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JEWISH LEADERS END HUNGER STRIKE AGAINST RUMANIA ON FIFTH DAY

TEL AVIV, May 27. (JTA) -- Forty-two former Rumanian Jewish leaders today ended their hunger strike following appeals from Premier Moshe Sharett, Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak and other Israeli leaders and on the basis of doctors' orders. They were five days without food. A number of other strikers were forbidden by the doctors to fast beyond yesterday.

The fast was undertaken in an attempt to rivet world public opinion on the trial and imprisonment of a large number of Zionist and Jewish communal leaders in Rumania on charges engaging in Zionist activity. It is believed here that the strikers achieved their purpose to a large extent. They were therefore urged not to endanger their health and their lives any further.

A medical bulletin issued today before the fast ended said that all the strikers had shown signs of hunger and that their blood pressure had dropped seriously. This was not considered strange because of the advanced age of most of the strikers. Several required medical attention earlier today.

At the conclusion of the fast, the 42 issued the following statement: "We raise our voices for the release and subsequent immigration to Israel of the arrested leaders. For that we undertook fasting as a token of our solidarity with our brethren. Let our strike bring our deep pains into the open and to the world and to anybody who still has humanity and feeling in him. We are confident that the release of the arrested Jewish leaders and permitting them to go to Israel would not be against the interests of the regime."

Israel Premier Hopes News of Strike Reached Jews in Rumania

Premier Sharett today visited the strikers and personally urged them to heed the appeal voiced in Parliament yesterday by Mr. Sprinzak. "With your hunger strike you have expressed spiritual solidarity with our arrested brethren who have been placed behind barbed wire only because of their loyalty to Zion," the Premier told them. "News of your hunger strike has spread to all countries--in any event to those countries where any news can be made public."

Mr. Sharett also expressed the hope that news of the fast had reached the imprisoned leaders in Rumania, adding that if it had it would encourage them. "We are fighting in front of and safeguarding any Jew anywhere in his rights to a Jewish life, for unbiased courts and for immigration to Israel," he continued. "I express the government's support for opening the gates of the prisons in which the Jewish leaders are and for permitting them to fulfill their desire to join us here."

Mr. Sprinzak and Minister of Religion Moshe Shapira today visited the strikers and personally urged them to end their fast. Another visitor was Mrs. Rachel Ben

Zvi, Israel's First Lady, who told them that "in the President's home as in every home in Israel there is anxiety over the fate of the Rumanian Zionists." She said that she had thought that the Jewish dead in the world war would suffice as a sacrifice for immigration, but that apparently further sacrifices were needed.

Ben Gurion Says Israel Will Continue to Protest

Two of the strikers visited David Ben Gurion yesterday at Sdek Boker as a delegation of the entire group. The former Premier gave them a letter for the group which was read aloud here at a mass meeting this afternoon called to support the strikers. Mr. Ben Gurion, who has been confined to his bed for the past three days, expressed regret over his inability to attend the meeting and protest against the imprisonment of Jews not only in Rumania but in other countries as well.

He said that in all these countries hundreds of Jews had been arrested "not for crimes" against the regimes but "because they remained loyal to the Jewish nation and its national redemption. 'Theirs is a sin for which we are proud and for which we achieved our state, and which even received the support of the Soviet Union,' Mr. Ben Gurion added. "We shall not be silenced and we shall let this be heard by the whole world: 'Don't oppress my people,' " he stated.

U.S. Zionists Condemn Mass Arrests of Jews in Rumania

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council, in a resolution adopted today, condemned the wholesale arrests and imprisonment of Jews in Rumania and called upon the Rumanian Government to release them immediately. The Council acted in behalf of all the Zionist organizations in the United States with a total membership of 750,000 persons. The resolution reads:

"The American Zionist Council records its profound shock and indignation at the fresh wave of anti-Jewish persecutions now sweeping Rumania. Hundreds of Rumanian Zionists and Jewish community leaders have been arrested and flung into prison without trial on the sole charge of having assisted their brothers and sisters to emigrate to Israel.

"The American Zionist Council denounces the Rumanian Government for reviving the crudest excesses of the Iron Guard against Rumanian Jewry. It calls upon men and women of goodwill in all countries to join in world-wide protest against this latest example of totalitarian brutality inflicted on freedom-loving people and demands their immediate release."

Australian Jewry Stirred Over Wholesale Arrests of Jews in Rumania

SYDNEY, May 27. (JTA) -- The Executive Council of Australian Jewry today condemned the "cruel and unjustifiable persecution" of Rumanian Zionist leaders and urged the Australian Government to "use its best endeavors with the Rumanian Government to stop the persecution and release the Zionist prisoners."

The Executive Council statement declared that Australian Jewry "has been deeply stirred" by the reports of the trial and heavy sentences of imprisonment imposed on considerable numbers of the Jewish people who were "concerned only with the realization of the age-long aspiration of the Jewish people." The statement also expressed the opinion that reports of Rumanian authorities' action would be received "with horror and indignation" not only in the Jewish community but "wherever men respect human dignity and intellectual freedom."

