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BEN-GURION APPEALS TO 6,000 STRIKING ENGINEERS TO RETURN TO WORK

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17; (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today called upon the striking 6,000 members of the Engineers Union, employed in public institutions, to return to work "for the good of the economy and the nation." He warned against the continuance of the strike for higher wages which entered today its seventh day.

Describing the strike as "an introduction of dangerous anarchy in labor relations and in the labor ranks," the Prime Minister said that the Government does not object to the holding of a full-dress debate on the strike in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. He pointed out that the Speaker of the Knesset has announced that the presidium allotted four hours for a discussion at Monday's session of parliament.

Israel Govt. Settles Salary Dispute with High School Teachers

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17; (JTA) -- A three-year salary dispute between the Government and Israel's high school teachers was finally settled here today. Abba Eban, Minister of Education, and the heads of the Teachers Association, initiated an agreement on salaries, providing for wage increases as well as certain fringe benefits for the teachers in the secondary schools.

The agreement will be submitted to the Teachers Association Council for a vote next week, but was already hailed by Mr. Eban today as "the beginning of a period of cooperation, ending a three-year period of instability in secondary education."

High school teachers will receive increases ranging from 25 pounds (\$14.00) to sixty pounds (\$33.60) monthly. They will also get further increments over a six percent raise if such an increment is granted to the engineers in public institutions now on strike for higher wages.

In addition, a joint fund will be established to help high school teachers to continue advance studies. This fund will enable teachers to take a sabbatical leave, with 80 percent net pay, every eight years. There will also be bonuses for teachers completing refresher courses or researches, increases for teachers holding university degrees, and special bonuses for those in charge of certain special subjects.

U.S. JEWISH LEADERS ALERT STATE DEPT. ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN ARGENTINA

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17; (JTA) -- A widespread campaign of armed violence, attacks against democratic groups, and anti-Semitic vandalism is being carried out by a number of terrorist organizations in Argentina, with "apparent immunity" from police action, it was reported here today by Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, which is starting its three-day national executive board meeting here tomorrow.

"The organizations, which are neo-Fascist and strongly anti-United States, appear to have support of some Argentine army officers and a number of priests in the Roman Catholic Church, although both the Army and the Church are officially opposed to these groups," the AJC leader said in his report.

Mr. Blaustein revealed that American Jewish Committee leaders recently met with top officials of the U.S. State Department, to discuss the growing anti-democratic and anti-Semitic forces in Argentina. It is understood that the Vatican has censured the priests involved in the Argentine Fascist fringe groups, he added.

The report said neo-Fascist terrorist organizations openly commit acts of vandalism and violence without "serious police intercession." Members of these groups, the Committee charged, "seemed to enjoy a strange immunity from police arrest and, even when arrested, prosecution is not carried out to the full extent of the law. This may be due to the fact that neo-Fascist groups appear to have significant connections with individuals in Government, police, military and church circles."

Mr. Blaustein stressed, however, that Argentine officialdom and church leaders are "clearly opposed to these fringe groups," and cited the fact that the Argentine Senate in 1961 officially denounced Tacuara, one of the more important neo-Fascist groups. This organization is a para-military group, with cells and command posts in Buenos Aires and other major cities in Argentina.

NEW SOVIET LONG-RANGE BOMBERS PUT INTO OPERATION IN EGYPT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic is putting into operation some new, Soviet-made long-range bombers, mounting two 23-millimeter guns, capable of carrying 10 tons of bombs for a distance of 4,250 miles, and capable of refueling while in flight, it was reported in the press here today.

The new Russian bomber, the TU-16, replaces the Ilyushin-28 craft which are now considered "outmoded," the report said. The TU-16 is now operational also in the Russian air force.

SEN. JAVITS SPEAKS ON EICHMANN TRIAL IN SENATE; STRESSES ITS SIGNIFICANCE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Senator Jacob Javits of New York, in a speech today on the Senate floor, called Israel's trial of Adolf Eichmann "one of the most historic events of our time" and predicted "it will be studied for many decades as a landmark in the efforts of mankind to bring about a rule of law to replace a rule of force as the final arbiter of our destiny."

Senator Javits said the "major significance" of the trial is that it established the fact that "the individual is entirely responsible for his acts with respect to the laws of humanity" and that "he cannot escape his personal responsibility for violations of the laws of humanity by incriminating others, by claiming superior orders or by pleading fear." The Republican lawmaker commended Israel for conducting the trial with "justice" which, he said, is what the "world had a right to expect from Israel."

EGYPT CRITICIZED IN HOUSE FOR STAND ON ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Palestinian refugees "have been used by the Arab countries--particularly Egypt--as political pawns for years," Democratic Congressman Abraham Multer told the House today. He characterized the Arab refugee question as "one of the most disturbing problems of the world today."

