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STRIKE OF PHYSICIANS AVERTED IN ISRAEL; LAWYERS STAGE FOUR-HOUR STOPPAGE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29; (JTA) -- A last-minute settlement arranged by the Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, today prevented a strike of the country's salaried physicians. Such a walk-out, on the top of the three-weeks-old strike of 6,000 salaried engineers, and the threatened work stoppage by salaried lawyers, would have involved Israel in what would have been a virtual general strike by professionals.

The physicians, employed in public institutions, had demanded a wage increase of 19 percent, while the Government had conceded only a two percent boost. Today's compromise will give the physicians a seven percent wage increase plus other benefits, including upgrading that would result in higher wage scales.

The lawyers, employed by governmental and municipal law offices, staged a four-hour stoppage this morning to back up their wage demands. Many trials had to be postponed as attorneys and state prosecutors failed to appear.

Meanwhile, the strike of the engineers, architects, chemists and agronomists is still at an impasse. Neither the Government and Histadrut, which oppose the walk-out, nor the Engineers' Union, is yielding in the dispute in which the engineers demand a 16.5 percent wage increase while the Government is offering seven percent.

Striking Engineers Embittered Over Cabinet Decision

Personal contact was established with leaders of the Engineers' Union today by two members of the Cabinet--Yigal Allon, Minister of Labor, and Dr. Giora Josephthal, Minister of Housing and Development. The Government's threat, adopted as a Cabinet resolution yesterday, of invoking a state of emergency in certain essential services under Dr. Josephthal's jurisdiction, seemed only to increase bitterness among the striking engineers.

Mr. Allon today conveyed to the heads of the Engineers' Union the Cabinet decision to invoke emergency regulations calling for manpower mobilization for immigrant housing construction and for operation of the new Haifa electric power plant, if the union will not allow a sufficient number of engineers to return to work in these projects considered vital. About 70 engineers are required for the continued operation of these services.

Mr. Allon and Dr. Josephthal are scheduled to meet again within two days with the heads of the striking union for final discussions, before the emergency measures are put into effect. No date has yet been set for invoking the emergency regulations, but the Labor Minister indicated such a move would have to be made unless a settlement was reached soon. Between 1,500 and 2,000 housing units had to be built every month, according to Mr. Josephthal.

The Engineers' Union insists that its wage demands are necessary to maintain a sufficient gap above the wages of workers without academic training.

BEN-GURION CONFERS WITH ARAB MEMBERS OF KNESSET ON MILITARY RULE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29; (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today invited Mapai's Arab members of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, for a discussion of the proposed changes in the military government in border areas.

It is understood that Mr. Ben-Gurion expects to submit to the Cabinet next Sunday a set of proposals, which, after Cabinet approval, would be introduced into the Knesset for debate before February 14. The proposals reportedly include modifications in the regulations aimed at liberalizing the military rule but will insist on the continuation of military government in border areas within the present framework.

ISRAEL COURT GRANTS TEN-DAY EXTENSION TO EICHMANN TO FILE APPEAL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29; (JTA) -- Presiding Justice Yitzhak Olshan of Israel's Supreme Court, granted a ten-day extension, to February 6, for the filing of the appeal from the verdict of the Jerusalem District Court, which sentenced former Gestapo Colonel Adolf Eichmann to death. A request for an extension was received by the Supreme Court yesterday from Dr. Robert Servatius, of Cologne, Germany, chief of the Eichmann defense.

BEN-GURION CONFERS WITH HADASSAH LEADERS ON ISRAEL-DIASPORA ISSUES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29; (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today met with the members of the Hadassah mission--composed of about 150 Hadassah leaders--for private discussions on a variety of issues; During the discussions, members of the mission presented the Premier with more than 30 questions on various aspects of Israeli life and the relations between Israel and the Diaspora;

Earlier, the Hadassah leaders attended ceremonies in which saplings were planted in a new Hadassah forest which will ultimately cover the hills around the new Hadassah-Hewbrew University Medical Center here; The saplings will form part of a general landscaping project planned by Laurence Halprin, a San Francisco landscape architect; The project includes the planting in selected sites, of trees mentioned in the Bible;

