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2,000 PHYSICIANS IN ISRAEL INSTITUTIONS DECLARE THREE-DAY STRIKE

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 Israeli physicians employed by the Ministry of Health, the Hadassah medical network, the Joint Distribution Committee's Malben program, the Histadrut's sick fund and other institutions today went on a three-day strike.

For the time being the Israel Medical Association is maintaining skeleton medical crews in all hospitals and medical centers, but has warned that if no solution to the doctors' problems is found within the next two days the work stoppage might be "tightened." The strike followed the government's refusal to negotiate for a wage raise.

Today's action, which had been set two weeks ago, was mainly in the nature of a protest at the decision not to negotiate. Dr. A. Avigdor, president of the association, told newsmen that the labor federation had threatened to expel the doctors' association and was attempting to "break" the association, and that the government claims it cannot increase the doctors' salaries during this fiscal year.

Late yesterday, Premier Moshe Sharett convoked a meeting of the praesidium of the coalition parties in an attempt to reach a solution of the problem and head off the strike. He failed. The directorate of the Histadrut sick fund issued a statement to the effect that since it had recently reduced fees for membership in the medical plan it could not grant a salary increase.

Both the Cabinet and Parliament were busy today attempting to find a way out of the situation. The doctors, meanwhile, have adopted a more inflexible position. Where they were prepared earlier to delay action while a mixed commission was named to investigate their claims, they now insist upon immediate salary increases.

1,500 Striking Physicians Suspended from Histadrut

TEL AVIV, May 18. (JTA) -- Some 1,500 physicians working for Kupat Holim, the Histadrut sick fund, were suspended by the Israel Federation of Labor today when they began their three-day stoppage in support of the Israel Medical Association's demand for wage increases for more than 2,000 doctors working for the government or various national institutions, including the sick fund doctors. The Histadrut executive last night decided to suspend any doctor working for its sick fund who joined the strike.

The physicians today attacked the Histadrut's action in suspending the sick fund doctors from membership in the labor federation, asserting that the Histadrut made no attempt to negotiate with the doctors on their wage demands. The government, it is understood, fears that granting the doctors an increase may set off a new round of wage increases. The Israeli press today also called the strike a "test case" for further wage increases.

PROF. BRODETSKY, LEADER OF WORLD ZIONIST MOVEMENT, DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, May 18. (JTA) -- Prof. Selig Brodetsky, world famed leader of the Zionist movement and longtime spokesman for British Jewry, died here this morning. He was 66.

Born in Olviopol, Ukraine, Mr. Brodetsky was brought to Britain by his family when he was five years old. Educated in the British schools, he attended Trinity College, Cambridge University, on a scholarship in mathematics, winning high honors in that subject throughout his college career. In those days he also became interested in the study of Hebrew and in Zionism.

He studied for his doctorate at Leipzig University, returning to England in 1914 to lecture in applied mathematics at Bristol University. During the first World War, he worked on important scientific war problems and in 1920 joined the staff of Leeds University as a lecturer. Four years later he was named Professor of Applied Mathematics, a post created especially for him.

In Leeds he became president of the Leeds Zionist Council, a post he left when he became a member of the World Zionist Executive in 1928. In 1939 he was named president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, a position he held until 1949.

During this period he spoke out, as a leader of British Jewry, against the policy of the Mandatory Government--Britain--on Palestine. In 1947 he appealed to all Jewish organizations to unite in an effort to secure a solution of the Palestine problem. At no time did he hesitate to attack the policies of the British Government when he felt such criticism was justified.

In 1950 he assumed the presidency of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, but ill health forced him to relinquish the post the following year. He had been active for many years on the board of the University and had served as its chairman.

Tributes were paid to his memory today by leaders of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and by S. Levenberg, his successor in the post of chief of the Jewish Agency in London.

Dr. Goldmann Cites Prof. Brodetsky's Devotion to Zionism

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, today issued a statement mourning the death of Prof. Brodetsky and emphasizing his devotion to Zionism and other Jewish causes. The statement reads:

"The passing of Prof. Selig Brodetsky has deprived the Jewish people and the Zionist movement of an outstanding leader, a man of great achievements and unparalleled devotion. A scholar of high standing, a statesman of distinguished calibre, he was for many years the recognized leader of British Zionism, one of the most important members of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Executive, and, in his capacity as president of the Board of Deputies, the spokesman of British Jewry.

