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MAPAM WORKERS TO STRIKE AGAINST GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC POLICY

TEL AVIV, April 22. (JTA) -- Workers committees in a number of industries here under domination of the left-wing Mapam Party, decided today to call a strike on Thursday in a demonstration of protest against the Government's new economic policy.

Spokesmen for the Mapai, considering counter-measures, warned that every striking worker would be subject to dismissal.

ISRAEL IMMIGRATION GOING UP; 100,000 NEWCOMERS ARRIVED LAST YEAR

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- More than 100,000 new immigrants came to Israel in the last 12 months, the Jewish Agency immigration department announced today, revealing that more immigrants will arrive next month than in April.

The increase will be contributed mostly by Jews from Iran, North Africa and Rumania, although more will be coming from the Western countries, particularly from the United States. The Agency is making special efforts to provide suitable housing for technicians and specialists who migrate to Israel.

Since last May, 54 new settlements have been established and an additional 1,000,000 dunams (250,000 acres) of land have been brought under cultivation. One hundred and fifty new industrial plants have been opened and 40,000 workers employed in them, 37,000 new dwellings were constructed, and 420 new schools and 1,800 new hospital beds were made available.

RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN ISRAEL OPPOSE CHANGE IN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- Leaders of religious groups in Israel, meeting last night in an urgent session in the office of Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, unanimously voted opposition to Government plans for introduction of a uniform education system in Israel and demanded that the present system of separate educational trends be left in force.

Prof. Ben Zion Dinaburg, the Minister of Education, had disclosed plans for introduction in the Fall term of a unified basic curriculum. Israel has four different school systems.

Those attending the session last night included Chief Rabbis Herzog and Ben-Zion Uziel, Minister of Welfare I. M. Lewin, Minister of Religious Affairs Moshe Shapira, Minister of Communications David Zvi Pinkas, Rabbi Kalman Kahane, director of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, and Benjamin Mintz, Agudas Workers leader.

JORDAN ASKS UNITED STATES FOR AID TO FIGHT LOCUST INVASION

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- The Jordan Government has addressed an urgent appeal to the United States Point Four authorities for technical aid and planes to combat the locust invasion it was learned today as measures to fight the plague were launched in all Middle East countries.

The Israel authorities today ordered further tightening of controls and prepared for drastic steps if the locust swarms invade this country. A representative of the Agriculture Ministry left for Switzerland by plane today to obtain supplies of chemicals to be used in fighting the swarms.

JEWISH AGENCY APPROVES PLANS FOR HACHSHARAH CENTER IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- Plans for the establishment of a Hachsharah center in Israel were approved here last night by the executive of the Jewish Agency. The sum of 385,000 pounds was allotted for the project.

MIZRACHI WORKERS APPROVE PLAN FOR RELIGIOUS LABOR MOVEMENT

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- An agreement for formation of a religious labor union movement which would embrace the Mizrachi workers and the extreme Orthodox Agudas workers was approved here today by the central committee of the Mizrachi workers group. The agreement is expected to be ratified by the Agudas workers next week.

HAIFA TECHNION CONSIDERING PLAN TO DOUBLE GRADUATING CLASS

HAIFA, April 22. (JTA) -- A plan for expansion of the curriculum and plant of the Haifa Technical Institute so that the school will be able to double the size of its graduating class within three years was presented to a meeting of the board of governors last night. The plan, proposed by Brig. Yaacov Dori, head of the Institute, was presented for him by a member of the faculty.

ANTHONY EDEN CONFERS WITH ISRAELI DIPLOMAT

LONDON, April 22. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden conferred this afternoon with Dr. Moshe Keren, the Israel charge d'affaires, on "general questions of interest to both." The meeting was reportedly at Dr. Keren's request.

