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## 15,000 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES STAGE THREE-HOUR WALK-OUT IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- Fifteen thousand professional workers in government employ--including physicians, jurists and court employees, architects, engineers and pharmacists--engaged in a three-hour walk-out from their jobs today, as strikes and threats of other slowdowns affected Israel's economy.

Senior civil servants on the whole had refused to heed appeals by Histadrut, the Israel Confederation of Labor, to refrain from joining today's walk-out, but several thousand government employees did stay on their jobs. The medical staff of Histadrut's own Sick Fund, numbering 1,500, joined the brief strike, only skeleton staffs remaining at work to care for emergency cases. The District Court here adjourned, deferring trial of several cases, including one involving a murder charge.

In all cases, the professionals are demanding higher salaries. Those on full strike as well as those engaging in the three-hour "warning" strike held mass meetings in all principal cities in the country.

Government physicians, and the academic staffs of the Hebrew University, Israel Institute of Technology and the Weizmann Institute of Science are either on strike or on a deliberate "slow down" schedule. Yesterday's weekly Cabinet meeting of the Government had appealed to the strikers to defer their grievances until the end of August, promising that their demands would then be met "satisfactorily." However, a joint committee of strikers met and immediately rejected the Cabinet's plea.

## ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS TO MEET TODAY ON EASING BORDER TENSION

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- Representatives of Israel and Egypt will meet tomorrow under the chairmanship of Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, to consider a number of measures of a military character aimed at reducing tension along the Gaza strip border. The meeting will be held at Kilometer 95, a border point along the Beersheba-Gaza road, a UN communique said.

The UN communique also stressed that the meeting is the outcome of consultations and exchanges of views that Gen. Burns had with the Egyptian and Israel Governments, which centered on four practical measures submitted by the UN truce chief to the Security Council and endorsed by the Council on March 30. The communique enumerated the number of proposals made, including Gen. Burns' four-point proposal, an Egyptian proposal for the withdrawal of troops from both sides of the demarcation line, and a four-point plan submitted by Israel on June 17.

Both parties have agreed to discuss the Burns plan, as well as each other's proposal, but the final agenda will be adopted only at the first meeting. The UN statement said that the Egyptian Government had named Lieut. Col. Salah Gohar as its representative, empowering him to discuss and agree on an agenda, within the scope of the armistice agreements.

The Israel Government, on the other hand, confirming that it had received Egypt's reply via Gen. Burns, named its representatives to the meeting, but made it clear that it did not consider such a discussion a substitute for the high level talks, as proposed by Gen. Burns, and that the Egyptian reply is to be regarded as non-acceptance by Egypt of such an invitation. Israel's opinion, therefore, is that this refusal is liable to involve Egypt with the heavy responsibility for failure to undertake a serious effort toward the reduction of the tension now governing relations between the two countries.

Israel will be represented at the meeting by Joseph Tekoa, director of the Foreign Ministry's Armistice Affairs Department, and Lieut. Col. Yaacov Nur-Sela, senior delegate from this country to the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission.

## RUMANIA MAY PERMIT EMIGRATION OF ELDERLY JEWS, REPORT SAYS

ISTANBUL, June 27. (JTA) -- The Rumanian authorities may soon grant permission for Jews over 55 years of age to leave for Israel, it was announced here today by the Free Rumanians Committee on the basis of unconfirmed reports which it had received.

## KNESSET'S TERM EXPIRES TODAY? TEMPO OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN INCREASES

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament elected in 1951, will hold its last session tomorrow. The elections for the next Parliament are scheduled to take place on July 26.

Election campaign activities throughout the country have been stepped up during the last few days. The Arab group affiliated with the General Zionist party called a mass meeting to be held at Nazareth, announcing that among the participants in the meeting would be Minister of the Interior Israel Rokach. The Mizrahi Party is also campaigning heavily in the all-Arab city of Nazareth, emphasizing its "common cause" with Arabs interested in strengthening of religious principles.