AGED JEWISH COUPLE ARRIVES IN ISRAEL FROM SOVIET UNION

TEL AVIV, May 27. (JTA) -- An aged Jewish couple, Nahman and Rebecca Shochetman, arrived in Israel today from the Soviet Union. The Shochetman couple came from Kishinev, Bessarabia, via Vienna. They applied for visas four years ago, giving as their reason for wanting to leave, a desire to see their daughter in Haifa, from whom they had been separated for 19 years.

ISRAEL CABINET MEETS ON POLICE RAID ON MIZRACHI OFFICES

JERUSALEM, May 27. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today discussed for four hours the complaint of the Mizrahi Central Committee against the police raid on its headquarters here and the confiscation Tuesday of documents pertaining to Deputy Minister of Welfare Israel Shlomo Rosenberg. The complaint was supported by the Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi members of the Cabinet.

Following the meeting, the Cabinet issued a communique stating that it had heard reports from the Ministers of Justice and Police that the "examination of the Mizrahi Central Committee's books are connected with the investigation of one person and are not aimed at the Mizrahi."

The communique, believed aimed at averting a Cabinet crisis, was in reply to two demands of the Mizrahi leaders: 1. That Premier Moshe Sharett apologize to the World Mizrahi Central Committee for the raid; 2. That the Cabinet appoint a special investigating committee to study the charges against Mr. Rosenberg.

Meanwhile, the Mizrahi members of the Cabinet who failed to win support for their views inside the Cabinet were today waiting for a decision of the Mizrahi Central Committee on whether to continue in their Cabinet posts or to resign. Deputy Minister of Religion Dr. Zorach Warhaftig has offered his resignation, but it has been held up by the Central Committee.

ARMISTICE COMMISSION CONDEMNS EGYPT FOR ATTACK ON ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 27. (JTA) -- The Israel-Egyptian Armistice Commission today condemned Egypt for an attack carried out five days ago by an Egyptian armed band against Israeli Bedouin near B'eir Malaga. The U.N. Commission called on Egypt to take steps to prevent recurrence of such incidents. The chairman of the Commission, Danish Colonel M. Bartoldi, voted with the Israeli members of the unit.

There are 11,463 Bedouin tribesmen living in Israel, it was announced here today following the completion of the Israel Government's census among the Bedouin. Previously it had been estimated that there were some 13,500 Bedouin in Israel.

Among the Bedouin listed in the census were 450 who had previously not registered with the Israel authorities. A decision has yet to be made whether they are to be considered legal residents.

CORNERSTONE LAID FOR FIRST NEW HEBREW UNIVERSITY BUILDING

JERUSALEM, May 27. (JTA) -- The cornerstone of the first of the new Hebrew University buildings to be erected on the University's 125-acre site next to the government center here was laid today at an impressive ceremony attended by President Ben Zvi, members of the Cabinet, University leaders and Dr. George Wise, president of the American Friends of the University and chairman of the University's Board of Governors. The buildings are expected to cost \$30,000,000.

It was revealed at the ceremony that the first building to be erected on the site would be a student dormitory, to be followed by the Elieser Kaplan School of Economics. The University library, which will become the National Library of Israel, will be built after that. At present the volumes are scattered among many buildings.

ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT INVITES SECRETARY GENERAL OF ARAB LEAGUE

BUENOS AIRES, May 27. (JTA) -- The Argentine Government has invited Abdul Khalek Hassouna, secretary general of the Arab League, to visit Argentina, it was reported here today from Cairo where the Argentine envoy extended the invitation. Mr. Hassouna's visit is expected either in August or September.

A.D.L. REPORTS RESULTS OF SURVEY ON JEWISH POSITION IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- The results of a study on the Jewish position in Germany conducted by a special three-man committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith were made public here today. The group investigated conditions of life among the remaining 25,000 Jews in West Germany as well as current developments in the attitude of Germans toward civil rights.

The report of the committee states that any assurances that anti-Semitism no longer exists in Germany "are not borne out by the evident facts." Opinion-testing since the war has at no time revealed a great lessening of anti-Semitism among Germans who lived through the Nazi period, the ADL group established. "Public incidents involving Jewish matters have often brought further evidence of this anti-Semitic feeling," the report says.

"Only among the youth that knew not Hitler does reliable opinion-testing show any lessening of anti-Semitic prejudice," the report states. "The degrees to which the Nazis succeeded in their indoctrination is revealed by the fact that, despite the war catastrophe, Germans do not reject Nazism with the same intensity with which they rejected the parallel authoritarianism and tyranny of communism. It should be noted, however, that at the present time neo-Nazism and Nazism as organized political movements appear to be at very low ebb."

