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## ULTIMATUM TO HAIFA DOCK WORKERS EXPIRES TODAY; LAST TALKS DECISIVE

HAIFA, June 8. (JTA) -- "Last ditch" talks were scheduled here today between representatives of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, and representatives of the Haifa port stevedores, after a Government ultimatum yesterday that it would close the Haifa port if the dock workers did not return to normal work schedules within two days.

After six weeks of a slowdown which has crippled the port, there were indications today that the slowdown would be ended before the weekend. The dockers yesterday asked for a three-man commission, consisting of Haifa Mayor Abba Khoushy and one representative each of the Government and the Histadrut, to examine their demands. They said they would end the slowdown if such a commission was created.

The talks tonight will be headed by Aharon Becker, Histadrut general secretary, and leaders of the stevedores, with Mayor Khoushy and Transport Minister Moshe Carmel invited to participate. As a goodwill gesture, the dockers agreed last night to exempt from their slowdown tactics a half dozen ships carrying exhibits for the Levant Fair opening in Tel Aviv on June 24. The gesture was made to avoid "harm to Israel's foreign relations."

## MARRANOS PRESENT PROBLEMS IN ISRAEL; IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS BLAMED

TEL AVIV, June 8. (JTA) -- Unanticipated problems were disclosed today to have complicated the integration of the newly arrived here 24 Spanish Marranos, whose ancestors were forcibly converted to Catholicism 500 years ago in Spain.

It was learned that the newcomers had not been told that their return to the Jewish fold would involve a year-long procedure including circumcision for all male newcomers. They were told that, as construction workers, they would be in demand in Israel. However, they arrived during a building slump last month and their breadwinners have been given work on relief projects, such as clearing rocks.

The independent daily, Haaretz, called for disciplinary action against those officials of the immigration department who involved the newcomers and Israel in a difficulty that was "not in the national interest and dubious from a moral and religious standpoint." Haaretz said the ultimate responsibility rested with Jewish officials who arranged the immigration. Yediot Achronot, an afternoon newspaper, asserted that "overzealous representatives" in other countries "must be restrained."

## INVOLVEMENT OF U.S. JEWISH LAY GROUPS IN RELIGIOUS 'DIALOGUES' OPPOSED

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- The involvement of non-religious Jewish "human relations and defense agencies" in interreligious "dialogues" was questioned here today by Rabbi Seymour J. Cohen, president of the Synagogue Council of America, the national coordinating body of the rabbinic and congregational organizations of the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform movements in this country.

Rabbi Cohen spoke at the annual meeting of the Synagogue Council at which he was reelected president for another term. In his report to the meeting, he stated that "only the religious agencies can serve as the authentic spokesmen of the Jewish community in the area of Jewish-Christian relations. It is clear that faith must come before inter-faith and meaningful inter-religious understanding can flow only from the depth of religious commitment," he added.

Acknowledging that there were differences of opinion among the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform constituents of the Synagogue Council with regard to the extent of such "dialogues," Rabbi Cohen stressed that only joint consultations by these religious groups could bring about a "responsible clarification of the proper range of the Jewish community's involvement in inter-religious activities."

The Synagogue Council, at the meeting, voted to adopt Rabbi Cohen's proposal to establish a National Commission on Religion and Peace whose aim will be to engage in joint studies and programs with Protestant and Catholic organizations concerned with the problem. At the same time, Rabbi Cohen announced the publication of a paperback book, "Judaism and World Peace" based on the proceedings of the conference of the same name held February 12 under the sponsorship of the Synagogue Council and focusing mainly on Viet Nam.

ISRAELI HELD ON SUSPICION OF SPYING FOR EGYPT; WAS MENTAL PATIENT

TEL AVIV, June 8. (JTA) -- Yitzhak Benhaim, a 35-year-old laborer who has been treated in mental hospitals several times, has been detained on suspicion of crossing into Egypt three times and giving information to Egyptian intelligence, officials here said today. The officials said Benhaim was caught six months ago while trying to cross into Egypt a fourth time.