Nineteen lists were approved, and four others were rejected today in final tabulation of election lists for next month's parliamentary elections. The Central Election Committee dropped the lists submitted by the Knesset Israel, headed by Rabbi Itzhak Ashkenazi; the Liberal list, headed by M. Nasbacher; the Israel list, which combined Arab and Jewish candidates; and the Progressive Arab list.

The four lists dropped from the ballot were taken off for allegedly having insufficient names on their petitions or for including signatures unqualified under the election laws. Several of the dropped parties are understood to be preparing appeals to the courts.

## ISRAEL PARTIES NAME CANDIDATES FOR MAYORS IN TEL AVIV, JERUSALEM

TEL AVIV, June 27. (JTA) -- Following the action of the Mapai party in placing the name of Golda Myerson at the head of its Tel Aviv municipal elections list, the General Zionists have announced that their principal candidate will be Israel Rokach, former mayor of Tel Aviv. It is understood that both candidates have decided to resign their Cabinet posts should their parties fail to receive majorities sufficient to head the municipal council.

Earlier, in Jerusalem, where Gershon Agron was named mayoral candidate by Mapai, other candidates were named on no less than 16 tickets. Included among them are Meir Grossman, General Zionists; Benjamin Mintz, Poale Agudah; former Mayor Avraham Kariv, Mizrahi; Hapoel Hamizrachi; and Daniel Auster, Progressives.

In all, election lists for some 80 municipal authorities have been filed. Municipal elections will take place on the same day as Knesset elections--July 26. Most of the big parties will participate in the municipal voting, but there are also a large number of purely local lists set up by special interest groups. With the elections now just a month away, the political atmosphere in the country has grown more heated, and party posters and insignia can be seen everywhere.

## 25,000 NEW IMMIGRANTS ENTERED ISRAEL DURING TEN MONTHS

TEL AVIV, June 27. (JTA) -- More than 25,000 new immigrants have entered Israel since last August, and the number of immigrants will rise to 30,000 by August, 1955, it was disclosed here by Dr. Giora Josephthal, treasurer of the Jewish Agency. Since the establishment of the State, he added, more than 750,000 immigrants have arrived in Israel.

Sixty percent of the newcomers have been sent directly to new settlements, and another 25 percent have gone to development areas. Six new settlements have been established since May, he continued, and another 16 will have been established in the Lachish area and other parts of the country by October. Figures showed, it was also revealed, that the cost of maintenance for one family in a new settlement for the first year is 8,000 pounds.

Referring to other settlement projects, Dr. Josephthal announced that new immigrants would be sent to Eilat, Demona, in the Negev, and Afikim, in the northern Negev. All these agricultural townships are slated to become centers of large agricultural areas. Other foci of settlement will be Nazareth and Tarshich in Upper Galilee, where several hundred housing units are now under construction.

Dr. Josephthal indicated that it would be difficult to continue sending 60 percent of the newcomers directly to new settlements because of a lack of funds. He stressed the fact that the United Jewish Appeal's income now was higher than last year. He also stressed that the Jewish Agency had repaid \$23,000,000 of the \$86,000,000 consolidation loan received from the United States.

## JEWISH DP'S FROM FOEHRENWALD CAMP LEAVE GERMANY FOR ISRAEL

MUNICH, June 27. (JTA) -- A group of 18 residents of Foehrenwald, last Jewish DP camp on German soil, left for settlement in Israel, where housing has already been assured through cooperation of the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee, with funds deriving from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims.

Among the group are four "illegal returnees"--former DP's who emigrated to Israel once before, then returned to Germany some years ago in the hope of being able to emigrate to another overseas country, but have now decided that they prefer Israel, after all. Their journey is sponsored by United HIAS Service.

## WORLD ORT CONGRESS OPENS IN GENEVA; HEARS GREETINGS FROM EISENHOWER

GENEVA, June 27. (JTA) -- With delegates in attendance from 27 countries, and messages of greeting from prominent world leaders, including President Eisenhower and President Itzhak Ben Zvi of Israel, the World ORT Union opened its world congress here last night, marking the 75th anniversary of the founding of the organization.