ISRAEL TO MANUFACTURE LARGE FARM EQUIPMENT UNDER U.S. CO. LICENSE

NEW YORK, Jan. 29; (JTA) -- Israel will manufacture its first large farm equipment, both for domestic and export markets, under a licensing agreement signed today between the New Holland Machine Company, a division of the Sperry Rand Corporation, and Hamashbir Hamerkazi, Israel's largest cooperative commercial enterprise; Announcement of the agreement was made by the Government of Israel Investment Authority in New York, under whose auspices the licensing arrangement was developed;

According to the terms of the agreement, the Israeli company will assemble and produce hay balers under license from New Holland; The American company will provide the necessary technical knowledge for the operation, which will begin immediately; New Holland, with headquarters in New Holland, Pennsylvania, is a leading American farm equipment producer;

The agreement was signed at the offices of the Israel Purchasing Service, a subsidiary of AMPAL, American-Israel Corporation, which is Hamashbir's representative in the United States; Production and assembly of the hay balers will take place at Hamashbir's associated plant, Eshet-Ellon, in northern Israel near the Lebanon border; Management of the facility will be in Israeli hands; Hamashbir personnel, it was reported, have been working with New Holland people in Pennsylvania for the past several months to gain first-hand knowledge of the American concern's production methods;

BELGIUM, ITALY, GERMANY FAVOR ISRAEL LINK TO EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET

BRUSSELS, Jan. 29; (JTA) -- Requests that the European Economic Community give "favorable consideration" to the linking of Israel to the European Common Market were made here by a number of speakers at the two-day session of the European Parliamentary Assembly;

The warmest endorsement of the projected joining of Israel to the European Common Market was voiced by Belgium's Former Prime Minister Divieusart; Such a link should be established, he said, "both because of the political obligations of member countries, stemming from the very birth of the State of Israel, and because of their moral obligation to a nation with so tragic a past;" His views were applauded loudly and were backed by other speakers, representing West Germany and Italy;

BULGARIAN CHIEF RABBI, NOW UNDER HOUSE ARREST, NAMED FOR POST IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29; (JTA) -- Bulgaria's Chief Rabbi Asher Hannanel was nominated here today as Sephardic Chief Rabbi for Tel Aviv; At the request of a number of local petitioners, his name was listed among the candidates for the post by the special election committee preparing the naming of Tel Aviv's Chief Rabbi; Dr. Hannanel was recently sentenced to prison by a Bulgarian court, but was released on bail and allowed to live at his home in Sofia for reasons of health; There have been requests from many Israelis here that Bulgaria allow him to emigrate to Israel;

The Sephardic Chief Rabbi's post here has been vacant since 1958, when the late Chief Rabbi Yaacov Toledano resigned the seat to become Israel's Minister for Religious Affairs; The election committee listing candidates for the post now consists of 10 representatives of the Municipality of Tel Aviv and an equal number of Israelis representing the Religious Council here;

ABBA EBAN AND AMBASSADOR COMAY CONFERENCE WITH U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 29; (JTA) -- Israel's Minister of Education Abba Eban and Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, held a conference today with Acting Secretary General U Thant;

Although the conference lasted 40 minutes, the participants refused to reveal the reason for the talk; Israeli sources said Mr. Eban only visited Mr. Thant out of courtesy; Mr. Eban, formerly Israel's Ambassador here, has known Mr. Thant for a number of years; The latter was Burma's delegation chairman here before he assumed his leading Secretariat post three months ago;

GERMANY PREPARES FOR LARGEST TRIAL OF NAZIS CHARGED WITH ATROCITIES

FRANKFURT, Jan. 29; (JTA) -- Special facilities for foreign coverage by newspapermen, radio and television were being arranged here today, as the authorities prepared for the largest mass trial of ex-Nazis ever held in West Germany. The trial, scheduled to take place later this year, will involve at least 26 accused war criminals charged with many atrocities committed at the Auschwitz concentration camp.