Last month, three young Israeli Jews were convicted in Haifa district court of spying for Egypt. Gideon Goldstein, 20, of Acre, Isaac Fishman, 18, of Haifa, and Yoel Reizmann, 16, of Haifa, allegedly collected information about army movements and tried to sneak across the Gaza Strip border to pass on the information.

SOVIET U.N. DELEGATION REJECTS PETITION ON RIGHTS OF SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- Two representatives of a 10-member delegation from the Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Committee to Save Soviet Jewry were admitted to the Soviet Mission to the United Nations today, but a "petition of conscience" which they intended to present to Ambassador Nikolai Fedorenko, head of the Soviet delegation to the U.N., was rejected.

Prof. Sumner Germain, head of the Lancaster committee and assistant professor of English at Franklin and Marshall College, said, after a 20-minute talk with First Secretary Michael Antipov, that the Russian representative "either knew little, or was willing to admit little about the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union." He told newsmen that, since the committee's petition had not been accepted by the Soviet Mission, the delegation would transmit it to the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

The petition, signed by more than 600 citizens from Lancaster is, according to Prof. Germain, only the first in a series of "grass roots protests" from small towns and cities in various parts of the United States which will deal with the treatment received by Jews in the Soviet Union. "Our committee is currently communicating with people all around the country in an attempt to have the Soviets hear a series of protesting voices," he said. The 10-member delegation included, in addition to Prof. Germain, three other professors and two students from Franklin and Marshall College and four rabbis from Lancaster.

10, 000 JEWS REPORTED RESIDING IN SOVIET CITY OF ROSTOV; HAVE SYNAGOGUE

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- More than 10, 000 Jews were reported here today as residing in the Soviet city of Rostov, on the Don River, where a synagogue is being maintained. The report was brought here by highly reliable persons who had an opportunity to visit the Rostov synagogue.

The visitors were told that matzoh baking was not permitted in Rostov last Passover, although the Jews there applied for permission to use the baking equipment within the premises of the synagogue. The denial was based on the pretext that the equipment did not meet with "sanitary requirements."

The Rostov Jews, according to the report, had finally brought three tons of Matzoh from Georgia, and had to sell it at the high price of three and a half rubles per kilogram. The matzoh, even at that high price, was sold out quickly, but most of the Jews in the city could not get any of the necessary Passover food, the quantity brought in from Georgia being by far insufficient for all.

EX-NAZI POLICEMAN TO FACE FOURTH TRIAL FOR KILLING JEWS IN POLAND

BONN, June 8. (JTA) -- A 52-year-old former Nazi policeman, Gerhard Schlosser, will be tried for the fourth time on charges of war crimes committed in the Czenstochow ghetto in occupied Poland, officials here said today.

He has been accused of murdering 40 Jews and was tried for the 1942 murder of Harry Mittler, a Jewish medical assistant in the ghetto. He received one sentence of ten years at hard labor and one for life imprisonment but both sentences were quashed.

In his most recent trial, in November 1965 in Schweinfurt, the jury decided it was unable to try him and the case was suspended. The Schweinfurt court held the case to involve manslaughter and not murder because the prosecution was unable to prove that Schlosser had killed Mittler because of "race hatred." The court then noted that the statute of limitations for manslaughter became effective in 1960 and the jury said it could not act.

Meanwhile, the Central Office for the Prosecution of Nazi War Criminals reported today that a group of its experts are in Prague studying documents relating to Nazi crimes. They will remain in Prague until Saturday. The office said the visits were arranged last January in Prague with the Czechoslovak Commission for War Crimes.

HOUSE DEFERS ACTION ON BILL TO HONOR RANKIN; CALLED ANTI-SEMITIC

WASHINGTON, June 8. (JTA) -- The House of Representatives was forced today to defer action on a bill to honor the late Rep. John E. Rankin, of Mississippi, because three members objected to inclusion of the measure on the consent calendar, owing to the Rankin legacy of religious and racial prejudice. The bill would have named a new Veterans Hospital at Jackson, Miss., for the Congressman who frequently took the floor of the House to vilify minority groups.

Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican and member of the Committee on Veterans Affairs, led the objections. He said Congress would do "a grave injustice to name a Veterans Hospital treating veterans of all races and religions after a man who often vilified American Jews and Negroes, including those serving in the armed forces." Rep. Halpern termed Rep. Rankin "a notorious racist and anti-Semite."

Associating themselves with the objections of Rep. Halpern were Reps. William Fitts Ryan and Theodore Kupferman, also of New York. Under the rules of the House, a measure may be stricken from the consent calendar by three objections. This move will defer action for a considerable period or kill entirely that portion of the legislation pertaining to Rep. Rankin.

TWO JEWISH CANDIDATES OF LIBERAL PARTY ELECTED TO QUEBEC PARLIAMENT

MONTREAL, June 8. (JTA) -- Two Jewish candidates from Montreal won seats in the Quebec Provincial Parliament, according to the election results yesterday which gave the conservative National Union Party a 55 to 51-seat victory over the Liberal administration of Premier Lesage. The two Jews who won on the Liberal ticket were Harry Blank, who was reelected, and Victor Goldbloom.

At a press conference last night, Daniel Johnson, leader of the victorious National Union Party, said that his party had received 6 percent less of the popular vote than the Liberal Party, partly because of the "Jewish vote" in Montreal.

MANITOBA LAWYERS VOTE AGAINST MEETING IN CLUBS PRACTICING BIAS

WINNIPEG, June 8. (JTA) -- The Manitoba Law Society, an association representing attorneys of all faiths in the province, has approved a motion asking its governing body to avoid holding meetings in public places which practice bias. The resolution did not identify such places by name but society members made it clear that the Manitoba Club here, which has been repeatedly accused of barring Jews, was meant.

The motion was approved by about 50 members attending the society's annual meeting. Justice Samuel Freedman, of the Manitoba Court of Appeal lauded the motion, declaring that the Manitoba Club had an unwritten policy of discrimination. He said the society, as an organization of persons of all races and religions could quite justifiably refuse to subsidize a club which practices discrimination.

In 1959, the Winnipeg City Council ended a practice of paying membership dues for three civic officials after it was pointed out that the club practiced a "gentleman's agreement" to bar Jews. During a discussion in the Manitoba Legislature in 1963, Premier Duff Roblin and opposition leader Gildas Molgat told the House they decided against membership in the Manitoba Club because of its biased membership policies.

SOUTH AMERICAN SECTION OF W.J.C. HOLDS THREE-DAY CONFERENCE

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, June 8. (JTA) -- Every aspect of Jewish religious, educational, social, economic and political life in Latin America was discussed by delegates from seven countries who attended the 12th plenary session here of the South American executive of the World Jewish Congress. The three-day session was concluded today.

Among the principal reports and addresses were those presented by Dr. Moises Goldman, of Buenos Aires, chairman of the South American executive; Uruguayan Senator Aarao Steinbruch; Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, president of DAIA, central body of organized Argentinian Jewry; Prof. Enrique Testa, vice-president of the Chilean Representative Jewish Committee; Tobias Kamenszajn, newly-elected president of the Buenos Aires Jewish Community; Jose Sasson, president of the Uruguayan Central Jewish Committee; and Mark Turkow, secretary of the South American executive of the WJC.

Other countries represented here, in addition to the lands from which the major speakers came, were Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay and Venezuela.

ORT DIRECTOR CONFERS WITH POLISH MINISTER IN WARSAW

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- Vladimir Halpern, Geneva director of the World ORT Union, was cordially received in Warsaw today by Poland's Minister for Health and Social Security Rutkewicz, according to a dispatch received from the Polish capital. Mr. Halpern is in Warsaw for a short visit in connection with ORT's activities in that country.

