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ASHDOD PORT REOPENS TODAY; ESHKOL'S PERSONAL INTERVENTION ENDS DISPUTE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Israel's new port of Ashdod, closed since Thursday because of a labor dispute between the facility's 300 stevedores and the Israel Port Authority, will reopen tomorrow due to Premier Levi Eshkol's personal intervention.

An agreement between the Authority and the workers was formulated here last night at a top-level meeting of all concerned parties convened by Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor. The pact also wiped out the threatened resignations of Gen. Chaim Laskow, director of the Port Authority, and Enrico Levi, manager of the facility.

Under the agreement, most of the major disputes at the port have been solved. Work conditions at the Port of Haifa will prevail at Ashdod. They will apply to the stevedores at Ashdod only with regard to wages and fringe benefits, but not to the Haifa work norms. The Authority won its claim that the work-norms at Ashdod be determined in accord with special conditions prevailing at the highly-mechanized Ashdod facility.

The Port Authority held an emergency meeting last night, deciding to accept the Histadrut's formula. It is understood that the stevedores will also abide by the Histadrut ruling concerning their work conditions and that these terms will be included in their labor contract. The Authority had closed down the Port of Ashdod after the stevedores had implemented a work slow-down, followed by a strike.

Histadrut Leader Warns Against Pressure for Wage Rises

TEL AVIV, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor, approved here today wage proposals made by the Ma'ariv-Achdut alignment, calling for wage increases for all workers this year and next year. Under the proposal, previously accepted by the Histadrut trade union department, workers will receive increases ranging between 5 percent and 10 percent this year, with additional hikes of 5 percent in 1957.

Meanwhile workers in Haifa heard a stern warning today from a top leader of the Histadrut that continued pressure for wage increases had opened the "abyss of runaway prices" for all Israelis. Aharon Becker, Histadrut secretary-general, voiced the warning in an address on the Histadrut's new wage policy to a plenary meeting of the Haifa Labor Council. He said the policy was part of Israel's effort to dampen inflation.

"The amount of wage increases should not be the decisive matter when the fate of the entire economic structure is at stake," he said. "Do you want the Histadrut to be popular for a few hours or to remain a responsible body dedicated to the preservation of the true interests of the workers and the State?" he asked.

Mr. Becker, addressing earlier the national convention of the Council of Working Women, described to the women delegates the need to combat price increases and wage boosts in Israel's fight on inflation.

ISRAEL CABINET APPROVES HIGHER TAXES; EXTENDS COMPULSORY LOANS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet approved today the levy of higher tax and the further imposition of compulsory loans to raise the funds needed for the next budget. The budget for the next fiscal year, expected to total 4,600,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$1,533,333,000), is to be presented tomorrow to the Knesset (Israel's Parliament).

Income taxes are to be raised from 1 percent to 2 and a half percent, beginning with incomes of \$200 monthly. The compulsory loans will be extended for two years. Loans for immigrant absorption will be calculated in accordance with the income tax, amounting to 13 percent of the tax. Each year's loan is to be repayable in 12 yearly payments.

In another action, the Cabinet also raised building restrictions imposed last year, except on public construction. The Cabinet also voted to hold the next Independence Day parade in Haifa, where Israel's sea and air power will be displayed. Independence Day is expected to be observed this year on April 25.

EBAN CONFERES WITH CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER; LEAVES FOR ENGLAND

TEL AVIV, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, conferred here yesterday with Prime Minister Lester Pearson and Foreign Minister Paul Martin on Middle East and international problems, and Israeli-Canadian relations.

Mr. Eban reviewed with the Canadian Government officials the situation in the Middle East, the policies of the Great Powers in that area, and United Nations affairs. He also discussed with his Canadian hosts the role of the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East in which Canada has a large contingent. Mr. Eban also met with the Acting Minister of Commerce on commercial relations between the two countries.

Canadian Jewish leaders also met with the Israeli Foreign Minister at a luncheon given by Ambassador Avner. Mr. Eban left last night for a flight to London for talks with the British Foreign Secretary and other British officials. He is scheduled to return to Israel Wednesday.

ANOTHER SERIOUS FIRE BREAKS OUT IN CENTER OF TEL AVIV; FOUR INJURED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A serious fire in the basement of an office building at 2 Pinsker Street, at Moghrabi Square, in the center of Tel Aviv, caused injuries to four persons, including a child, this weekend, indirectly brought about the death of a youth whose scooter collided with a fire engine on the way to the conflagration, and forced the evacuation of surrounding office buildings.

The fire started in quarters occupied by a cosmetics laboratory, and resulted in damage to the building estimated at tens of thousands of pounds. Police authorities said the "possibility of arson is not excluded." Traces of highly-inflammable materials and fuel-soaked floors were found in the charred remains of the basement.

The blaze occurred just a week after fire destroyed the five-story Zim Building in this city, causing the death of one man and the injury of 54 others. The damage to the Zim Building was estimated at about \$1,333,000.

