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2,000 STATE PHYSICIANS STRIKE IN ISRAEL; JOINED BY ENGINEERS, OTHERS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Eight thousand physicians employed by the Israel Government or national institutions went on strike this morning to force the government to grant wage increases previously approved by a special governmental investigating committee.

They were joined by architects, engineers, chemists, psychologists and senior government officials, all of whom were in the same situation as the doctors. To further complicate matters, the Civil Servants Association telegraphed the government that unless it negotiates with it and comes to a settlement, all other civil servants will go on strike tomorrow.

Meanwhile, various members of the Cabinet were making desperate private attempts to convince Dr. Pinchas Rosen, Justice Minister and leader of the Progressive Party, not to make good his threat to pull his small party out of the government coalition. Beginning late last night, when it became known that the government had turned down the wage request and that the professionals would strike, the central committee of the Progressive Party—which supports the demand of the professionals—has been in almost continuous session.

Even as long queues of citizens formed in front of the various organizational and governmental clinics in all parts of the country, unaware of the beginning of the strike, the Cabinet was summoned to an emergency meeting for tomorrow morning to deal with the crisis within the government apparatus which has been disrupted by the walk-out of top officials and which will be further crippled if the other civil servants follow suit tomorrow.

The doctors' association decided to leave skeleton crews in each clinic to handle emergency cases. The full complement of nurses was on duty. The physicians' strike committee refused to discuss its case with representatives of the Histadrut, the general federation of labor, who appeared at a meeting last night between the physician's committee and a Ministerial group negotiating with the engineers. The stoppage of engineers has brought all public works to a standstill.

BIG THREE TALKS ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE START IN WASHINGTON TODAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Top diplomats representing the United States, Britain and France will start consultations at the State Department tomorrow with a view to implementing decisions taken at the Eisenhower-Eden conference last week with regard to easing the tension between Israel and the Arab states.

Britain and France will be represented at tomorrow's meeting by their ambassadors in Washington. The United States will be represented by Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen. They will discuss possible military, economic and political measures with regard to the Middle East, it was indicated. A State Department spokesman said their talks will seek to establish what measures can be taken in the United Nations and outside to carry out the plans which will emerge from the three-power discussions.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles indicated at a press conference today that he stands by his proposals of August 26. He was explaining his reply to the 40 Republican Congressmen who yesterday asked him to permit the sale of American defensive arms to Israel. He emphasized that he believes gains could be achieved in the Arab-Israel situation if regional resources were devoted to the economic progress and well-being of the people of that area rather than to a build-up of armaments.

The portion on which Secretary Dulles commented, said: "It is our belief that the security of states in the Near East cannot rest upon arms alone but rather upon the international rule of law and upon the establishment of friendly relations among neighbors. We are actively working toward the establishment of such relations."

Asked if the United States favored creation of a two-kilometer no-man's land area by withdrawal of one kilometer each by Israel and Egyptian forces, Mr. Dulles said such a proposal was not discussed at all during the Eden visit. Secretary Dulles added that if it had merit, a suggestion along those lines might be made by Gen. Burns, but that it was not made by him.

ISRAEL AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW CONFERS WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador to Moscow, Brig. Joseph Avidar, conferred with Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, it was learned here today. The two diplomats discussed "current developments," the source said. Ambassador Avidar is scheduled to arrive in Israel tomorrow to report to Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

From now on Israelis who want transit visas from the Soviet authorities can obtain them directly from the Soviet Embassy in Tel Aviv; it was announced here today by the Israeli Foreign Ministry. This announcement was seen as an indication that the Ministry had accepted a proposal from the Soviet Embassy which would permit consular representatives in the respective countries to grant transit visas on the day of application without referring the matter to home authority for decision.

TEL AVIV MUNICIPALITY VOTES 6,000,000 POUNDS FOR CIVIL DEFENSE PLAN

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- An emergency 6,000,000-pound budget for civil defense preparations was passed by the Tel Aviv municipality today after it had received a report on the current situation from the Chief of Air Defense. The municipality also warned all residents to prepare their own shelters, to stock up on first aid materials and to keep cans full of water around to fight fires set by incendiary bombs.

The allocation will be used to refit the old public air shelter and to build new ones in various parts of the city. Air Defense Chief Col. Itiel Amichai described the new planes acquired by the Egyptians, which include jet bombers capable of appearing over Israel's populated centers minutes after take-off.

CANADA REMOVES BAN ON SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES

OTTAWA, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent announced in Parliament yesterday that lifting of the temporary ban on arms shipments to the Middle East imposed by his government several weeks ago pending a debate in Parliament.

The removal of the ban cleared for immediate shipment to Egypt the remaining 12 Harvard trainer planes of a 15-plane order approved months ago. It also cleared for shipment to Israel some \$30,000 worth of artillery ammunition. Each order will be judged on its own merits in the future, the Prime Minister indicated.

Earlier, addressing a crowded Commons, visiting British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden said that Israel and the Arab states had to achieve peace through "compromise." Such a peace settlement, he added, "can only be realized if both sides are prepared to reconcile the positions they have taken up to now." Reporting on the recent talks in Washington between President Eisenhower and himself, Sir Anthony said that the two principals had decided to work for a Palestine settlement "without publicity."

