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ZIONISTS FEAR BRITAIN'S PALESTINE STATE PLAN WILL OMIT 'JEWISH CONSENT' CLAUSE

LONDON, May 5. (JTA) -- Reliable quarters predicted today that the new Palestine policy would closely follow the lines of the British final proposals rejected at the London conference, with further concessions aimed to remove Arab objections to establishment of an independent Palestine state. Fears were expressed in Zionist circles that the concessions would include elimination of the clause requiring consent of the Jews to termination of the transition period preceding establishment of the state, thus removing the Jews' only safeguard under the plan.

According to unconfirmed but apparently authentic reports, the forthcoming White Paper will make it clear that the Government holds the view that it will have discharged its obligations to the Jews to facilitate establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine when the Jews comprise a third of the total population.

Support for these reports is found in the fact that Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald advanced to the Jews, during the London conference, the hypothesis that Great Britain had fulfilled the Balfour Declaration. Also, at the last London session with the Arabs, he had replied in the affirmative to an Arab question on whether the Government considered its obligations to the Jews discharged by completion of the transition period.

Since the collapse of the London conference there have been no British-Jewish discussions on the future of Palestine, although the Government is continuing its talks with the Arabs in Cairo. When Jewish Agency representatives protested against exclusion of the Jews from the talks, they received the rather blunt reply that overmuch importance was attached to the Cairo negotiations, which were described as discussions between the Government and friendly states and consequently there was no reason to inform the Jewish Agency.

Jewish Auxiliary Slain

Jerusalem, May 5. (JTA) -- Arab terrorists today shot and killed a 27-year-old Jewish special policeman, Israel Trolovitz, an immigrant from Rumania, in an attack on a group of policemen trying to extinguish a blazing field set afire by the terrorists.

N.Z.O. Registers Jews for Palestine Military Units

LONDON, May 5. (JTA) -- The New Zionist Organization announced in a communique today that President Vladimir Jabotinsky had left for Eastern Europe where he was scheduled to address meetings in 35 cities.

Mr. Jabotinsky's tour, the communique declared, was to inaugurate a campaign by the N.Z.O. to convene a "Parliament of Jewish Distress," representing eastern Jewry. At the same time, the organization has begun a worldwide registration of Jews capable of bearing arms in view of possible formation of military Jewish units for Palestine. The communique expressed the hope that 10,000 Jews would be enlisted in a Jewish army "which may play a decisive role in realization of larger Zionism."

ROOSEVELT HOPES FOR RAPID PROGRESS ON REFUGEE PROBLEM; OFFICIALS WARN AGAINST IMPATIENCE

WASHINGTON, May 5. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt, receiving a delegation of refugee-aid officials and Jewish leaders for a review of the work of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, yesterday voiced great satisfaction with the work done in the face of difficulties and expressed the hope that rapid progress would be made.

After the interview, Myron C. Taylor, vice-chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee, and James G. MacDonald, chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees, warned against impatience, declaring that to ensure ultimate success short periods of experimentation were necessary before great mass settlements were made.

They said they were happy that the results would soon be known of the splendid work done by the several commissions sent out to explore possibilities of settlement of refugees in British Guiana, the Dominican Republic and the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. Immediate consideration is being given to plans for implementation by private individuals and organizations of financing and the execution of settlement projects, they said.

In the interview with the President, after a general discussion of the refugee question, Mr. Taylor gave a review of the work of the Intergovernmental Committee, giving credit to the 32 governments on the committee for helping to accomplish some of the objectives of the Evian conference, which was called by Mr. Roosevelt.

Those present besides Messrs. Taylor and MacDonald were Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, former Justice Joseph M. Proskauer, Lewis L. Strauss, Henry Ittleson, Sol Strock, Paul Baerwald, Nathan Straus, George L. Warren and Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

That refugees make more jobs than they take was asserted yesterday at the convention of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom by Dr. Clarence Pickett, of the American Friends (Quakers) Service Committee, who is among supporters of the Wagner-Rogers bill for admission to the United States of 20,000 German refugee children. Dr. Pickett said refugees had already started about 25 industries in the United States, one of which was employing 3,000 persons. He declared he knew personally one German refugee who was employing twelve Americans.