Meanwhile, last night, guests were evacuated from the Dan Carmel Hotel, in Haifa, when a blaze threatened the hostelry. The fire was on a stairway leading to the top floor of the 10-story hotel, and broke out in a pile of mattresses. There was "extensive" damage to the stairway, but no one was injured.

ISRAEL RESCINDS BAN ON FILMS OF GERMAN ACTOR WHO QUIT NAZI PARTY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Film Censorship Board today rescinded its ban on the showing of films of German movie actor Gert Frobe which was imposed two months ago when it was learned that Mr. Frobe had been a member of the Nazi Party.

The Israel Film Board was reported to have received documentary evidence that the actor had voluntarily quit the Nazi Party two years before the outbreak of the Second World War and that he had been later sent to the Russian front as a punishment for helping to distribute anti-Nazi pamphlets.

It had been earlier reported that Israeli officials had affidavits from two Austrian Jews stating that Mr. Frobe had sheltered them from the Nazis during the war. With the lifting of the ban, Israeli viewers will again be permitted to see performances of "Goldfinger," one of the American films in which Mr. Frobe appears. Others include "Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines," and "High Wind in Jamaica."

FIVE RUSSIANS SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR HELPING NAZIS TO KILL JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Five Soviet men were sentenced yesterday to death in Russia for taking part in the mass murder of Jews and others during World War II in collaboration with the Nazis. A sixth defendant was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

The men were charged with helping to kill 14,000 Jews, scientists, women, children, and old persons in Russia in 1942. The bodies were found in a mass grave in the Caucasus after the war.

MANY SOVIET WRITERS ARE ANTI-SEMITIC, MOSCOW AUTHOR SAYS IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Valery Tarsis, the anti-Communist, Soviet writer who has been allowed to come to Britain to lecture, told a press conference here this weekend that "more than half" of the members of the Soviet Writers Union "are anti-Semitic." He added: "I consider this one of the problems there."

Mr. Tarsis said that many members of the board of the Soviet Writers Union had "often" told him they considered themselves anti-Semitic and had complained that "one of the troubles with the Writers Union was that more than half of its members were Jews."

NATIONAL GOAL OF \$105,000,000 IN ISRAEL BOND SALES SET FOR 1955

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A goal of \$105,000,000 in Israel bond sales for 1955 was set here today at a meeting of the national Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization to meet Israel's economic development needs during the coming year. A total of \$91,300,000 in Israel bonds was sold during 1954.

The 1955 campaign will be launched next weekend at the annual Israel Bond Inaugural conference at which Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's former Foreign Minister, will be guest of honor. Other speakers at the conference will include George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, and Ambassador James Roosevelt, a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations. Samuel Rothberg, national campaign chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, will be chairman of the conference.

\$1,500,000 PRESENTED FOR HISTADRUT AT NATIONAL PARLEY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A total of \$1,500,000 in cash was presented by delegates at the mid-winter conference of the National Committee for Labor Israel which was held here at the Hotel Commodore today as the first phase of the 1955 Israel Histadrut Campaign came to a close. The conference resolved to raise an additional \$3,500,000 by the end of the year.

Principal speakers at the session were Mayor John V. Lindsay, Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman, and Dr. Jacob Maitlis, of London. Referring to Israel, Mayor Lindsay said: "What is the secret of Israel's success? There is no doubt that part of the answer is that there existed in the country a huge voluntary organization, blessed with a dynamic leadership and inspired membership that assumed the lion's share of the responsibility for the welfare of the people, whether under the old Mandatory regime or within the framework of even a truly democratic nation such as Israel has been from the very beginning."

Ambassador Harman declared: "Israel approaches her 18th birthday, she is still burdened by a tremendous security budget that is made necessary by the absence of peace in the Middle East. The costs of military hardware continue to soar daily, to the detriment not only of Israel but of the Arab countries too. Israel asks for and is prepared to sit down any time, anywhere, to hammer out a lasting peace between herself and her neighbors. Such a peace would open up new opportunities for the entire region to advance economically and provide for all the peoples increased education, medical services, better housing and a richer life in general. In war or in peace, Histadrut is one of the most important assets of Israel."

RABBI MORRIS ADLER SHOT IN HIS SYNAGOGUE IN DETROIT; CONDITION GRAVE

DETROIT, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Rabbi Morris Adler, a nationally known Jewish leader and one of the most prominent personalities in local civic life, was hovering between life and death here today, after being shot on the "bimah" of his synagogue yesterday in front of a packed congregation of 1,500 worshipers. He was shot by a mentally-disturbed young Jew whom Rabbi Adler had been counseling.

His assailant, 23-year-old Richard Wishnetzky, shot himself after attacking the rabbi. The youth is also in critical condition. Wishnetzky, who graduated from the University of Michigan in 1964 as one of the highest-ranking students in the institution, receiving a Phi Beta Kappa key and the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, was a student of comparative religion, studied recently at Detroit University, a Catholic institution, and has lectured on philosophy at Wayne University here.

