, ARAB STATES PLEDGE \$716,000 AID FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES

PARIS, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- A report submitted to the United Nations General Assembly here reveals that Israel and the Arab states where refugees are sheltered have together offered \$716,000, as of October 31, towards the \$50,000,000 target budget of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees.

The report points out that of this, only \$1,250 has actually been paid in--by Israel--as part of an offer of \$15,000 in gasoline, along with another Israel offer of \$50,000 in cash. Egypt has pledged \$390,000; Jordan, \$168,000; Syria, \$60,000; and Lebanon, \$33,000, all still to be paid. Of the Arab states where there are no refugees, Saudi-Arabia has contributed \$115,000; Kuwait, \$31,500; and Bahrain, \$20,926, or a total of \$167,426. The report showed no contribution from Iraq.

Sharp criticism of those seeking to whittle down the budget of the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was voiced here by Mrs. Zena Harmon, member of the Israeli delegation, speaking before the Social Committee of the U.N. General Assembly. She said that 53 nations to date had contributed \$108,000,000 to the UNICEF and the public had contributed another \$13,000,000. The fund, she said, had logically moved from emergency to long-range programs.

ISRAEL AND JORDAN WITHDRAW MANY COMPLAINTS AGAINST EACH OTHER

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Eighty-five complaints were withdrawn by Israel and Jordan at an informal meeting today of the Mixed Armistice Commission. Eighty-four more are expected to be struck off at a formal meeting which will take place tomorrow.

In the Israel Parliament today a motion was introduced by the Herut deputies calling for sterner measures against Arab infiltrators. It was emphasized that 3,527 murders, thefts and robberies took place in Israel border areas since the establishment of the Jewish State.

Premier David Ben Gurion, replying for the government, said that it appreciates the serious situation in the border regions caused by the increasing number of murders and robberies by Arab infiltrators. He assured Parliament that the authorities will, within the frame of existing legislation, increase the penalties against those aiding and abetting infiltrators. He added that the government would not hesitate to impose collective fines on localities hiding infiltrators.

Last year the Israel Government allowed 2,300 infiltrators to remain in Israel, not counting those who entered without the knowledge of the Israeli authorities. Mr. Ben Gurion asked the Parliament not to debate the question of the infiltrators "for security reasons." He added that such a debate will take place within the Foreign and Security Affairs Committee of Parliament.

ISRAEL REJECTS U.N. OFFICER'S ADVICE ON COMBATING INFILTRATION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Israel military authorities today rejected a suggestion by U.N. truce staff member Col. Bennet de Ridder that it replace its troops guarding the border areas by policemen.

A military spokesman, commenting on the suggestion, said: "We must ask Colonel de Ridder not to interfere in Israel's internal affairs and not to give us advice on how to combat infiltration." The spokesman advised the U.N. officer to turn his efforts toward teaching countries from which the infiltrators are coming how to prevent infiltration.

Arab Legionnaires today opened fire on Jewish lines in the Sheikh Jarrach quarter. Their explanation was that they had "aimed at an Arab woman trying to infiltrate Israel territory."

MONITOR REPORTS IN ISRAEL ON SUCCESS OF BOND DRIVE IN AMERICA

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The Israel Bond Drive has become the most important channel for American Jewry's investments in Israel, Henry Montor, executive vice-president of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, told newsmen here today. He arrived in this country with Julian Venet-sky, chairman of the corporation's executive committee.

Mr. Montor, who expressed the hope that the bond drive would reach its goal of selling \$500,000,000 worth of bonds in three years, said that nearly \$80,000,000 worth of bonds had been sold since the drive opened May 1, with some \$44,000,000 already available in cash and the remainder in pledges.

AMERICAN PLAN ON REFUGEES IS SUPPORTED AT INTERNATIONAL PARLEY

BRUSSELS, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The American plan to set up a new organization succeeding the International Refugee Organization with a view to re-settle 115,000 European refugees--including about 15,000 Jewish refugees--overseas during 1952 is gaining support at the 23-nation conference here.

The American proposal provides for a \$35,000,000 budget to which the United States would contribute \$10,000,000. The new organization would maintain the I.R.O. fleet of 12 transport vessels and would cover the cost of transportation of the refugees. If no successor organization is set up for the I.R.O., the transportation of the refugees would be a charge on voluntary organizations.

American Jewish voluntary agencies are represented at the parley here by observers. The observer for the United Service for New Americans is Arthur Greenleigh, executive director of the organization. The HIAS is represented by Lewis Neikrug, head of its European headquarters.

REVISION OF AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWS URGED AT ORT MEETING

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The revision of the present American immigration laws was urged here last night by Edward Corsi, chairman of the New York State Displaced Persons Commission, addressing a meeting at the Hotel Astor marking the 10th anniversary of the American and European Friends of ORT, an organization of former refugees.

With the Displaced Persons program shortly to be terminated and the International Refugee Organization to end its operations soon, Mr. Corsi felt it was extremely urgent that Congress reconsider the "outmoded" quota restrictions. He proposed that Congress "change our quota system based on national origins to a positive selection system based on the ability of our economy to absorb the type of immigrants selected."

He went on to urge adoption of "a flexible quota system which will enable us to assign the unused quota of one country to other countries. Finally we should change the outmoded total quota of 153,000 per year to a total which bears a reasonable relationship to the present population of this country and our ability to absorb the permitted number of immigrants successfully."

Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation, and professor of economics at the University of Michigan, described the purpose of ORT as "the training of skilled workers so that they might become useful and productive." ORT now operates vocational training programs in 22 different nations, including North Africa, Iran and Israel," according to Dr. Haber, "and has become known as 'the Point Four of Jewish life.'"

William Rosenwald, a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, hailed ORT for its share in the U. J. A. 's overseas rehabilitation program, which since the end of World War II has helped approximately 350,000 Jews in Europe and North Africa to achieve self-sufficiency.