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STRIKE OF HAIFA DOCK WORKERS EVOKES QUESTION OF CLOSING THE PORT

TEL AVIV, June 5. (JTA) -- Possible closing of the Port of Haifa, where 1,600 dock workers have been conducting a slowdown strike for more than five weeks, was being considered here today by the Shipowners' Section of the Israel Chamber of Commerce. Spokesmen for the shipowners estimated that the labor dispute at Haifa, which entered its sixth week today, has already cost them \$1,000,000.

The companies, of which Zim-Israel Lines is the largest, said today they will discuss the possibility of diverting Haifa port traffic to Ashdod and other Mediterranean harbors. The firms stated that, if they implement this diversion, their action is likely to be followed by foreign shipping companies, resulting in the complete shutdown of the Haifa harbor.

The North American Israel Eastbound Conference meanwhile announced yesterday that, due to the Haifa slowdown, a 20 percent surcharge will be imposed, effective July 3, on trans-Atlantic cargo rates for Israel. Aaron Rosenfeld, agent for American Export Lines, said the losses due to the congestion in the harbor at Haifa were "substantial." One of his firm's ships, he said, which arrived here last Monday with 1,200 tons of general cargo, would spend nine days awaiting unloading, against a normal stay of three days. The ship, he declared, costs his company \$2 a minute while in service. A similar surcharge on shipping between Israel and Europe went into effect last Monday.

Moshe Kol, Minister of Development and Tourism, said today he would bring the entire issue to the Israeli Cabinet. Stating that the strike has caused serious losses, he denounced it as "a blow to the national prestige."

Mrs. Golda Meir, Mapai secretary general, appealed last night to the Haifa port workers to end their slowdown which has crippled port operations and return to normal work schedules. She made the appeal in a speech to the Mapai Secretariat.

In another development, the central committee of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, reiterated its refusal to allow the stevedores wage increases deviating from the Government policy on wages. The committee was called in special session by Histadrut Secretary General Aharon Becker, who warned the dock workers that the Histadrut would break off all contact with them if they continued to "ignore Histadrut discipline." He urged them to reconsider their stand.

MOSCOW ABSTAINS FROM USING CREDITS AT ITS DISPOSAL IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 5. (JTA) -- Soviet inaction in use of credits placed at the Soviet Union's disposal by Israel was considered here today as pointing to a new deterioration in Soviet-Israel relations.

Under terms of a property settlement reached last year, Israel paid the Soviet Union \$4,500,000 for full property rights for a site in central Jerusalem known as the "Russian Compound." The property was acquired by the then Czarist-controlled Orthodox Church. Under the pact, Israel paid \$1,500,000 in cash with the rest offered in credits for Israeli products.

The Soviets have never used the credit, apparently fearing that if it did, the move could be interpreted as an expansion of Soviet-Israel trade relations.

ISRAEL MINISTER DISCUSSES SOLUTIONS FOR COUNTRY'S UNEMPLOYMENT

TEL AVIV, June 5. (JTA) -- Short-term solutions for Israel's unemployment were outlined here by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir at a meeting of the Mapai-Achdut Avodah Alignment Party. He said established factories could open branches in development towns, diamond plants could expand, new houses could be built in settlements and construction programs could be advanced.

The Minister also asserted that Israel could sell an additional \$100,000,000 worth of products abroad if the products were competitive in price and quality with similar exports from other countries. He said such an increase in export sales would provide jobs for another 100,000 workers and stressed that the possibility depended on wages in Israel being kept at reasonable levels.

B'NAI B'RITH CONVENTION GETS OPTIMISTIC VIEW ON AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTH

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., June 5, (JTA) -- Those who fear that the American Jewish community might wither away through self-neglect or the defection of its youth "are not reading the signs that point to the opposite," Dr. William A. Wexler said here this evening.

In a keynote address opening the 114th annual Convention of B'nai B'rith District 1, Dr. Wexler told the 2,000 delegates that the contemporary challenges to American Jewish life are "growing pains not death rattles" and that the present generation of American Jewry is "probably hastening the maturing process" more than that of any generation before it.

The ability of American Jewry to raise and spend \$250,000,000 a year for "the self-sustenance of its community" and for Jewish life elsewhere, including more than \$100,000,000 for Jewish education in the United States, "is a development that even enthusiasts dared not predict a generation ago."

Similarly, he added, a youth generation that is "not reluctant to probe Judaism for modern and meaningful terms," is a reversal of the previous generation in this country. The college campus "which 30 and 40 years ago sought to bury Judaism, now seeks to stimulate it." The existence of 257 Hillel foundations and a waiting list among American colleges of 315 more, are not the statistics of a withering community.

He noted that one of the strongest forces in Jewish youth was its concern for Soviet Jewry. While he acknowledged the "frailties and shallowness" in Jewish life today, which often give the community more form than substance, they should be viewed with "perspective" and not despair. "We have reached the point that our parents' generation and so many generations before it fought tooth and nail for: the point where we can be as Jewish as we want to be," he stressed. "The task of Jewish life today is not one to assure our presence, not to survive as Jews; it is one to make our presence felt; to live Jewishly," he declared.