The crime took place during Ecumenical Sabbath services at Rabbi Adler's synagogue, Temple Shaarey Zedek, a \$4,500,000 edifice in suburban Southfield, and is one of the largest Conservative synagogues in the country. About 150 Protestants and Catholics were attending the services as guests of Rabbi Adler.

Bar Mitzvah rites were just being concluded for Steven Frank, a member of the congregation, when Wishnetzky mounted the bimah, with a pistol in one hand. He fired one shot at the ceiling, and shouted: "In your seats. Off the pulpit. This congregation is a travesty and an abomination. It has made a mockery by its phoniness and hypocrisy of the beauty and spirit of Judaism."

As the congregation sat frozen, Rabbi Adler advised all who were on the bimah to get off. Turning to those who were on the bimah, including Louis Berry, president of the congregation, Rabbi Adler told them: "You all get off. I know the boy. I'll handle him." Just then Wishnetzky fired four times at the rabbi. The fourth shot penetrated Rabbi Adler's head. Then Wishnetzky shot a bullet into his own head. The two were taken to separate hospitals. The youth had been hospitalized in two mental institutions but, of late, had been living at the home of his parents.

NEWARK EPISCOPAL DIOCESE TO EXCOMMUNICATE ANTI-SEMITIC 'RAT FINKS'

NEWARK, N.J., Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A society of the Newark Episcopal Diocese served notice today that church members who took part in allegedly anti-Semitic and racist activities of a state Young Republicans faction may face excommunication.

The warning was given by the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity of the Newark Diocese. It was sent to Ray C. Bliss, Republican national chairman, Webster B. Todd, New Jersey state chairman, and U.S. Senator Clifford Case.

Members of the rightwing faction, who call themselves Rat Finks, have been charged with singing blatantly anti-Semitic and anti-Negro songs at a state and a national Young Republican convention last summer. National and state leaders of the senior Republican Party and leaders of the state Young Republicans have announced plans for formal investigations. Public hearings on the charges will begin in Trenton on February 25.

STUDENTS IN ROCKLAND COLLEGE VOTE TO RESCIND INVITATION TO ROCKWELL

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- An invitation to George Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, to speak at the Rockland Community College, at Spring Valley, N. Y., on February 25, was rescinded this weekend by a vote of student leaders of the college.

No reason for the students' action was announced, but several students at the meeting warned of potential disorders as they reported on first-hand observations made at Columbia University last Wednesday night when Rockwell did not speak after having been arrested on an old disorderly conduct charge. Protests and threats had poured in to the college authorities and the student body in the last few days.

Rockwell was released in New York last Thursday evening in \$100 bail and was ordered by Criminal Court Judge Hyman Skolniker to return for a hearing on March 10. He was defended in court by a Jewish attorney, Martin Berger, who acted on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union which takes the attitude that Rockwell has a constitutional right to proclaim his anti-Jewish views. Mr. Berger was sharply criticized by other Jews when he left the court.

YOUTH CHARGED WITH SETTING FIRE TO YONKERS JEWISH CENTER JAILED

YONKERS, N. Y., Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Seventeen-year-old Thomas Ruppert was held in Yonkers City Jail today on \$50,000 bail following his arrest on charges of setting fire to the Yonkers Jewish Community Center last December 20 causing the deaths of nine children and three adults. A hearing will be held Tuesday.

The youth was released Friday from a hospital where he had undergone 17 days of court-ordered psychiatric examination after allegedly confessing he set the fire. He had been in custody of the Westchester Family Court until his release from the hospital when he was immediately arrested.

An attorney filed a motion in Federal Court in New York City to prevent Westchester County officials from prosecuting the youth. Leonard Rubenfeld, the district attorney, had said previously he would seek a first degree murder indictment against the youth.

DR. LEDERMAN, JEWISH SCIENTIST, RECEIVES HIGHEST HONOR OF U. S. GOVT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Leon Max Lederman, professor of physics at Columbia University, was one of 11 recipients of the National Medal of Science presented by President Johnson in a ceremony this weekend in the White House.

The Jewish scientist was cited as one of the most brilliant experimental physicists in the United States. His major recent discoveries have been in the field of meson physics. The National Medal of Science is the highest honor that the United States Government bestows on men of science. It was established by Congress in 1959.

BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ACQUIRES PAINTINGS BY JEWISH ARTISTS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Paintings by three Jewish artists in this country -- Abraham Palatnik, Feige Ostrover and Rubens Gershman -- were included among other works of art purchased today by the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Ministry announced these works, among others, will be displayed in a number of Brazilian embassies around the world.

CZECH FILM ON ANTI-SEMITISM WINS GRAND PRIZE AT MONTE CARLO FESTIVAL

PARIS, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A Czechoslovak television film on anti-Semitism won the grand prize this weekend at the sixth international television festival at Monte Carlo. The film, "Prayer for Catherine Horowitz," is the story of an American-Jewish woman who is held by the Nazis for high ransom and then murdered in a gas chamber.