AMERICAN ZIONIST COMMITTEE SEEKS \$250,000 IN FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Rabbi Philip Bernstein, chairman of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, launched today a new fund-raising campaign to secure \$250,000 to meet the needs of the mounting Arab-Israel crisis.

Rabbi Bernstein requested Laurence G. Laskey and Josselyn M. Shore, co-chairmen of the National Finance Council of his organization to undertake the fund-raising without delay. The rabbi said the funds must be secured in individual contributions not deductible from income tax. The drive is scheduled to end April 1.

DR. GOLDMANN CONFERS WITH ADENAUER ON INDEMNIFICATION TO INDIVIDUALS

BONN, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, head of the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, conferred here today with Chancellor Adenauer and Finance Minister Dr. Fritz Schaeffer on improving and expediting the payment of indemnification to individual Nazi victims. Later, he conferred also with Prof. Ludwig Erhard, Minister for Economic Affairs, and high officials of the Foreign Ministry.

Dr. Goldmann reported to Chancellor Adenauer on the meeting of the board of directors of the Claims Conference which took place in New York last month. He asked the Chancellor and the other members of the Bonn government with whom he met to use their influence with Parliament on behalf of those Jewish victims who, because they were not former residents of Germany, receive little or no compensation.

Meanwhile, the powerful German Trade Union Federation, in its publication, threw its support behind indemnification for individual victims. The payment of indemnification claims to individual Nazi victims should have priority over expenditures for the new German Army, it asserted in an article by Dr. Walter Otto, one of the Justices of the Supreme Administrative Court for West Germany and West Berlin.

The \$241,000,000 spent for indemnification of individual victims within the past six years does not constitute an adequate amount when viewed against the backdrop of the billions now being made available for rearmament, wrote Judge Otto, "since indemnification is the touchstone for the extent to which National Socialist mentality has been overcome."

NAZI DOCTOR WHO STERILIZED JEWISH WOMEN FOUND CAPABLE OF STANDING TRIAL

KIEL, Germany, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Carl Clauberg, Nazi doctor who conducted sterilization experiments on Jewish women imprisoned at the Auschwitz extermination camp, is of sound mind and capable of standing trial, the Kiel prosecutor has been told in a formal opinion written by Dr. Reucker-Embsen, chief physician at the Neustadt State Hospital where Dr. Clauberg is currently being held.

Dr. Clauberg, released some months ago when the Soviet Union freed thousands of German prisoners of war, publicly boasted of his role in the Nazi sterilization program. However, after public indignation had been registered throughout the world and after the Central Jewish Council of Germany had filed legal charges against him, the Nazi doctor proved to evade responsibility and trial on the grounds that he was "irresponsible" in a psychiatric and legal sense.

This contention Dr. Reucker-Embsen has rejected, but he has recommended that Dr. Clauberg be continued in custody at the hospital rather than be returned to jail because of his age--57--and the long time he spent in Soviet prison camps. A motion by his defense counsel that he be released from custody pending his trial was denied recently.

MAYOR OF THE HAGUE CHARGED WITH HANDING JEWS OVER TO NAZIS

THE HAGUE, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Minister for Home Affairs and Acting Minister of Justice, Dr. Louis Beel, ordered an investigation today of newspaper charges that Dr. Frans M. A. Schokking, Mayor of The Hague, was responsible for the arrest of a Jewish couple and their child in a small village in Nazi occupied Holland.

The charges, originally made by the independent Socialist newspaper "Parool," and later picked up by several other papers, specified that Dr. Schokking, while Mayor of the village of Hazerswoude in 1942, ordered the arrest of Jacob Pino, his wife and eleven-year-old daughter, residents of the village. The father subsequently died in jail. "Parool" said, and the mother and daughter were transported to the Auschwitz death camp. No action was taken against Dr. Schokking after the Liberation and, in 1949, he was named Mayor of The Hague.

A sensation has been created by the charges and by newspaper demands that Dr. Schokking resign as Mayor. Some newspapers, however, have swung to his defense, claiming that he was a "good patriot" during the occupation and that he helped people hide from the Nazis.

POUJADIST MOVEMENT FORMED IN ITALY; WILL NOT BE ANTI-SEMITIC

ROME, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Formation of an Italian Poujadist movement was announced here by Vittorio Ambrosini, at a press conference where the Italian rightist disclaimed any anti-Semitic and racist philosophy.

He said that there would be no trace of anti-Semitism in the Italian Poujade movement. Queried about the anti-Semitic character of the French party, he replied that in a meeting in the near future in Paris with French Poujadist leaders he will object to the anti-Semitic path which they are following.

JEWISH CONGRESS PRESIDENT SAYS FRENCH PEOPLE WILL DISAVOW POUJADE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, upon his return today from Europe and Israel, declared that there was "every reason to believe that as soon as the French people wake up to the true character of the Poujadist movement and its sinister aims, they will disavow Poujade and consign him to oblivion."