"There was no greater devotion than his to Jewish causes, and, above all, to Zionism. He truly gave his life for his ideals. In the heroic saga of the contemporary Jewish generation, and in the struggle for Jewish statehood, he occupied a prominent position and will figure as one of the central Jewish personalities in the annals of Jewish history of the past few decades."

U.S. AUTHORIZES \$3,000,000 FOR OIL AND IRRIGATION IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 18. (JTA) -- The Foreign Operations Administration today announced authorization of \$1,800,000 worth of crude oil for Israel. The oil will be shipped to Israel from the United States and its possessions, Latin America, Aruba, Curacao, and Trinidad.

The Foreign Operations Administration also announced authorizations totalling \$1,200,000 for commodities for an irrigation project in Israel.

EBAN QUESTIONS LEGALITY OF JORDAN'S COMPLAINT AT SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 18. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba Eban, head of the Israel delegation at the United Nations, today questioned the legality of the complaint against Israel submitted to the U. N. Security Council by Lebanon on behalf of Jordan in connection with the raid on the Jordanian village of Nahalin.

In a communication to the president of the Security Council, Mr. Eban said that as long as Jordan does not agree to settle its disputes peacefully, according to the Charter of the United Nations, its complaint about the Israeli attack on Nahalin "cannot legally figure on the Security Council's agenda." Mr. Eban went on, "until Jordan complies with the conditions to be laid down by the Security Council in accordance with Article 32 and Article 35, paragraph 2, of the Charter, there is no legal basis for Jordan's participation in the Security Council's discussion."

(Article 32 and Article 35, paragraph 2, are the rules which say that a non-member state must agree to peaceful settlement of disputes.)

Mr. Eban declared, in his letter, that there was no doubt that Article 35, paragraph 2, applied to the complaint about Nahalin. He pointed out that though this complaint had been submitted by the representative of Lebanon, it had been done "on behalf of the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan."

The Israeli representative also pointed out that Jordan had been illegally invited to the table and that its representative had made a statement before the Council. He said that Abdul Monen Rifai had spoken of "our complaint." He also quoted Mr. Rifai as saying "my government submitted its complaint against Israel." Again he quoted the Jordanian representative as saying that he expected special consideration for "our complaint."

Mr. Eban's letter was a long one, filling fully three pages of close type. It is in pursuance of his letter of an earlier date in which he asked whether Jordan had agreed to obligations under Article 35, paragraph 2. Most of the letter is taken up in a legal argument that Jordan by refusing to agree to these conditions had been illegally seated and that the Council had not properly adopted its agenda.

The Security Council, scheduled to meet today for further deliberations on Jordan-Israel differences, postponed the meeting indefinitely. Reason for the postponement, according to reliable sources, was the failure of delegations to agree on an approach to the Israeli legal question, raised at the last meeting, as to whether or not Jordan may present its case to the Council.

ISRAEL'S FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF ARRIVES IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- General Yigal Yadin, former Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Army and Chief of Military Operations during Israel's War of Independence in 1948, arrived here today to take part in the final spring phase of the United Jewish Appeal.

General Yadin, who at 37 has had a unique and fabled career as a soldier, statesman, scholar and historian, will visit communities throughout the country. He will address a number of important meetings arranged by the United Jewish Appeal.

DRUZE SOLDIERS IN ISRAEL ARMY WIN PRAISE OF CHIEF OF STAFF

TEL AVIV, May 18. (JTA) -- The Druze nation has a loyal friend in Israel, Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel Army Chief of Staff, declared in special "Minorities Day" exercises at the Druze village of Einan, in Upper Galilee. Gen. Dayan praised the heroic role of Druze soldiers in the Israel army, both during the war and now. The highlight of the day was the execution of a military problem by Druze units.

DR. GOLDMANN SEES EVERY JEW IN RUMANIA IN DANGER OF IMPRISONMENT

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- Every Jew in Rumania is in danger of arrest and long imprisonment as a result of the "cruel prison sentences" given scores of leaders of Rumania Jewry for Zionist and communal activities, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, warned today at a press conference held in Congress House here. Dr. Goldmann is also chairman of the Jewish Agency and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

"If the persons convicted are guilty of crimes," he emphasized, "every Jew in Rumania who was at one time identified with either the Zionist movement, the World Congress or any other Jewish organization abroad--and virtually every Jew had such connections--must live in daily fear of sharing personally the fate of his leaders."

