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STRIKING ISRAELI ENGINEERS TO SHUT DOWN ALL ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The striking members of the Engineers Union employed in public institutions, today tightened their strike for higher wages by ordering that engineers at electric power stations, who have been permitted to work until now, join the walk-out.

According to the strikers' plans, one power station will be struck tomorrow, and another station will be struck each day thereafter, until all electric power stations in Israel are shut down.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, addressing the Knesset (Parliament) at Jerusalem, condemned the strikers, and warned that the Government will take "all essential steps to insure vital services." Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, and various public and municipal bodies throughout the country that employ the engineers, also condemned the strikers and called upon them to return to work. Histadrut has promised to support all engineers who return to work against the orders of their own union.

Meanwhile, Israel's secondary school teachers, who only yesterday won their own three-year dispute against the Government, obtaining higher salaries, voted today to call a one-day strike next Tuesday in support of the engineers. Other groups of professional workers in Israel, among them non-publicly-employed engineers and technicians, have declared themselves in support of the striking engineers.

Mr. Ben-Gurion and other leaders of the Government, as well as Histadrut, are opposing the strike on the grounds that the wage demands are excessive, and charge that the striking union violated a pledge to abide by a decision of a special committee investigating the grievances. The engineers were represented on that committee.

The Ministry of Finance has offered the engineers a seven percent wage increase. There is a split in the ranks of the union as to how much to accept in settlement. The largest faction in the union insists on a 16.5 percent increase. Another group, composed of members of the Mapai and Liberal parties, is willing to settle for a 10 percent increase.

JEWS LEADERS ASSURED OF GROWING AMITY BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- "Never before in American history has there been so little religious prejudice as there is today," leaders of the American Jewish Committee were assured here today by John Cogley, director of the American Character Study, a major Ford Foundation project. He stressed that inter-religious cooperation and understanding are on the increase both among leaders and peoples of all faiths throughout the western world.

Mr. Cogley spoke at a session of the American Jewish Committee's national executive board meeting here. He emphasized that the new trend toward interfaith cooperation is marked by a discussion of differences among religious groups rather than an attempt to gloss over them. He said that theological leaders "instead of barring differences, have been making sense out of the various positions taken by different groups."

"Leaders of all faiths have shown us that different commitments to different faiths does not mean that we cannot be committed to each other as human persons and as Americans," he declared. "All over the nation, Christians and Jews, Protestants and Catholics, believers and non-believers are meeting together to discuss questions of common concern. Jewish writers are contributing to Christian publications, both Catholic and Protestant, and Christians are called in to address Jewish gatherings."

As to questions dividing religious groups in this country, Mr. Cogley labeled them sociological and political rather than issues of faith. As examples of these problem areas, he listed observance of religious festivals in public schools, the law and birth control, aid for parochial schools and Sunday closing laws. Discussion on these issues, he said, "are properly centered on the Constitution and the law of the land" rather than in theology.

AMENDMENTS TO GERMANY'S RESTITUTION LAW EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR CLAIMS

BCNN, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, declared here today that he has found understanding among West Germany's topmost political figures for the necessity of closing the gap in the country's indemnification and restitution laws;

He said the leaders with whom he has conferred here the last two days--who included Chancellor Konrad Adenauer--see the need for amendments to the laws to satisfy the claims of persons eligible for compensation who have, thus far, not been adequately covered by the laws;

Final amendments to the Federal indemnification and restitution laws are pending in the Bundestag and must be acted upon during the current session of Parliament; Dr. Goldmann expressed the hope that the amendments would be adopted "speedily" and that they would "adequately take into account the demands of the victims of Nazism;"

Among the Government leaders with whom Dr. Goldmann met, in addition to Chancellor Adenauer, were Vice-Chancellor Ludwig Erhard; Finance Minister Heinz Starke; Minister of the Interior Hermann Hoehnerl; Minister of Justice Wolfgang Stammberger; and Karl Carstens, Minister of State in the Foreign Ministry. Dr. Goldmann also conferred with a number of Germany's foremost parliamentary and political leaders;

LEON BLUM'S FAMILY BRINGS LIBEL SUIT AGAINST FRENCH ENCYCLOPEDIA

PARIS, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- A suit claiming 10,000,000 francs in damages for alleged libeling of the name of the late Leon Blum, twice Prime Minister of France, was heard in civil court here today. After the hearing, the court announced that judgment will be rendered on February 24;

The suit had been brought by the family of the late M. Blum, and by an organization called "The Association of Leon Blum's Friends," against the publishers of the Larousse French Encyclopedia;

The damages were sought on the claim that the last edition of the encyclopedia helped to perpetuate an old canard that Blum was not a Frenchman but "a foreign Jew." The encyclopedia article on Blum alleges that the former Premier's "real name" had been Leon Kerunkelstein;