Dr. Goldstein said that the effect of the anti-Semitic campaign by Poujadists on the situation of the Jews in France was discussed at the recent meeting of the World Jewish Congress in London, in which he participated. He asserted that the tactics of Pierre Poujade, leader of the movement, "could be likened to those of Hitler."

MORE THAN 100 JEWISH COMMUNITIES CEASED TO EXIST IN BUDAPEST AREA

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- More than 100 Jewish communities have ceased to exist in the vicinity of Budapest alone since 1944, the World Jewish Congress reported here today. The report said the figure was revealed in official publications of the Budapest Jewish community.

Fifteen synagogues are maintaining regular services in the Budapest area, it is claimed, and more than 900 pupils are registered in Talmud Torahs for the school year of 1955-56. Twenty-one Chanukah festivals were held in Budapest, and nine in the main provincial centers.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN ITALY DECIDE TO ESTABLISH DOCUMENTATION CENTER

ROME, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Creation of a Center of Documentation of Contemporary Judaism was decided upon today at a joint meeting here of representatives of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities and the Italian Youth Federation. The center will be located in Venice.

HADASSAH PARLEY URGES U. S. TO SELL ARMS TO ISRAEL "WITHOUT DELAY"

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A resolution appealing to the State Department "to take decisive action without delay to enable Israel to acquire arms for defense" in view of the danger which the Jewish State faces with the continuing shipment of Soviet military equipment to Egypt, was adopted today at the Hadassah conference here, attended by delegates from 1,200 branches in 48 states. The resolution called upon the State Department "to negotiate forthwith a security treaty with Israel and with such Arab states as are desirous of peace."

A second resolution called upon the United States Government "to take vigorous measures to terminate Arab practices aimed at American Jews." It pointed out that "Americans dealing with Arab countries have been warned against commerce with Israel and have even been asked to disclose the religious affiliation of employees. American Jews have been denied visas to enter Arab countries. Arab diplomats and propagandists have used the public platform to vilify Americans for their friendship for Israel, spreading propaganda injurious to American Jewish citizens and institutions."

In introducing the resolutions, Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, Hadassah chairman for the Zionist affairs, deplored the statement made yesterday by Secretary of State John F. Dulles to Congressmen advocating arms for Israel. "Although there are many affirmative and friendly allusions to the relationship between the United States and Israel in the statement," she said, "the failure to give a positive answer to legislators seeking to obtain arms for Israel as a counterbalance to the Communist arms pouring into Egypt will not serve to further the cause of peace in the Middle-East--an area in which the Communists are planting the seeds of war. Our 300,000 members will undoubtedly use all their influence in their communities to rally all those dedicated to the cause of peace to support the just demand for defensive arms for Israel as a deterrent to war and aggression," she added.

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, chairman of Hadassah's American affairs department, urged the major political parties to include in their campaign platforms "meaningful civil rights planks" designed to safeguard "our traditional freedoms and liberties." She voiced concern at reports that the major parties will seek to sidestep such controversial issues as desegregation, civil liberties and immigration.

RABBINICAL PARLEY APPEALS TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TO PROTECT ISRAEL

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A resolution demanding that the United States declare "persona non-grata" diplomatic representatives from the Arab states who have engaged in anti-Jewish campaigns in this country was adopted here today at the conference of the Rabbinical Council of America, an Orthodox rabbinical group.

The conference also addressed an appeal to President Eisenhower urging him "for the sake of world peace and the sanctity of the Holy Land, to take every measure to safeguard Israel's security." At the same time, it called upon American Jews "to give sacrificially" to the United Jewish Appeal campaign and to purchase Israel bonds. Rabbi David Hollander, president of the Rabbinical Council, addressing today's session, appealed to the Christian clergy in this country to come to the aid of Israel "in a true spirit of bi-partisanship in religious affairs."

The conference also adopted recommendations to aid growing Orthodox communities in South Africa and in Western Europe with religious personnel, teachers and rabbis; and to lay the foundations for a "truly united Orthodox rabbinate in America by forming united Orthodox rabbinical organizations in the major cities of the United States and Canada." Plans were also revealed for the building of 100 Orthodox synagogues in as many suburban communities throughout the United States.

JOSEPH RUMSHINSKY, LEADING JEWISH COMPOSER, DEAD; WROTE 100 OPERETTAS

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Joseph M. Rumshinsky, leading composer for the Yiddish stage in the United States, died here yesterday after an operation. He was 74.

Mr. Rumshinsky, who was also a conductor, pianist and partner in numerous productions on the Yiddish stage, wrote more than 100 operettas for that stage over the period of half a century as well as music for dramas and other productions. He was working on an opera in Hebrew, entitled "Ruth," which was to have been produced in Israel, when he became ill. He was also engaged, in recent months, in writing the score for a musical for the English stage.

An intimate of virtually every major figure connected with the Yiddish theatre, Mr. Rumshinsky was a member of the board of directors of the Yiddish Theatrical Alliance, an honorary member of the Hebrew Actors Union, one-time president of the Society of Jewish Composers and Song Writers, and a member of the Cantors Association. Born in Russia where he studied music, Mr. Rumshinsky came to the United States in 1904.