Rep. Multer's remarks were made as a preface to his insertion in the Congressional Record of an article by journalist Martha Gellhorn which appeared in "The Atlantic Monthly." The article surveyed the work being done in Arab refugee camps by UNRWA, and drew the conclusion that its activities are subject to Arab political supervision and propaganda purposes.

BEN-GURION SAYS JEWISH AGENCY WORK IS IMPORTANT; REPLIES TO SHARETT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today assured former Premier Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, that he was fully aware of the importance of the Jewish Agency's activities in the fields of immigration, absorption and settlement and that his statement last week in Parliament--for which Mr. Sharett criticized him--had been misinterpreted.

That was the essence of the Premier's reply to a letter published this week by Mr. Sharett in which the latter took Mr. Ben-Gurion to task for expressing "ignorance" of the Agency's work. Mr. Sharett had referred to Premier Ben-Gurion's reply to a question in Parliament about the arrival after the onset of the Sabbath, of an El Al plane, bringing a group of Bar Mitzva boys from Argentina. Mr. Ben-Gurion said in the reply that the Government Tourist Corporation had no part in arranging the tour, adding that "the Government is not the proprietor of the Jewish Agency. I don't know what it does."

In his letter today to Mr. Sharett, the Premier said he was referring to a particular incident only and not to the Agency's activities generally. It is understood that Premier Ben-Gurion's letter was worded in cordial terms and that with this reply the issue was believed to be closed.

IHUD GROUP APPEALS TO ISRAEL GOVT. TO ABOLISH MILITARY RULE FOR ARABS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- A public appeal to the Government to abolish "all discrimination and cancel military rule" in Arab areas, was issued here today by Ihud, the Association for Jewish-Arab Rapprochement. The appeal was signed by three of Israel's leading academicians: Prof. Martin Buber and Prof. Ernst Simon, of the Hebrew University, and Prof. Yehudah Leon Shereshefsky, of the Technion of Haifa.

The appeal requested the Government "to honor its pledge of complete equality" for the Arabs in Israel. It charged that, in the past 13 years, the Government committed actions "which were bound to give the inhabitants (of the Arab areas) a feeling of second-class citizenship."

GOLDA MEIR GOES TO FAR EAST FOR A MONTH; WILL VISIT JAPAN, PHILIPPINES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir left here today for a month's visit to a number of Far Eastern countries including Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Burma and Cambodia.

U. N. URGED TO SEEK RELEASE OF JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN RUSSIA

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Jan. 17: (JTA) -- The three-day conference of the Rabbinical Council of America, an Orthodox rabbinical organization, concluded here today with a statement appealing to the United Nations to "seek the release of Jewish religious leaders who are languishing in Russian prisons solely because of their religious convictions."

"The entire world can only be repelled by the fact that the religious heads of the Jewish community have been placed under charge and imprisoned," the statement said; It pointed out that "it is an imperative obligation of the United Nations and the entire civilized world to redeem the compelling directives of the United Nations Charter for the implementation of human rights such as the release of innocent Russian Jews from detention."

The 500 rabbis who attended the conference also appealed to the Soviet Government to restore the general guarantee of religious liberty and freedom of worship to the Jewish citizens "who have been unjustly victimized by outbursts of discrimination, prejudice and physical violence in recent years."

Resolutions adopted by the conference included: 1. A call to the American Government to bring about a cessation of the Arab boycott against American Jews; 2. An appeal to the United Nations to secure the reopening of the Suez Canal to Israeli shipping; 3. A demand that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and local police agencies mobilize their maximum resources to stamp out the recent wave of synagogue desecration and swastika smearings; 4. A demand to the Justice Department to include the American Nazi party in the list of subversive organizations;

The conference also called upon all local Jewish federations to stop immediately the opening of YMHA's and YWHA's on the Sabbath "so as to avoid the violation of a sacred tenet of Judaism;" Principals and teachers in American schools were urged by the conference to avoid sponsoring those religious functions in the public schools, which infringe on the basic American principle of separation of church and state.

C. O. J. C. DECIDES TO CONVENE WORLD ASSEMBLY ON JEWISH EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- The first world Jewish assembly to discuss problems of Jewish education in the countries outside of Israel will convene in Jerusalem on August 12 this year, according to a joint announcement today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Label A. Katz, chairman and co-chairman, of the World Conference of Jewish Organizations, sponsor of the assembly. The assembly will be in session for six days.

The deliberations of the assembly, which will be attended by some 200 elected delegates from all parts of the globe, will "give special emphasis to the formulation of a program to counteract the trends of assimilation and cultural disintegration which are making serious inroads in Jewish life in all countries outside of Israel," the announcement said;

The World Conference of Jewish Organizations--known as COJO--is the coordinating and deliberating body of major Jewish organizations on five continents and has the twofold aim of safeguarding Jewish rights wherever they may be threatened and the perpetuation of Jewish consciousness and identification by combating Jewish cultural disintegration through assimilation.