The publishers told the court, in defense, that the article on Blum had been written "by a young and inexperienced graduate, who has since been dismissed;" The attorneys for the plaintiffs, however, insisted there were "expressions defamatory to Jews in general" in the latest edition of the Larousse encyclopedia;

SCANDINAVIA TO DRAW ON ISRAEL'S EXPERIENCE IN AID TO AFRO-ASIAN LANDS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- The Scandinavian countries will probably draw upon Israel's experiences in the field of aid to Afro-Asian countries, Denmark's Prime Minister Viggo Kampmann declared here today. The Danish statesman today completed a six-day visit to this country as a guest of the Israel Government;

Pointing out that the Nordic States Council will discuss, at its meeting in March, the establishment of a Scandinavian pool for helping Afro-Asian lands, Premier Kampmann said one of the purposes of his visit to Israel was to study the Israel Government's program in that field; He declared that the Nordic States Council might profit from the "valuable data and experience" in the area of Afro-Asian aid acquired by the Afro-Asian Institute at Tel Aviv;

In general, the Danish Premier described his visit to Israel as an "unforgettable" experience, stating he was "moved by the warmth of the reception" he received in this country;

TWO ISRAELI LEADERS ARRIVE IN U.S. TO AID THE U.J.A. AND BOND DRIVES

NEW YORK, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- Brigadier General Chaim Herzog, former Chief of Intelligence of the Israel Defense Forces, and one-time military commander of Jerusalem, arrived here this afternoon from Israel to address the United Jewish Appeal's National Inaugural Dinner, to be held February 11 in New York, and a series of regional and community UJA meetings throughout the country; The inaugural dinner will mark the official opening of the 1962 UJA national campaign, which seeks to raise a total of \$95,000,000;

Josef Almogi, Minister Without Portfolio of the State of Israel, and hero of World War II, arrived here today for a six-week tour of American and Canadian communities in behalf of the Israel Bond drive, which is seeking to raise \$66,500,000 this year;

JEWISH GROUPS TESTIFY AT CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON FAIR EMPLOYMENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- Enactment at this session of Congress of an enforceable fair employment practices law was urged today separately by the American Jewish Committee and by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, in testimony before a special House Subcommittee on Labor which is holding hearings on proposed fair employment legislation;

Lewis H. Weinstein, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, testified on behalf of the six national Jewish organizations and 60 Jewish community relations councils throughout the United States affiliated with the NCRAC; The six national organizations for whom he spoke are: American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.; Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the United Synagogue of America; Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, is scheduled to appear separately before the subcommittee tomorrow;

Pointing to the "thousands of pages of testimony" submitted by "hundreds of witnesses" who have testified at Congressional hearings on fair employment practice bills since 1944, Mr. Weinstein declared: "The question before this Committee would seem to be not why should such legislation be enacted by the present Congress, but rather what possible reasons can there be for not enacting it?"

Charges Widespread 'Subtly Disguised' Job Discrimination Against Jews

The NCRAC leader pointed out that the Republican Party platform, as early as 1944, pledged "establishment by Federal legislation of a Fair Employment Practice Commission," and that, as late as 1960, the Democratic Party platform contained a similar pledge; He charged widespread and often subtly disguised job discrimination against Jews; This discrimination is outweighed by discrimination against Negroes, he added; and he said that the Jewish organizations he represented would be concerned even if there were no anti-Jewish discrimination in employment.

"As Jews," said Mr. Weinstein, "we are committed by immemorial tradition to a deep regard for the sanctity and inviolability of the individual person; From this tradition we derive a special concern for the preservation of human rights; This concern is to us an expression of faith and of a venerable cultural heritage; Even if Jews enjoyed full equality, therefore, we would still be concerned about discrimination against any group on grounds of race, color, religion, or origin;"

The American Jewish Committee submitted to the hearings a statement saying that Federal action on fair employment is made necessary despite legislation on the books of many states by the fact that "every study undertaken since World War II has found that discrimination in employment is widespread;" The statement was signed by Ely M. Aaron, chairman of the AJC's civil rights and civil liberties committee.

Mr. Aaron's statement pointed out that 28 states now have anti-bias public accommodations laws; nine states bar discrimination in the sale or rental of private houses; and 20 states have fair employment practices laws;

N. C. C. J. FORMS BODY TO GUIDE JEWS AND CHRISTIANS ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

NEW YORK, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- A nine-member council, to act as an advisory body in dealing with political and social problems involving religious differences, has been appointed by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, president of the NCCJ, announced here today;

The council, said Dr. Jones, will aid implementation of a new NCCJ project whose overall purpose is to raise the general level of discussion and understanding among religious groups on such controversial issues as Federal aid to private and parochial schools, birth control legislation, Bible reading in public schools, and Sunday closing legislation;