The committee found that the average age of most of the 25,000 Jews now living in Germany is close to 60. "These people," the report says, "live unto themselves very largely on small stipends provided by government pensions, by funds realized through restitutions of property or by outright relief subventions. Even this small community, however, maintains its synagogues, hospitals, old age homes, and other institutions. With very few children or young people in the group, the prospects for the rebirth of a flourishing Jewish life are poor indeed unless there is a marked change in trends.

"At the same time, we were heartened by the initial development in free Germany of a healthy complex of voluntary organizations of citizens devoted to promoting an understanding of the democratic processes, liberal education, civic affairs, and interreligious cooperation," the ADL leaders reported. The committee was headed by Jacob Alson, ADL treasurer, and included Benjamin R. Epstein, the League's national director, and Nathan C. Belth, public relations director.

60 FOEHRENWALD JEWS GET VISAS TO ARGENTINA; 40 MORE VISAS DUE

BUENOS AIRES, May 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Ezequiel Zabotinsky, president of the pro-Peronist Organizacion Israelita Argentina, today reported that during his recent trip to the Jewish DP camp at Foeurenwald, Bavaria, he had handed out 60 of 100 visas he had been given for Jewish refugee families to be admitted to Argentina as immigrants.

Dr. Zabotinsky said that he had held up the remaining 40 in order to ask President Peron's permission to distribute them among Jews not in Foeurenwald but who had returned to Europe from Israel and were now in Paris, Rome and other cities. He revealed that since he was granted the status of Consul when President Peron gave him the 100 visas to distribute, the immigrants who now have the documents need go through no more red tape before embarking for Argentina.

RABBIS OPPOSE "CHRISTIAN AMENDMENT" TO U.S. CONSTITUTION

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- The New York Board of Rabbis last night adopted a resolution expressing opposition to the proposed Constitutional amendment to recognize Christianity as the official religion of the United States. The resolution declared: "We believe that such an amendment would violate the principle of religious freedom and would do much to introduce sectarian conflict in our country."

LABOR ZIONIST CONVENTION APPEALS TO U.S. AGAINST ARMING ARABS

MONTREAL, May 27. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the American Government not to provide Arab countries with arms was adopted here last night at the closing session of the national convention of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order, at which Meyer Brown and Louis Segal were re-elected president and general secretary of the organization, respectively.

The convention, attended by 400 delegates from the United States and Canada, also adopted a number of resolutions pledging support to Israel and to the Histadrut organization there. It condemned the American Council for Judaism for its anti-Zionist activities.

The delegates were addressed by Zalman Shazar and Baruch Zukerman, two Labor Zionist members of the Jewish Agency executive; Melech Noy, Israel leader of the Histadrut; Mendel Fischer, executive director of the Jewish National Fund, and others.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF U.S. MIZRACHI LABOR PARTY OPENS TODAY

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Over 500 delegates representing 120 chapters of Hapoel Hamizrachi, Zionist Orthodox Labor Party, will convene tomorrow at the 1st annual convention of the party in Greenfield Park, New York. The convention will continue through Monday. The delegates will seek ways and means of strengthening immigration from America to Israel.

The convention will also attempt to outline plans for solidifying support for Israel within the religious communities in the United States. An effective program to combat the resurgence of anti-Zionist propaganda on the part of the American Council for Judaism and other elements will be sought by the delegates. Avraham Harmon, Consul General of Israel, will be the guest speaker.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF JEWISH WOMEN ELECTS NEW LEADERS

LONDON, May 27. (JTA) -- The triennial convention of the International Council of Jewish women today elected Mrs. Joseph Willen of New York president. She succeeds Mrs. Moise Cahn of New Orleans, who was named honorary vice-president. Mrs. Joseph Welt of Detroit is the honorary president.

Other American women named to leadership were Mrs. Ronald Brown, secretary, and Mrs. Edgar Menderson of Cincinnati, treasurer. Dr. Fanny Reading of Australia, Mrs. Frank Samuel of Britain, Mrs. S.R. Sioman of South Africa, Mrs. Benjamin Robinson of Canada and Mrs. V. Dreyfus de Gunzberg of Switzerland were named vice presidents.

ISRAEL HEALTH MINISTER INAUGURATES CAMPAIGN IN URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO, May 27. (JTA) -- Joseph Serlin, Israel Minister of Health, inaugurated the Uruguayan United Israel Campaign drive for 1954 at a meeting here last night. A check for \$100,000 was handed him by campaign leaders as an advance on the 1954 goal.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Serlin had been escorted by Uruguayan Minister of Health Dr. Garcia Capurro on a tour of local health institutions and hospitals. Dr. Capurro had also given a reception in honor of Mr. Serlin which was attended by members of the government and diplomatic corps and medical personalities.

HIAS DIRECTOR FOR LATIN AMERICA HONORED IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, May 27. (JTA) -- Marc Turkow, HIAS director for Latin America, was today feted by the Jewish community here on the occasion of his 50th birthday. The local Jewish press has published a number of articles on his life and literary and social activities.

BECAUSE OF DECORATION DAY THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL APPEAR TUESDAY