"What is happening," he asserted, "is a moving to this country of some sections of the industries of Great Germany, such as the Czech glass industry and the Austrian and Czech handmade jewelry, needlepoint, woodworking and high grade tooled leather industries.

Refugees are bringing the last industry here almost bodily. It always bought its raw materials here and sold from 60 to 70 per cent of the product in this country. Of course these people usually come with little but their skills, but they are establishing themselves and becoming an asset to the nation."

Dr. Pickett cited immigration statistics to refute charges at recent Congressional hearings that the country was being overrun by foreigners, showing that in the past seven years there was an outgo of nearly 5,000 persons above the influx. He also denied that there was any relation between population and unemployment, pointing out that "scantly populated Canada has large unemployment; densely populated Japan has none."

American Legion Body Opposes Wagner-Rogers Bill

INDIANAPOLIS, May 5. (JTA) -- The national executive committee of the American Legion was on record today as opposed to passage of the Wagner-Rogers bill for admission of 20,000 refugee children into the United States in the next two years. The committee's action was in the form of approval of a recommendation of the National Americanism Commission to oppose the bill.

CUBA MOVES TO HALT JEWISH IMMIGRATION

HAVANA, May 5. (JTA) -- A move to halt Jewish immigration to Cuba got under way in Congress today with introduction of a bill by Congressman Pedro Mendieta, chairman of the Immigration Committee.

The bill coincided with a conference between Dr. Mendieta and President Laredo Bru, in which the former asked for a presidential decree banning immigration of Jews from Europe until Congress could act on his measure. Dr. Mendieta also demanded that the decree be made to cover 1,000 German Jews scheduled to arrive in Cuba this month on the steamer San Luis.

Support for the anti-immigration drive was voiced by the liberal Havana newspaper El Pueblo, which featured an article declaring that entry of Jews from Europe would have an adverse effect on Cuba's already poor economic position.

Chile Shuts Gates for Year

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- The N.Y. Times reported from Santiago today that the Chilean Government has suspended issuance of immigration permits for one year. A decree by the Foreign Affairs Minister, the dispatch said, followed demands from many groups for adoption of strict curbs on immigration because of the increase in political refugees.

GERMAN LANDLORDS EMPOWERED TO BREAK LEASES WITH JEWS

BERLIN, May 5. (Havas) -- Subject to certain limited restrictions, "Aryan" landlords today were authorized to break all leases with Jewish tenants. A law effective for Germany and Memel, with later application to Austria and the Sudetenland, stated as its object "the separation of Jews from Aryans."

A landlord, the law provides, may break a lease with a Jewish tenant at will, but must give warning a specified time in advance. He must also obtain a certificate from the Jewish Community showing that the evicted Jew can find lodgings without aid from other "Aryans."

Jewish women married to Christians were exempted from the decree.

Anti-Jewish Decree Ready

LONDON, May 5. (JTA) -- Prague newspapermen were told by Premier Gen. Alois Elias yesterday that the Government of Bohemia and Moravia was resolved to introduce clarity into the Jewish question and had already prepared a decree which would be published within a few days, eliminating Jews from public, economic and cultural life. He added that the Government would continue to act in the cultural sphere on lines agreeable to the German Government.

Health Minister Dr. Vladislav Kluempar, addressing the new Central Medical Council in Prague, declared that "Aryanization" of the medical profession would be effected as soon as possible.

LEHMAN GETS TWO BILLS CURBING RACIAL BIAS FOR SIGNATURE

ALBANY, May 5. (JTA) -- Governor Lehman today had two bills before him for signature which strengthen the present law banning racial discrimination in places of public accommodation.

One bill broadens the definition of such places to include retail stores and establishments, beauty parlors, public halls and elevators of buildings occupied by two or more tenants, to insure equal rights regardless of race, color or creed. The other requires public officials to make a sworn statement of no prejudice when passing over eligible applicants for civil service posts in favor of eligibles lower on the list. Both were sponsored by Senator Schwartzwald of New York and are part of the joint legislative commission's program on racial discrimination.