"The implications of the precipitous arrests of the leaders of Rumanian Jewry, the sham trials and cruel sentences which followed, are such as to strike terror in the heart of every individual Jew in Rumania and serve to underscore the sad plight of Rumanian Jewry," Dr. Goldmann declared.

World Jewish Congress Issues "White Paper" on Rumania

Dr. Goldmann's charges were documented by a "White Paper" on the pattern of liquidation of Jewish communal life by Rumania's Communist regime. The paper, prepared by the World Jewish Congress, revealed that for four years some 150 Jewish leaders had been jailed and held incommunicado and forced to accept Communist-appointed counsel. Recently some 46 Jewish leaders received harsh prison sentences ranging from five years to life imprisonment. Also that non-verified reports mention the arrest of at least 200 other Jews.

Those arrested and imprisoned have been charged with engaging in Zionist activities, with encouraging and assisting Jews to emigrate from Rumania, with establishing and maintaining contacts with the Israel legation and with the World Jewish Congress, and distributing relief funds received from Jews abroad.

Dr. Goldmann pointed out that at the time the defendants were engaged in Zionist activities "they were engaged in conduct which was unequivocally legal and which had either the expressed or tacit approval of the Rumanian Government."

"With respect to Zionism," he went on, "it need only be recalled that at the end of 1945, the Rumanian Minister of the Interior reaffirmed the legality of Zionism in Rumania. This declaration asserted that the Zionist movement was a legally constituted body enjoying the same rights as all other groups."

This was no less true of the close and fraternal relations which Rumanian Jewry rapidly re-established with their fellow Jews abroad, after Rumania emerged from the darkness of the Hitler period, Dr. Goldmann declared.

"It is apparent that the trials of the leaders of Rumanian Jewry is a mere facade, designed to conceal the real aim of the Rumanian authorities which is to obliterate the last vestiges of spiritual autonomy of the Jewish community and to cut off all contact between Jews of Rumania and their fellow Jews in other parts of the world."

Asserting that the Jewish people will not accept the decisions of the Rumanian authorities which, in effect, spell the valedictory for Rumanian Jewry, and because these decisions are both savage and indecent, Dr. Goldmann urged the civilized world to speak up "until Rumania recants for its calloused treatment of the leaders of Rumanian Jewry and restores to these leaders their freedom and opportunity of work in the interests of their fellow Jews."

The "White Paper" estimates the present Jewish population of Rumania to be about 400,000. Losses under the Nazi regime were about 350,000 dead, and over \$1,000,000,000 in assets. It is also estimated that some 150,000 Jews had left Rumania for Israel.

NEW CONCEPTION OF JEWISH FUTURE NEEDED, RABBINICAL PARLEY TOLD

UNIONTOWN, Pa., May 18. (JTA) -- The convening of an international Jewish assemblage in Jerusalem to draw up "a formal declaration or covenant" embodying a new conception of the Jewish future, was urged here today at the 54th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the national association of conservative rabbis. The proposal was made by Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, leader of the Reconstructionist movement, who told the 300 rabbis at the conference that Jews must formulate a "new Zionism" to "revive the moribund Jewish people."

Such a covenant, Dr. Kaplan said, would include these three points: 1. "It will have to reconstitute the spiritual unity of the Jewish people throughout the world; 2. It will have to stress anew the indispensability of the land of Israel to the revival of Judaism throughout the world; and 3. It will have to encourage the replenishment of the traditional Jewish civilization, including its literature, art, philosophy and religion."

Pre-state Zionism has been so preoccupied with salvaging the Jews of the Old World, Dr. Kaplan continued, that it has not been able "to give thought to the problem of saving the Jewish people as a whole from the accelerating disintegration." Because it was so preoccupied with the problem of migration to Israel, pre-State Zionism "went so far as to urge such migration on the ground that there could be no future for Judaism outside Israel."

The New Zionism, Dr. Kaplan said, "would have to accept the Diaspora as a permanent condition of the Jewish people henceforth." He suggested the formal covenant be issued by "a representative body like the World Zionist Organization, or some commission authorized by it."