All the accused are former Auschwitz guards or members of the Nazi medical staff at the death camp. Among them is Richard Baer, the last commandant at Auschwitz. West German agents arrested him in 1960 on an estate near Hamburg where he was working as a forester.

At least 12 more accused are being sought, and will be brought to trial if they are located in time for the opening of the proceedings. Among the latter is Dr. Joseph Mengele, the Auschwitz "selection doctor," who only a week ago was reported arrested in Brazil.

According to Chief Prosecutor Wolf, here, preliminary proceedings have already begun against the first group of 26 accused. Three prosecutors have been at work on the case for two years. West German investigators have prepared 52 volumes of evidence, comprising 12,000 pages. In addition, the prosecutors have interviewed 1,000 witnesses. The Government is encouraging journalists of all media throughout the world to give the trial widest coverage.

SEVEN HUNGARIAN GERMANS GO ON TRIAL IN GERMANY FOR KILLING JEWS

BONN, Jan. 29; (JTA) -- Seven former members of the "German Union," an organization of German nationals in Hungary, went on trial at Tuebingen today on charges of shooting four Jews in the village of Bratschka in the spring of 1941. The trial of the alleged ex-Fascists is the first of several court proceedings scheduled for the next few weeks in various parts of Germany.

At Stuttgart, a trial is scheduled to open February 26 against Felix Landau, a former leader in the Nazi SS. He is charged with complicity in the murder of 20 Jews near Lodz, in 1941. According to the prosecutor, most of the charges are based on the man's own diary.

Kurt Mueller, another ex-Nazi, is scheduled to go on trial in March, charged with participating in the murder of a Jew named Fuersthenheim during the "Crystal Night" wave of terror in November 1938.

DIARY OF LODZ GHETTO LIFE UNDER NAZIS FOUND NEAR AUSCHWITZ CREMATORIUM

LONDON, Jan. 29; (JTA) -- Diary notations written by a Jew incarcerated by the Nazis in the Lodz ghetto in 1942 and 1943, telling the pitiful story of starvation, death--and the will to live and to save his daughter's life--are published in the Warsaw newspaper, Nowa Kultura, reaching here today.

The diary, according to Nowa Kultura, was found last summer by Polish authorities in charge of the former Auschwitz concentration camp. The author, who is identified in the manuscript only by the initials N. N., wrote in Yiddish, framing his diary in the form of letters to someone called "Dear Willy."

The manuscript was found in a metal drum buried in the ground near Crematorium III of the infamous Auschwitz camp. There were 354 sheets, of which 50 were totally disintegrated, 174 mostly illegible except for a few words, and the remainder quite readable. The pages still readable depict life in the Lodz ghetto, where the Jewish population had risen to about 200,000. The last 70,000 Jews from Lodz were sent to Auschwitz in the summer of 1944, and most of them were murdered by the Nazis.

In his diary, N. N. gave details about the starvation in the ghetto, severely criticized Mordecai Chaim Rumkowski, Jewish head of the ghetto government, who was later executed by the Nazis, and told of the writer's pathetic efforts to save the life of his daughter who may have died of starvation. Reporting the fantastically high prices of food in the ghetto, N. N. noted that the only salvation for his daughter would have been food. "But," he added, "to go and buy something, who has money for that? Whole treasures would not be sufficient. In a word, it is practically impossible to save anyone."

Despite his despair, N. N. wrote, according to Nowa Kultura: "As a former lover of the Bible, together with the whole tortured brotherhood of ghetto workers, I cry out: And, weltering in your own blood, you shall live." N. N., evidently, was killed, and his body disposed of in Crematorium III.

According to the Polish Commission for Research into Nazi Crimes, word was received last summer from a former member of the special Nazi detail assigned to cremate the bodies of gassed Jews, that 30 metal drums, containing documents, had been buried near the crematorium. The N. N. manuscript was in the first of the containers discovered when the commission started excavating the area last summer. The Warsaw newspaper reported that further excavations are proceeding.