JOHNSON ADDRESSES JEWISH EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS IN WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, June 5. (JTA) -- The five-day annual convention of the American Jewish Press Association, organization of publishers of the American Jewish weekly newspapers, concluded here today with the election of Adolph Rosenberg, editor-publisher of the Southern Israelite, of Atlanta, as president. The convention discussed various problems of importance to American Jewish life.

The delegates were received at the White House by President Johnson, who in an off-the-record address, indicated, during the half-hour visit, the importance he attached to matters of Jewish interest and concern. Touching on a variety of subjects of world conditions in general, he talked especially about the Middle East. In welcoming the publishers and editors, he commended the dedication of the Jewish press to humanitarian causes.

A participant, on the initiative of the President, was Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, chief American delegate to the United Nations. President Johnson commended the work of Mr. Goldberg, noting how the sons of Jewish immigrants could rise to great heights in the United States. The delegates were led by Morris Janoff, publisher of the Jewish Standard, of Jersey City, N.J., who served as president of the association prior to the election of Mr. Rosenberg.

Vice-President Humphrey Refers to U.S. Military Aid to Israel

The delegates were also addressed by Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey at a reception tendered to them by B'nai B'rith. Vice-President Humphrey told the assembled delegates and guests that Communist China was trying to foment an Arab "national liberation front" against Israel, seeking to inject its influence in the Middle East. He said that the attempts by "militant forces in Southeast Asia," specifically Communist China and North Viet Nam, to increase Mid-East tensions were "serious."

Mr. Humphrey cited the efforts by the Palestine Liberation Organization to stir armed friction in the Middle East. He revealed, for the first time, that, during his recent visit to India, he had urged the New Delhi Government to accept technical aid from Israel. India has rejected such help from the Jewish State.

The Vice-President referred to the United States Government's decision to provide light jet bombers and tankers to Israel, declaring that was done because aggressive forces were present in the Middle East, and "free people must be able to defend themselves." He lauded the role of the American Jewish press and urged the AJPA members to continue their efforts to educate the Jewish community to face threats from totalitarian-

ism. Mr. Humphrey was introduced to the editors and publishers by Rabbi Jay Kaufman, executive director of B'nai B'rith.

Ambassador Farman Lauds American Jewish Publications

At a reception given to the delegates at the Israel Embassy, Ambassador Avraham Farman, expressed appreciation of the Israel Government for the role played by the American Jewish publications in helping the cause of Israel. He analyzed the present problems faced by Israel as well as the progress the country is making in various directions. Messages of greetings to the convention were sent by Israel President Zalman Shazar, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

One of the sessions of the convention was devoted to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and its services to the American Jewish press. The discussion was led by Victor M. Bienstock, general manager of the JTA. The delegates were addressed by Philip Kochstein, eminent editor of the Newhouse Newspapers. Boris Smolar, editor-in-chief of the JTA outlined editorial problems. The delegates were unanimous in urging maximum support to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The convention also marked the conclusion of National Jewish Press Week, which had been observed during the preceding seven days, under the chairmanship of Philip Slomovitz, editor-publisher of The Jewish News, of Detroit. At a special religious service honoring the AJPA and National Jewish Press Week, at the Congregation Adas Israel, here. Mr. Slomovitz delivered the guest sermon. He told the congregation that "our press and our conscience" serve as "the guardian over the public welfare of our people." His speech made a deep impression because of its perceptive analysis of the challenge and responsibility of American Jewish newspapers.

The elected vice-presidents of the Association included Albert W. Golomb, of The Jewish Chronicle, Pittsburgh; Jimmy Wisch, Texas Jewish Post, Dallas-Fort Worth; and Conrad Eisenberg, Jewish Civic Leader, Worcester, Mass. Martin Korick, of The Jewish Record, Atlantic City, was elected secretary; and Milton Firestone, Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, became treasurer. Leo H. Frisch, of The American Jewish World, Minneapolis-St. Paul, was reelected honorary vice-president. Mr. Janoff was elected to serve as a life member of the board of directors.

17 STUDENTS GRADUATE AS RABBIS FROM H. U. C. - J. I. R. IN CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, June 5. (JTA) -- Seventeen students were ordained as Reform rabbis at commencement exercises conducted here yesterday by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion here. The exercises were held at the Plum Street Temple here.

Among the newly-ordained rabbis were Sion A. David, who will occupy a pulpit at Bombay, India; and Rifat Consino, who will serve a congregation at Buenos Aires. The principal address was delivered by Dr. Ellis Rivkin, Adolph S. Ochs professor of Jewish history at the College-Institute here.

EIGHT STUDENTS GRADUATE AS RABBIS FROM H. U. C. - J. I. R. IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- Eight students were ordained as Reform rabbis, and three graduates were invested as cantors, at commencement exercises held here today at Temple Emanu-El by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The degrees were conferred by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the College-Institute, and the baccalaureate address was delivered by Dr. Julius Mark, senior rabbi of Temple Emanu-El.