ISRAEL REPORTED ACQUIRING NEW FIGHTER PLANES

LONDON, April 22. (JTA) -- A twin-engined Mosquito fighter plane, bearing Israeli markings, landed at Nicosia Airport, on the island of Cyprus, for refueling on its delivery flight to Lydda Airport in Israel, the London Daily Express reported today. The paper says the plane was one of several bought in Paris from undisclosed sources for the Israeli Air Force.

ISRAEL CONTRIBUTES 9,000 POUNDS TO UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has contributed 9,000 pounds to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, Dr. Yaakov Baror, Israeli representative on the UNICEF executive board, announced at a board meeting here today. He congratulated UNICEF on the "excellent use" it had made of local currency contributions in the past.

CJFWF BOARD CALLS FOR NATIONAL COORDINATION OF BOND DRIVE AND UJA

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Formation of a national coordinating group composed of the Israel bond drive, the United Jewish Appeal and representatives of Jewish communities was urged today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The Council revealed the text of resolutions adopted Sunday by its board of directors stressing the "urgent necessity" of securing effective national coordination of the bond drive and UJA campaigns and instructing the Council's national-local relations committee to take immediate steps to achieve the desired coordination.

"Maximum funds can be raised for both the UJA and from the sale of bonds only if the two organized efforts are not conducted simultaneously or competitively in any community, but rather through the concentrated efforts of each of them at separate times during the year," the board declared. It added that "it has been demonstrated that national coordination is urgently necessary through some instrument in which the UJA, the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel and the organized Jewish communities will be represented. The purpose of this national instrument will be to develop national planning of timing, publicity, use of field staff and other national campaign procedures."

The board commended the national UJA for "its repeated and continuing efforts to obtain such coordination" and urged the AFDCI to cooperate with the UJA and the CJFWF in achieving the necessary agreement.

In other resolutions, the board condemned the bond drive organization for its recent actions in Indianapolis and called on communities to exert all efforts to make maximum cash funds available to the UJA. The board also considered coordinated planning and financing of national community relations programs and other communal problems.

BONN OFFICIALS STOP RELIEF PAYMENTS TO AGED JEWS IN FRANCE

PARIS, April 22. (JTA) -- An order by the West German Government at Bonn this week stopped payment by the German consulate here of small cash grants to a group of about 50 aged and needy Jews, former German citizens, it was learned today.

The German consulate here had been making the payments for about a year to this group of ex-German nationals who, because of their stateless status, were not covered by French social security laws. The payments began after this group, with many others, had gone to the consulate seeking restitution and indemnification due them under existing laws. Dr. William Hausenstein, the consul general, interested himself in the neediest cases and arranged for grants to be given them against sums they would eventually receive.

Instructions have now come from Bonn ordering the consulate to grant this relief only to German citizens. The order does not affect non-Jewish aid recipients since, with few exceptions, they kept their German nationality. The Jews are entitled to regain German nationality and passports on request but as far as is known here, only one aged Jewish woman has done this.

Speculation as to the reason for the Bonn order has held this to be part of a campaign to get Jews to resume their German citizenship. It is considered likely, however, that the order resulted from a strict interpretation of the Franco-German agreement releasing blocked funds for the relief of needy German nationals in France.

MIGRATION GROUPS URGE TECHNICAL AID FOR REFUGEES, MIGRANTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 22. (JTA) -- A series of resolutions aimed at providing greater assistance and protection to migrants was adopted here today at the third conference of non-governmental organizations interested in migration.

A resolution adopted today called on the U. N. High Commissioner for Refugees and other interested inter-governmental agencies to cooperate in the removal of difficulties encountered by refugees in obtaining immigration visas because of minor offenses committed under wartime conditions.

A second resolution called for concerted action to remove obstacles in the way of refugees belonging to professional groups who are blocked from obtaining permits to practice their professions in the country of resettlement.

A third resolution called on governments which have not yet ratified the convention on refugees which was approved in 1951 to do so as quickly as possible so that the convention may enter into effect in as many countries as possible.