COJO includes among its constituent organizations: The American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Board of Deputies of British Jews, Canadian Jewish Congress, Conseil Representatif Des Juifs de France, Delegacion De Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas, Executive Council of Australian Jewry, Jewish Labor Committee, South African Jewish Board of Deputies and the World Jewish Congress. The Jewish Agency for Israel participates as an observer.

Making public the initial preparations for the forthcoming world assembly, Yehuda Hellman, secretary general of COJO, disclosed that the number of delegates from each country will be based on the size of the Jewish community and that the United States is therefore expected to be represented by the largest single delegation; Mr. Philip Lown, president of the American Association For Jewish Education, has been appointed chairman of the American delegation.

"The formation of preparatory committees, comprised of outstanding educators, is now under way in the United States, Europe, Latin America and Israel, to gather and draft background material for participating organizations," the announcement said. "Delegates to the assembly will also be furnished with the results of a number of research projects on the status of Jewish education in various countries; The conference is being called by national and international Jewish organizations and institutions in addition to those affiliated with COJO, so that all schools of Jewish thought and education will be represented, the statement emphasized;

CHEVY CHASE COUNTRY CLUB DENIES EXCLUDING JEWS FROM MEMBERSHIP

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- The president of the Chevy Chase Country Club, in exclusive Chevy Chase, Maryland, today denied the club excludes Jews and Negroes from membership. He said the club has "no such policy" and that "each candidate for membership is considered as an individual."

Club president Randall H. Hagnar issued the statement following publication of an article by New York Times columnist Arthur Krock that the club bars Negroes and "one ethnic group of Caucasians" from membership. Mr. Hagnar said that while the club has no Negro members there are "several Jewish members."

WASHINGTON SUBURB ENACTS LAW BARRING RELIGIOUS BIAS IN PUBLIC PLACES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Maryland's Montgomery County, a suburb of Washington, became the first in the State today to enact a law barring religious and racial discrimination in public places. The County Council approved the law--first of its kind anywhere in Maryland--by a vote of 4-2.

The ruling is expected to have bearing on action in the forthcoming session of the State Legislature at Annapolis where several state-wide anti-discrimination measures are reportedly being readied for introduction. Many Federal Government employees live in the county.

WORLD JEWISH LEADERS HONOR CHIEF RABBI OF RUMANIA IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Leaders of the World Jewish Congress as well as leaders of the American Jewish Congress, attended a reception here for Rumania's Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen and Mrs. Rosen.

Greeting Dr. Rosen on behalf of the World Jewish Congress was Dr. Nahum Goldmann, while Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, welcomed the Rumanian chief rabbi on behalf of the AJC. Others present were WJC leaders from Canada, Australia, Argentina, London, Paris, Geneva and other centers.

300 LIVE MINKS SHIPPED FROM U.S. TO ISRAEL TO SPUR NEW INDUSTRY

NEW YORK, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- A shipment of 300 live minks, valued at \$50,000, left New York tonight aboard an El Al jetliner for Israel to spur the country's new mink ranching industry. The animals, representing the finest specimens of American-bred ranch mink, are the second shipment of breeders to be sent to Israel. The first shipment went last April.

Government of Israel Investment Authority officials said here today that Israel hopes to develop a sizeable fur industry within four or five years. Farms are being planned to accommodate 200,000 minks. The minks shipped tonight were raised on The Dupler Ranch in Sandy, Utah and the George Heinen Ranch in Warroad, Minnesota. They are destined for the Talpiot Farm in Jerusalem, maintained by the Israel Mink Ranch Association.

UNIFICATION OF COMPETING CONFEDERATIONS OF GENERAL ZIONISTS TO BE SOUGHT

NEW YORK, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- Renewed efforts to bring about the unification of the two World Confederations of General Zionists will be made next week in Israel, it was announced here today by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of one of the competing Confederations, upon his leaving for Jerusalem to attend the plenary sessions of the Jewish Agency executive of which he is a member.

"Such a step," he declared, "would have an important bearing on the future course of American Zionism and the possibility of closer cooperation among all Zionist groups in the United States. The Jewish Agency plenary sessions will open in Jerusalem on January 21.

SO. AFRICAN GROUP LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TO STUDY ANCIENT BIBLICAL SITES

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 17: (JTA) -- A group of 34 South Africans left here today for an archaeology tour of Israel, the first such tour ever to be organized for South Africans. The group, which includes physicians, engineers and teachers, is headed by the world-famous Professor Raymond Dart and Dr. R. Mason of the archaeology department of Witwatersrand University.

In Israel, the visitors will be conducted on a tour arranged by the archeology department of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. They will visit ancient historical points of interest, concentrating particularly on Biblical sites. After touring Israel, the group will proceed to Greece and the island of Crete for similar tours.