CHICAGO JEWISH FEDERATION PRESIDENT URGES PRIORITY FOR LOCAL NEEDS

CHICAGO, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Priority for local Jewish needs in philanthropic giving was urged here at the 62nd annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago by Charles Aaron, retiring president of the Federation. An all-time high total operating budget of \$27,311,257 for the Federation and its agencies was announced at the meeting. The Federation's deficit-financing goal will be to provide \$5,956,342, including a carry-over deficit of \$87,000 from the 1961 campaign.

Addressing 600 community leaders at the meeting, Mr. Aaron said: "No one appreciates more than I our obligations overseas and to various national institutions which we have always met; But only as we provide first for all our local community needs will we have a community strong enough and able enough to take care of our other obligations as well, and so, I repeat that our goal must be Federation First and Foremost in 1962, as the central organization of our community."

The Federation's financial report revealed that despite a vigorous campaign in 1961 which raised \$2,019,000 of the indicated goal of \$5,702,000 by direct contributions, or 25 percent more than was raised by this method in 1960, the total monies raised were short. Approximately one-third of Federation's operating funds derive from direct contributions, the balance coming from the Combined Jewish Appeal campaigns and from the Community Fund. Last year, the Federation received \$1,476,000 from CJA and \$1,496,000 from the Community Fund.

Mr. Aaron, honored by the gathering on the occasion of his rounding out a half-century of endeavor for the Chicago community, was presented with a solid silver Breastplate such as was worn by the High Priests of the Temple in Biblical times and used as a symbol of that ancient time to adorn the scrolls of the Torah today.

STUDY OF JEWISH POPULATION IN ROCHESTER, N.Y. REPORTED COMPLETED

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Jan. 29. (JTA) -- A broad, scientific study of the social, economic, cultural and religious characteristics of the Jewish population of this city as well as of Monroe County, which includes Rochester's metropolitan area, has been completed here, and is now being prepared for issuance, it was announced today by Garson Meyer, chairman of the Rochester Jewish Community Council's Jewish Population Study Committee.

Under the supervision of professionals, with the aid of scores of volunteers, and with the cooperation of 35 Jewish agencies, congregations and affiliates, master lists of the county's entire Jewish population were prepared for the study, Mr. Meyer said. Out of the master list, 700 families including 2,000 persons were interviewed. The survey, said Mr. Meyer, should result in a detailed breakdown, providing the vital information needed for "sound, intelligent, social planning by social agencies, congregations and other Jewish institutions."

B'NAI B'RITH REPORTS ENROLLMENT OF 31,860 NEW MEMBERS IN 1961

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith enrolled 31,860 new members in 1961, it was announced here today by Dr. William A. Wexler of Savannah, chairman of the organization's Membership Cabinet. He reported 19,121 members in men's lodges and, for the first nine months, 12,739 in B'nai B'rith Women.

Fifty-five men's lodges and women's chapters were chartered in 1961; 55 others are in the process of being organized, he stated. The largest number of new members--6,637--was enrolled in the District One region of B'nai B'rith, which covers New York, New England and eastern Canada.

ZIM TO START SHIP SERVICE BETWEEN EILAT AND TANGANYIKA THIS WEEK

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Ship service between Israel's port of Eilat and Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, will be inaugurated Thursday, it was announced today by officials of the Zim Israel Navigation Company here.

A 2,217-gross-ton vessel, the Pyidawnyunt, will make one 6,000-mile round trip each month, carrying passengers and cargo. En route, the ship will call at Massawa, Ethiopia; Djibouti, French Somaliland; and Mombasa, Kenya.

RABBI ISADORE GOODMAN, PROMINENT MEMPHIS RABBI, BURIED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Rabbi Isadore Goodman, spiritual leader of Congregation Baron Hirsch in Memphis, Tenn., and prominent leader of the American orthodox Jewish community, who died Saturday in Memphis at the age of 65. Some 3,000 persons of all faiths who heard about Rabbi Goodman's death on radio and television, attended a hastily arranged memorial service last night in his synagogue.

Born in Palestine, Rabbi Goodman was associated with the Institutional Synagogue in New York, Congregation Beth-El in Indianapolis and the Queens Park Synagogue in Glasgow, Scotland, before assuming his present post in 1942.