The conference also called on the U.N. and specialized agencies to prepare a compilation of the basic national laws and regulations of major countries of immigration on the admissibility of migrants. It proposed that its interim committee arrange for a comparative analysis of these laws. The conference also asked the International Labor Organization to study establishment of service to supply information to the non-governmental organizations.

JEWISH GROUPS JOIN TO CONDEMN MCCARRAN-WALTER IMMIGRATION BILL

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Ten major Jewish organizations joined today in a statement condemning the McCarran Omnibus Immigration Bill which Rep. Francis E. Walter is introducing in the House of Representatives tomorrow. The groups at the same time proclaimed support of the Humphrey-Lehman Immigration Bill.

The ten bodies warned that the McCarran-Walter measure would establish a harsh policy of restriction and exclusion, would erect unreasonable barriers against immigration and naturalization, would introduce racial and religious discrimination and would "abandon our country's finest traditions by dropping an iron curtain around our shores."

The statement hailed the "genuine Americanization and humanization" of the immigration laws called for by the Humphrey-Lehman Bill which it said would provide for pooling of unused quotas, eliminate racial discrimination, and correct many inequities. The statement condemned "piece-meal emergency legislation" to deal with the problem of refugees and surplus populations and said that only by making the immigration law "flexible and humane" as the Humphrey-Lehman Bill would do, could this problem be met.

Signatories to the statement were the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, and Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which comprise the National Community Relations Advisory Council, and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, National Council of Jewish Women, Synagogue Council of America, United Service for New Americans.

GRADUATE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT FOR YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Establishment of a graduate department of mathematics at Yeshiva University offering courses leading to the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy was announced today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president. The new department will be part of the University's Institute of Mathematics, headed by Dr. Jekuthiel Ginsburg. Courses, leading initially to the Master of Arts degree will begin in September. Dr. Ginsburg declared that the new graduate program will be based on the belief in mathematics as an art as well as a science. This philosophy has characterized the activities of the Institute of Mathematics since its establishment in 1933, he explained.

SEMINARY PROGRAM SEEKS INCREASE IN ENDOWMENT FUNDS

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- A national committee on capital funds will seek to increase the endowment funds of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America so that income from endowment will approximate a quarter of budgetary needs instead of the present 5.5 percent. Alan M. Stroock, chairman of the board of directors of the seminary, announced yesterday at the sixth annual meeting of the National Planning and Campaign Committee of the seminary, the Rabbinical Assembly of America and the United Synagogue of America.

The long-range goal of the committee, which he will head, Mr. Stroock declared, will be an additional \$7,092,000 for endowed scholarship funds, \$5,000,000 for endowed professorships, and \$3,000,000 for building expansion. Daniel G. Ross, of New York, was re-elected chairman of the planning and campaign committee.

PEOPLE TURNING TO RELIGION IN PRESENT TENSIONS, REFORM LEADER SAYS

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- People are turning in increasing numbers to religion in the face of prevailing anxieties and tensions due to the world crisis, Dr. Samuel S. Hollander, general chairman of the combined campaign of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, reported here at a meeting of national campaign leaders.

He said organization of nearly 100 new congregations in the last five years and increase in the support given Reform religious institutions evidenced this religious resurgence. Isadore Coons, executive vice-chairman, reported that \$921,000 had been raised in the campaign to date.

DR. FINEBERG TO HEAD COMMUNITY RELATIONS WORKERS GROUP

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Dr. S. Andhil Fineberg of New York, was elected president of the Association of Jewish Community Relations Workers at its third annual meeting here. He succeeds Maurice B. Fagan, of Philadelphia.

The theme of the annual meeting was the development of Jewish community relations work as a professional field of Jewish community service.

ISAAC TOUBIN NAMED ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Appointment of Isaac Toubin as associate executive director of the American Jewish Congress was announced today. Mr. Toubin, who has been assistant director, will carry administrative responsibility for the program of the Congress.