Paying tribute to ORT's work in the field of rehabilitation as an "inspiring job," President Eisenhower told the congress in his message: "The schools, vocational centers and training workshops which ORT sponsors among the free nations of the world contribute to the social and economic well-being of these nations. Your congress, while focusing attention upon the achievements of an exceptionally fine organization which has seen 75 years of devoted service to humanity, testifies to the fact that free men can voluntarily overcome differences of custom, race and nationality to work together for a good cause."

Highlights of the opening session, held in the historic Electoral Palace here, were addresses by Dr. Aron Syngalowski, chairman of the ORT world executive committee, and David Morse, director-general of the International Labor Office, a United Nations specialized agency that has its world headquarters here.

The ILO and ORT have "much in common," Mr. Morse declared, both organizations having expanded the scale and scope of their work in recent years. Pledging ILO's continuing support to the work of ORT, Mr. Morse praised the World ORT Union highly for providing "constructive help to both emigration and immigration" in countries all over the world.

### Dr. Syngalowski Reviews 75 Years of ORT Achievements

Dr. Syngalowski, outlining the history of ORT from its beginnings in Czarist Russia 75 years ago, pointed out that ORT has never "mixed politics" with its work, its "only aim being to increase the number of qualified workers, improve the cultural level of the worker, contribute to the rebirth and reconstruction of the world on a peaceful basis--a world in which our people occupy a place corresponding to the Jew's creative and historical powers." ORT, said Dr. Syngalowski, is "a bridge leading from our ancient generation to the present--and from our time to the future."

In summarizing ORT's more recent accomplishments, today, Dr. Syngalowski paid special tribute to the work achieved by the organization in the United States. He had particular praise for the extension of ORT's work to North African countries and to Iran, as well as the expansion of its activities in Israel. ORT has "taken root in the soil" of many countries in the last six years, Dr. Syngalowski reported. Among the "tests" met by ORT in the last half decade, he declared, was the need to shift its activities elsewhere after compulsory cessation of its activities in countries behind the Iron Curtain.

In the last six years, the ORT leader reported, more than 80,000 students have passed through the organization's schools. Furthermore, the majority of students now are younger people. Adults had made up 75 percent of the students in 1949, he said, while last year the adults numbered only 25 percent. The number of students in European countries now total 4,230. During the last six years, 29,000 students graduated from ORT schools. Tens of thousands of others had to emigrate before completing their courses.

Greetings were read by Dr. Syngalowski from many famous leaders, including messages from the United States from Senator Herbert H. Lehman and Edward M. M. Warburg; and outstanding Israeli personalities including Prime Minister Moshe Sharett and Minister of Labor Golda Myerson. A special award from the American ORT organization was presented at the opening session to Dr. Syngalowski.

## GERMANY ADOPTS U. N. DECLARATION ON DEATH OF MISSING PERSONS

BONN, June 27. (JTA) -- The Bundestag has given its approval to a bill providing for West Germany's adhesion to the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons, which was adopted by the United Nations in 1950. Although Germany is not a member of the United Nations, she was asked two years ago by the UN Economic and Social Council to ratify this international agreement.

The Convention provides for the issuance of declarations of death for persons whose last residence was in Europe, Asia or Africa and who disappeared in the war years in consequence, inter alia, of racial and religious persecution. Such declarations issued in any of the signatory states will be recognized by all other signatories. An International Bureau for Declarations of Death, equipped with a central registry, has been established by the United Nations in Geneva.

## ZURICH SCHOOLS FREE JEWISH CHILDREN FROM SATURDAY ATTENDANCE

ZURICH, June 27. (JTA) -- Jewish children will no longer be forced to attend school in this city on Saturdays and Jewish religious holidays, under a decision of the Zurich municipality. In the past, Jewish pupils were required to attend school even on the Sabbath.

The City Council resolution, however, specifies that the exemption applies only to those children whose parents are members of the Jewish community, and whose families celebrate the Sabbath as a religious holiday.

## SENATE GETS BILL TO REVIEW OPERATION OF IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON, June 27. (JTA) -- A bill to establish a Commission on Immigration and Naturalization Policy, to review the operation of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, and to recommend changes in the Act in the light of experience under its various provisions, was introduced in the Senate today by Sen. John F. Kennedy.