JEWISH GROUPS HAIL SUPREME COURT BAN ON SCHOOL SEGREGATION

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- Major Jewish groups and local Jewish community relations organizations today issued statements hailing the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court banning racial segregation in schools.

The National Community Relations Advisory Council, speaking for the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., all national Jewish religious bodies and many local and regional Jewish councils throughout the country, declared: "The Supreme Court decision holding racial segregation in the public schools unconstitutional represents another major chapter in the history of the growth of true equality under law." In their statement the agencies also expressed the hope "that all will accept the decision of the Court."

The American Jewish Committee said: "All Americans should take comfort in the Court's ruling that there are no degrees of limitation of equality of opportunity based on differences in race or creed. We join in expressing the hope that the transition from segregation to desegregation will be marked by the good sense for which the American people are known and by their peaceable compliance with the Court's decree."

The American Jewish Congress, in a separate statement, said: "The decision of the Supreme Court can open a new era in American democracy and reinvigorate the democratic concept everywhere. It provides an inspiring demonstration of the manner in which, under law, we can make constant progress toward the ideal of full equality which is the American promise."

The Rabbinical Assembly of America, at its convention today, adopted a resolution stating: "We recognize in the decision the great and enduring values of our democratic tradition and religious heritage. We look with great hope to the early implementation of this magnificent decision by all the American people." A similar resolution was adopted by the Workmen's Circle, major American Jewish fraternal organization, which has a membership of 70,000.

DANGER FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES SEEN IF PUBLIC AID IS CUT

PHILADELPHIA, May 18. (JTA) -- The disappearance or substantial reduction of public funds "might spell disaster" for Jewish community services, Dr. Maurice Taylor, executive director of the Pittsburgh Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, declared here at a session of the 56th annual meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service.

"I am impressed with our growing dependence on public funds for the maintenance and growth of our sectarian program," Mr. Taylor said. "The proportions of our budgets thus supplied may not be great, except in certain instances, but the number of dollars is large and increasing."

He maintained that "any shift in the political climate which would alter the present social welfare program would be serious," since, as he stated, "public welfare has contributed to raising the professional level of Jewish social work."

The importance of voluntary cooperation with government agencies on immigration matters was stressed at today's session by Harry Rosenfield, former DP Commissioner and executive director of President Truman's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization. He also urged voluntary agencies to maintain "a constant alert to make justified criticism of official dereliction, inefficiency or ineffectiveness, through the moral weight of informed advice and wise proposals for improvements and for new programs and services."

Jack R. Goldberg, executive director of Camp Wel-Met, New York, was elected president of the National Association of Jewish Center Workers, an associate group of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service.

GRAND RABBI OF FRANCE THANKS U.S. JEWS FOR AID TO FRENCH JEWRY

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- Grand Rabbi Jacob Kaplan of France tonight expressed his formal thanks to American Jewry for its assistance in rehabilitating the war-shattered Jewish community of France. The Grand Rabbi made his remarks at a reception tendered in his honor by the American Jewish Committee. The Grand Rabbi is in the United States as a guest of the New York Board of Rabbis.

Directing his thanks particularly to the Joint Distribution Committee, the American Jewish Committee and the rabbinate of America, Rabbi Kaplan said that "had not such help been forthcoming there would have been a complete disappearance of the Jewish community in France."

SWISS JEWISH COMMUNITIES TO CELEBRATE FEDERATION ANNIVERSARY

BERNE, Switzerland, May 18. (JTA) -- Plans for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Federation of Swiss Jewish Communities were announced today. The celebration will be held May 27.

The federation includes all communities in the country, both Orthodox and Liberal. The federation was first established to fight a law forbidding schechita, Jewish ritual slaughter.

EDWIN WOLF ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY

PHILADELPHIA, May 18. (JTA) -- Edwin Wolf 2nd, distinguished bibliophile and curator of the Library Company of Philadelphia, was elected president of the Jewish Publication Society of America at the 66th annual meeting held here yesterday. Mr. Wolf succeeds Judge Louis E. Levinthal, who held that office for the past five years.

Judge Levinthal was elected chairman of the Publication Committee, succeeding Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, director of the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, who served as chairman for the past five years.