At the same time, honorary degrees were awarded to Judge Caroline K. Simon, of the New York State Court of Claims; Henry Hofheimer, attorney and chairman of the College-Institute's New York administrative committee; Aaron Glanz-Leyless, Yiddish poet and essayist; Milton R. Konvitz, professor of industrial relations and professor of law at Cornell University; and Leon L. Watters, noted American chemist.

Also to Rabbi Meyer Machlis, Temple of the Covenant, New York; Rabbi Kurt L. Metzger, Temples Beth-El, Bradford, Pa., and B'nai Israel, Olean, N. Y.; and Rabbi Abraham Ruderman, Vassar Temple, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; and Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern, director of the Rabbinical Placement Commission in New York.

JACOB BLAUSTEIN GETS HONORARY DEGREE FROM MARYLAND ART INSTITUTE

BALTIMORE, June 5. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, Jewish industrialist and communal leader, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts at commencement exercises of the Maryland Institute of the College of Art. The citation referred to Mr. Blaustein's activities as an alumnus of the Maryland Institute and cited his gift to the United Nations of the sculpture by Barbara Hepworth in memory of the late Dag Hammarskjold, and for his activities as a statesman, advocate of justice and human rights.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF LAY RELIGIOUS LEADERS FORMED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- The New York Board of Rabbis, representing the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox denominations of religious Jewry here, announced today the formation of a Community Council of lay leaders to deal with problems affecting the New York Jewish community and Jewish education. William Kaufman was elected president of the Council. Jack D. Weiler, chairman of the board of overseers of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, was chosen chairman; and Max Stern, a member of the board of Yeshiva University, was elected vice-chairman.

According to Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, president of the Board of Rabbis, who made the announcement, this is the first time in the Board's 85-year history that such a "united voice of religious leadership" has been formed here. One of the Council's major goals, Mr. Kaufman said, would be the enhancement of Jewish education and "the appreciation of Jewish values in the world's largest Jewish community."

Rabbi Sandrow added that the Council would seek the utilization of mass media "for the understanding and appreciation of the Jewish heritage by the total community" as well as cooperation with city and state administrations in matters affecting the Jewish community in New York.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS CONVENTION BACKS U.S. POLICIES IN VIET NAM

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., June 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans of New York State at its annual statewide convention adopted resolutions here today in support of the United States Government's policies in Viet Nam and its efforts to find a peaceful settlement through negotiations.

The 1,500 delegates, representing more than 250 JWV units in the states, also passed resolutions calling on the West German and Austrian governments to curtail the recent manifestations of neo-Nazi political activity within their countries; and asking the Soviet Government to put an end to its oppression of its Jewish population. Other resolutions condemned the John Birch Society, the Communist Party, the American Nazi Party, the National Renaissance Party and the Ku Klux Klan as being un-American and dangerous to the American way of life.

TARBUTH FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES REVIEWED; GOODMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- The activities of the Tarbuth Foundation for the Advancement of Hebrew Culture in America were reviewed here today by Dr. Emanuel Neumann in his presidential report at a meeting at which Abraham Goodman, veteran Zionist leader, was elected president of the Foundation. Dr. Neumann, who served as president for a number of years, was elected honorary president.

In his report, Dr. Neumann emphasized the variety of projects undertaken by the Tarbuth Foundation. They include sponsorship of Olam Hadash, the Hebrew monthly for children; publication of the "Modern Hebrew Classics" series, the first volumes of which are to appear this fall; the furtherance of Hebrew in the curriculum of public high schools throughout the country; the support of in-service courses for Hebrew teachers, in cooperation with the American Association for Jewish Education; an ongoing effort to introduce and to intensify Hebrew in the program of Jewish-sponsored summer camps, particularly in the camps of YMBAs and of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; the inauguration of pilot Ulpanim in selected areas; the publication of Hebrew columns for beginners and advanced, in 37 American Jewish periodicals and in Congregational Bulletins; preparation of a textbook of conversational Hebrew for adults, and a number of other projects.

OLAM HADASH, U.S. HEBREW MAGAZINE FOR YOUTH, MARKS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- Leading Jewish educators from various parts of the country hailed this weekend Olam Hadash, the national Hebrew monthly magazine for children and youth on the occasion of its fifth anniversary, which was marked at ceremonies at the Americana Hotel here.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Tarbuth Foundation for the Advancement of Hebrew Culture, and member of the Jewish Agency executive, was guest speaker at the event. Among the well-wishers was former Israel Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who, in a letter to Asher Wolk, founder and editor of the publication, said that the survival of Hebrew had been "the primary factor in the preservation of Jewish self-awareness."

SOL LUCKMAN, NATIONAL JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADER, DIES IN CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, June 5. (JTA) -- Sol Luckman, a nationally active Jewish communal leader, died here this weekend at the age of 70. He was among the top leadership of the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Organization as well as numerous Cincinnati philanthropic endeavors.

Born in New York City, Mr. Luckman was a former national chairman and, at the time of his death, honorary national chairman of the U. J. A. He had also served as Ohio State chairman of the Israel Bond Organization and was active in the leadership of the Joint Distribution Committee.