Four of the members of the council are prominent Protestant, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Jewish theologians; They are: Dr. John C. Bennett, of the Union Theological Seminary; Rev. Gustave Weigel, a Jesuit, professor at the School of Divinity at Woodstock College in Maryland; Rev. John S. Romanides, of Holy Cross Theological Seminary, Brookline, Mass.; and Dr. Robert Gordis, of the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York; The other members are noted educators; Rabbi Arthur Gilbert will serve as NCCJ staff consultant to the council;

JEWISH JUDGE NAMED CHIEF JUSTICE OF ARIZONA; SERVED ON COURT SINCE 1959

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 18; (JTA) -- Justice Charles Bernstein, a Jew who has been a member of this State's high court since 1959, was elected by the members of the court here today as Chief Justice; Born in St. Louis and educated in Los Angeles, Chief Justice Bernstein practiced law here since 1930, and was an assistant attorney general from 1937 to 1941;

HADASSAH TO OPEN TWO-DAY CONFERENCE; SENDS 175-LEADER MISSION TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- The programs conducted by Hadassah, both in Israel and in the United States, will be evaluated at Hadassah's two-day, mid-winter conference to be convened here Sunday, it was announced today by Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, national president of the organization.

The 200 top leaders of Hadassah, to attend the conference, will also evaluate the role of the Zionist movement in Jewish life today, Mrs. Kramarsky said. Following the conference, next Tuesday evening, 175 Hadassah leaders will leave here for Israel, to inaugurate a series of events, scheduled to run through 1962, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Hadassah.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, former national president of Hadassah, who is chairman of Hadassah's 50th anniversary committee, will head the Golden Jubilee Mission to Israel. Among the major events in which the mission will participate will be the dedication, on February 6, of the 12 stained glass windows created by the famous artist, Marc Chagall, for the synagogue of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Mr. Chagall will be in Israel to supervise installation of the windows.

CLEVELAND FEDERATION ANNOUNCES FUND FOR TRADITIONAL INSTITUTIONS

CLEVELAND, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- The establishment of a Central Fund for Traditional Institutions was announced here today by the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. "It is hoped that the Central Fund will provide for single annual contributions in place of the numerous separate ones by individuals during the year," the announcement stated.

It is expected to furnish through the Fund more equitable support to the religious, educational, and welfare institutions of a traditional nature which have been soliciting funds through collectors or through direct mail subscription. Establishment of the Fund followed a two-year study by the Federation's Welfare Fund Planning Committee that considered the question of independent appeals made by numerous traditional institutions which seek funds from local contributors and are outside the Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal.

A 20-member committee, with Irving I. Stone and H. D. Wilkoff as co-chairmen, is now being appointed by the JCFC. The committee will report on its activities at the end of its first year to the Federation's board of trustees, which will review its work and future status at the conclusion of the Central Fund's second year. The Federation announcement made it clear that contributions to the Central Fund "must in no way affect contributions to the annual Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal."

ANTI-JEWISH BIAS IN NEW YORK BUILDINGS NEAR TEMPLE EMANU-EL REPORTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- Apartment houses in the very shadow of Temple Emanu-El discriminate against Jewish occupancy, Alfred R. Bachrach, president of the Reform temple, charged here last night. He voiced the allegation at a dinner at which he was awarded the annual Temple Men's Club award. Rabbi Julius Mark, spiritual leader of Emanu-El, lauded Mr. Bachrach for his "selfless devotion" to Jewish communal life.

According to Mr. Bachrach, "there are clusters of multiple dwellings" within a few square miles of the Temple Emanu-El "in which people of the Jewish faith, regardless of their lowliness or loftiness, are not allowed to live." Later, in an interview, he said there has been at least one specific case of discrimination against a member of the congregation in a cooperative dwelling "a short distance from the Temple."

GENERAL ZIONIST CONFEDERATION TO HOLD TWO-DAY PARLEY IN PARIS

NEW YORK, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- A preliminary leadership conference of the World Confederation of General Zionists will take place in Paris on February 9-10, it was announced today by Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, member of the Jewish Agency and co-chairman, together with Dr. Israel Goldstein, of the World Confederation of General Zionists, on the eve of her departure for Israel to attend sessions of the Jewish Agency and the celebration of Hadassah's Golden Jubilee.

The purpose of the preliminary leadership conference, Mrs. Halprin stated, is to exchange views on problems facing the Confederation. Similar talks are now taking place among the Confederation's affiliates and constituent organizations in all parts of the world and will be finalized at a World Conference to be convoked in May of this year, at which time the question of unification will be presented and authoritative decision taken.

BOSTON JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST GIVES \$100,000 FOR STUDY AT HEBREW U.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- Herman Dana, of Boston, has contributed \$100,000 for the establishment of the Hymie Danishevsky Fund for research in the field of child psychiatry at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem, it was announced today by Daniel G. Ross, chairman of the board of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. Proceeds from the fund created by Mr. Dana will be used to support clinical research of the mind-body processes of children.