MAX FREEDMAN GIVES \$1, 250, 000 TO CLEVELAND JEWISH HOSPITAL

CLEVELAND, June 8. (JTA) -- Mount Sinai Hospital this week announced receipt of the largest gift in the history of the institution -- a contribution of \$1, 250, 000 from Max Freedman, who retired as president of the hospital after holding that post for the past five years.

The hospital will use \$750, 000 of the gift for the construction of a new outpatient building and \$500, 000 will be placed in an endowment fund to support medical education and research and special patient care services. The hospital, which serves about 45, 000 outpatients annually, will provide through the new building facilities, care for the indigent.

DETROIT SINAI HOSPITAL STARTS \$11, 500, 000 EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

DETROIT, June 8. (JTA) -- Sinai Hospital here is seeking to raise \$11, 500, 000 to finance major expansion programs over the next five years, Board of Trustees president Nate S. Shapero announced.

"Because of other major national and community solicitations, we have reserved public announcement of our Challenge Fund Drive until now," Mr. Shapero said. "Through efforts of the campaign chairmen, Louis Berry and Leonard N. Simons, and the generosity of our board and the families of its members, we are approaching the community at large with close to \$1, 400, 000 already in hand."

"Actually, the \$1, 500, 000 allotment to Sinai from the United Foundation Capital Fund Division puts us even further along," Mr. Shapero continued. "The major phase of our goal will be spent on a new 150-bed patient care wing and surgical pavilion which we hope to have ready for use by 1970. This would give us a total capacity of almost 550 beds," he said.

GAYNOR JACOBSON APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNITED HIAS SERVICE

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- The appointment of Gaynor I. Jacobson as executive director of United Hias Service was announced today by Murray I. Gurfein, president. Mr. Jacobson succeeds James P. Rice who has accepted the post of executive director of the Jewish Federation and Welfare Fund of Metropolitan Chicago. Prior to his appointment Mr. Jacobson was director of United Hias European and North African Operations in Geneva.

Mr. Jacobson has served as executive director of the Jewish Social Service Bureau in Rochester; executive secretary of the Rochester Jewish Community Council; country director in Italy, Greece Czechoslovakia, and Hungary for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; executive director of the Association for Jewish Children in Philadelphia; and executive director of the American Technion Society.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND HONORS DETROIT JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADER

DETROIT, June 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund Council of Detroit honored Leonard N. Simons, Jewish communal leader, with a dinner here tonight at which plans were completed for a Simons' forest in Israel. The JNF Council said that a number of Mr. Simons' friends had already contributed gifts for gardens of trees in the planned forest.

A former chairman of the Allied Jewish Campaign, Mr. Simons serves on the boards of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, Sinai Hospital of Detroit, Jewish Home for the Aged, the Hillel Foundations of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University, the Jewish Publication Society of America, the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit, the Jewish Historical Society and the Joint Distribution Committee.

NEW YORK JEWISH SOCIETY OFFERS INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO STRIKERS

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- The Newspaper Guild of New York, which is on strike against the new World Journal Tribune, announced today that the Hebrew Free Loan Society had offered interest-free loans to striking members.

The Guild said that Abe Gribetz, executive director of the Society, had invited applications from Guild members on strike if they can meet minimal credit requirements. The Guild noted that the loan society had no service charges of any kind and that it was non-sectarian.

HASSIDIM IN ISRAEL GIVE RIOTOUS WELCOME TO NEW YORK YOUTH

TEL AVIV, June 8. (JTA) -- Police had to be called in to keep order at Lydda Airport yesterday when hundreds of singing and dancing followers of the Satmar Rebbe accorded a riotous welcome to Aharon Teitelbaum, 18-year-old grandnephew of the Rebbe.

The youth came here from New York for his wedding today at Bnai Brak. One of the enthusiastic Hassidim broke a leg when he fell as the crowd surged forward to greet the youth. The youth was wed today to Shoshana Eager, 17, daughter of the Rabbi Yehoshua Hager of Bnai Brak and granddaughter of the Rabbi of Vishnitz, Rabbi Haim Meir Hager.