The Commission proposed in the bill is modeled along the lines of the Hoover Commission on Government Reorganization, with 12 members to be appointed by the President, the Vice-President and the Speaker of the House, including six members from private life, two from the executive branch, and two from each House of Congress. The bill, assuming Congress takes action on it during the present session, provides that the Commission shall submit its final report not later than May 31, 1956.

Speaking before the Senate, Sen. Kennedy said: "There can be little disagreement over the need to amend the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act. The difficulty is in determining exactly what amendments are desirable at this time. The entire subject of immigration--which involves a legal jungle of complex and technical details that very few members of Congress are able to comprehend in their entirety--has become further confused with issues of partisan politics and emotional and prejudicial exchanges of extravagant praise and criticism."

## STATE DEPT. NAMES BIERINGER CONSULTANT ON REFUGEE AFFAIRS

BOSTON, June 27. (JTA) -- Walter Bieringer, past president of the United Service for New Americans, has been appointed as a consultant on refugee affairs to the State Department. The appointment is effective immediately. Mr. Bieringer is a former president of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies of Boston, and a leader in the Combined Jewish Appeal of Greater Boston.

A prominent figure in Boston civic and philanthropic affairs, Mr. Bieringer founded the Boston Committee for Refugees, later the Boston Service for New Americans, and played an important role in the merging of the U.S.N.A. with HIAS. He served as chairman of the Massachusetts Committee on Displaced Persons, since 1950. He is a trustee of Howard University in Washington.

## YOUNG ISRAEL CONVENTION CALLS FOR AMERICAN-ISRAEL DEFENSE PACT

FALLSBURG, N. Y., June 27. (JTA) -- The national convention of the Young Israel, representing more than 30,000 members, concluded here with a resolution calling upon the United States Government to enter into a defense agreement with Israel "in order to bring Israel's defense potential into the security structure of the Near East, and thus also expressing affirmatively the desire of the United States Government to guarantee Israel's security."

The delegates also passed a resolution calling upon the United States to cease all shipment of arms to the Arab states "until these states indicate their willingness to negotiate a peace settlement with Israel."

## NOVA SCOTIA ENACTS LEGISLATION TO PREVENT BIAS IN JOBS

HALIFAX, N.S., June 27. (JTA) -- The Province of Nova Scotia has enacted legislation to prevent discrimination "in regard to employment and membership in trade unions by reason of race, national origin, color or religion." It is the fourth Canadian province to adopt fair employment practice legislation, joining Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Enforcement procedures include provision for the levying of fines against those who violate the law. The fines may not exceed \$100 in case of individuals, and \$500 in the cases of corporations, trade unions, employers' organizations, and employment agencies. Employers may also be ordered to pay compensation for loss of employment to the employee, and may be ordered to reinstate the employee.

## BERNARD BERENSON, WORLD NOTED ART CRITIC, HONORED ON 90TH BIRTHDAY

ROME, June 27. (JTA) -- Congratulations from famous artists, patrons and critics all over the world poured in today to the Florentine villa of Bernard Berenson, Vilna-born, American-educated critic considered the world's greatest authority on Italian Renaissance art, who yesterday celebrated his ninetieth birthday. Among the honors conferred on Mr. Berenson in celebration of his birthday was the award of a Doctorate in Letters from the University of Florence.

The "prodigious old man," as he is called here, was born in Vilna in 1865 and brought by his parents to the United States at the age of 10. He studied at Harvard, and came to Florence in 1888, moving his residence there permanently in 1900. His vast collection of art works, it is understood, will be willed to Harvard upon his death.

## B'NAI B'RITH ESTABLISHES NEW LODGES IN ROME AND BRAZIL

WASHINGTON, June 27. (JTA) -- New B'nai B'rith lodges have been established in Rome and in Brazil, B'nai B'rith headquarters here announced today. The Rome lodge is the second in Italy--there is one in Milan--and the 24th lodge on the continent of Europe.