Another Schwartzwald bill, prohibiting racial or religious discrimination in civil service employment, was passed yesterday by the Senate.

FILM ON HAYM SALOMON SEEN IN PREVIEW HERE; WORLD PREMIERE SET FOR CHICAGO MAY 21

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- Warner Brothers yesterday gave a preview of "Sons of Liberty," technicolor short depicting the part played by Haym Salomon in the American Revolution, before a small group of exhibitors and newspaper men. The film, to be released for nationwide distribution, will be given its first public performance in Chicago on May 21 in connection with a dinner sponsored by the Patriotic Foundation, at which will be displayed a model of the \$50,000 Lorado Taft monument of Salomon, George Washington and Robert Morris.

The film features Claude Rains, noted character actor, in its title role and the cast includes other prominent actors. It is one of a series of pictures filmed by Warner Brothers in the interests of promoting better understanding of democracy and the history of the United States. Reviews in the trade press have been unanimously enthusiastic.

100 DANZIG JEWISH CHILDREN BROUGHT TO ENGLAND

LONDON, May 5. (JTA) -- One hundred Jewish refugee children, all under 15, arrived from Danzig today, the first of several hundred being brought over by a Jewish committee as a "precautionary" measure. Some will be sent to refugee camps at Barnham and Ipswich and others will be sheltered in private homes throughout the country.

PALESTINE TERRORISTS' WANING TREASURY HITS WAGES FOR MURDER

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Wages for murder have fallen by half in Palestine lately as a result of depletion of the terrorists' treasury due to waning support from the Arab populace.

As a consequence of the British army's success in breaking up large gangs terrorizing the countryside, individual political assassinations in the cities have assumed new prominence, but, according to information obtained by the J.T.A., the Arab assassins are now being paid cut-rates as follows: for murdering an Arab -- £5; an Englishman --£3; a Jew -- £1.

The seeming anomaly of a higher bounty for killing an Arab than an Englishman or Jew is explained by the fact that this is the most dangerous assignment of all, since in accordance with the unwritten Arab law, the victim's relatives must not rest until they have taken revenge. They have underground ways of discovering the identity of the assassin more effective than the facilities of the police, and since most Arabs secretly possess guns, they have the means for executing vengeance.

Killing an Englishman does not present the same hazard, but as all Englishmen in Palestine, including civilians, carry licensed firearms, it is still regarded as a more dangerous job than murdering a Jew, and accordingly brings an intermediate payment. As for Jews, most of them are still unarmed, so they are regarded as easy marks.

These prices are paid for killing ordinary citizens. There is a special schedule of bonuses for certain prominent personages. The price placed on the head of Fakhri Nash-ashibi, "moderate" Arab leader and outspoken opponent of the former Mufti of Jerusalem, for instance, is £100 or a job at a good salary on the staff of the Mosque of Omar in Jerusalem -- a religious institution, incidentally, supported by the Government.

As evidenced by the daily toll of victims, the terrorist organization is still far from being crushed, but the terrorists themselves admit that their "good old days" are past. No longer do Arab officials of the Government, Arab policemen and prosperous Arab civilians walk in constant dread that someone will sidle up to them with the summons: "The taxi is waiting for you." This was formerly the phrase with which Aref Abdul Razzek, terrorist Chieftain, issued his "invitations" to his hideout near Ramallah, in the Jerusalem district, where by beatings and threats of death he extorted cash, promises of "loyalty" and Government and police secrets.

BERNHARD KAHN SAILS FOR U.S.

PARIS, May 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Bernhard Kahn, retired chairman of the European Council of the Joint Distribution Committee, sailed for the United States on the Ile de France yesterday. He was given a banquet Wednesday night by Baron Rothschild, the last of a series of farewell ceremonies marking his final week in Paris.

ANTI-DEFAMATION BILL INTRODUCED IN DUTCH PARLIAMENT

AMSTERDAM, May 5. (JTA) -- An anti-defamation bill which would protect Jews and other sections of the population from press incitement has been introduced in the Lower House today by Minister of Justice C.M. Goseling. Existing regulations would be made more stringent by the bill, which provides for a maximum penalty of two years' imprisonment as well as suspension for six months of publications containing such attacks.