

Strike Situation In Israel Eases

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Israel's massive labor unrest eased somewhat when Israeli diplomats both in Israel and abroad returned to their jobs, though only after Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who is also Foreign Minister, issued back-to-work orders.

The electrical workers, whose walkout caused nationwide power cuts, also returned to work. But labor unhappiness, which worsened as the July 23 Knesset elections neared, continued to impact other services.

About 60,000 engineers and academicians were on strike July 5 for the third day in a row, demanding wage

boosts to offset the pressure of Israel's 400 percent inflation. Workers at the Haifa and Ashdod oil refineries also struck.

Haifa firemen returned to work after the municipality paid salaries a month overdue. The firefighters' refusal to answer alarms led to a near-disaster. A forest fire neared homes in a Mount Carmel suburb. Local residents failed to halt the fire and called on the Hedera fire department for help which was provided until local firemen asked the Hedera firefighters to leave. Only a shift in the winds saved the imperiled homes.

The strike which hit Electric Corp. meant almost no water for Jerusalem and Nahariya because the Mekorot Water Co. could not operate its pumps without electric power. The corporation rationed power, blocking out parts of Israel alternately for short period. Power was cut off without warning at the Emek hospital in Afula on July 3, forcing surgeons to complete operations by searchlight when the hospital staff could not start an emergency generator.

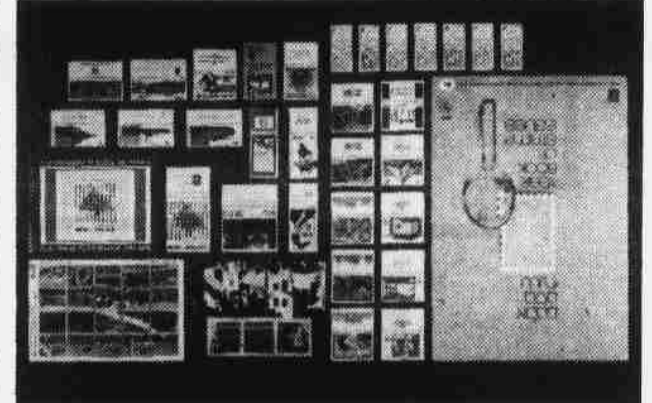
Employees of the Rabbinical Councils in various cities struck causing a near riot at the Tel Aviv office

where couples seeking divorces were turned away. Marriage licenses also were not issued.

Tourists hit by a strike of hotel employees had to fix their own meals. Apparently the only complainers were those who had to carry their own luggage.

Broadcast journalists ended their strike, restoring TV and radio broadcasts after a week-long blackout. Customs officials also returned to work. The broadcast journalists apparently won their battle with the state-owned Broadcast Authority, which agreed to increase their salaries to the levels paid print journalists.

1983 Year Set Of Israel Stamps Now Available



The Israel Stamp Agency in North America, the official agent for the Ministry of Communication for the distribution of philatelic products in North America has announced that the 1983 Year Set of Israel stamps is now available.

The Special Year Set is a collection of all Israel stamps issued during 1983, displayed in a specially prepared presentation folder. There are a total of 30 beautiful mint stamps and three colorful mint souvenir sheets in Israel's 1983 Year Set. An informative booklet which tells the story behind each stamp is also included.

The collection features mint stamps with tabs, a preferred format of collecting Israel stamps by serious collectors. The tabs are portions of the selvage which include beautiful designs and fascinating marginal inscriptions to add to the history of the subject matter depicted on each stamp.

Displayed in a special presentation folder Israel's 1983 Year Set include the beautiful souvenir sheet and commemorative stamp honoring the 35th anniversary of the State of Israel. There is also a set of four colorful stamps honoring four well known synagogues of Israel issued for the new year...as well as two stamps paying tribute to Afula, a city nestled in the fertile farmlands of the Jezreel Valley.

Many times Israel's popular stamps are sold out before the end of the year which makes an offering of a Year Set not possible; however, special quantities were obtained to make the 1983 Year Set available. Israel's 1983 Year Set is available at the official post office price of \$15.00 per set plus \$1.80 shipping and handling from the Israel Stamp Agency in North America, One Uncover Center, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82008-0006.

Wife Of Slain Israeli Olympic Athlete To Participate In Special Memorial Service, July 26

LOS ANGELES — Mimi Weinberg, widow of one of the 11 Israeli athletes slain at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, will participate in a special Memorial for the Eleven on Thursday, July 26, 8:15 p.m., at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, 9760 W. Pico Blvd.

Mrs. Weinberg will be joined by a host of dignitaries and former Olympians who will pay tribute to the Israeli athletes, murdered on Sept. 5-6, 1972 by Arab terrorists belonging to the Black September group of the PLO.

The event is sponsored by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the largest Holocaust center in the English-speaking world with over 260,000 member families and named in honor of the world-famous Nazi hunter responsible for apprehending over 1,100 criminals. Co-sponsor is the Ad Hoc Committee for Remembering the Eleven, headed by Rabbi David Baron.

Memorial service is set to coincide with the

opening -- two days later -- of the XX Olympiad in Los Angeles.

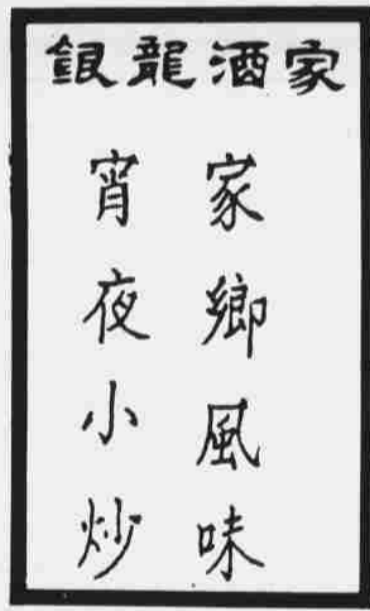
Mrs. Weinberg will be accompanied by her son, Gouri (born just days before his father's tragic death), both of whom are flying in from Israel to participate in the commemoration. During the service Gouri will recite the traditional mourner's prayer in Aramaic, followed by a ceremony in which 11 Olympic torches will be extinguished and then 11 memorial flames for the Israeli Olympic athletes will be kindled.

Mrs. Weinberg's late husband, Moshe Weinberg, was Israel's wrestling coach at the time of the 1972 Olympic Games. He became the first victim of the attack when Arab terrorists broke into his apartment and shot and killed him and weightlifter Yosef Romano.

For more information on this special memorial, call (213) 553-9036.

Collectors may write the Agency at the above address for more information about collecting Israel Stamps.

NEW YORK (WNS) — Only 72 Jews were granted permission to emigrate from the Soviet Union during June, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported. The agency said that the monthly average during the previous six months had been 80 Jews.



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