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MOYNE STRESSES NEED OF U.S. ARMS IN PALESTINE; SEES TIME NOT RIPE FOR ARAB

LONDON, June 16. (JTA)-- Increasing United States deliveries of war supplies will greatly affect the Palestine situation, Colonial Secretary Lord Moyne declared at a press conference today.

Sir Harold A. MacMichael, Palestine High Commissioner, is seeking employment of maximum military forces in Palestine in one or another of the established services, like the British army, ordinary police, army technical services, volunteer force and settlement police, Lord Moyne declared.

Organizationally, all these forces could absorb personnel as fast as they become available, the Colonial Secretary said, and there is no doubt that expansion is highly desirable from a military viewpoint, but incomplete utilization of military manpower is entirely due to lack of equipment and the length of time required for transportation of equipment from Britain.

Amplifying Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's recent statement regarding British support for closer Arab ties, Lord Moyne said Britain did not desire to force a federation upon the Arabs, but if the initiative came from the Arabs, Britain would lend whole-hearted support.

There are many Britishers and Arabs, however, who feel that in the middle of a life-and-death war, it is not the propitious time to press such a delicate question, he continued.

Syria will probably be ruled by an Angle-Free French military directorate until the end of the war, the Colonial Secretary stated, at which time Syria and Lebanon will be given their independence.

3 Raid Alarms in Tel Aviv

JERUSALEM, June 16. (JTA)-- The Jerusalem Jewish community's executive board ordered today that mezzosoth be attached to the entrances of all public and private air raid shelters.

Tel Aviv had two raid alarms during the night.

Meanwhile, it was established that the present Jewish National Fund land reserve is 37,000 dunams.

AMERICAN REFUGEE-AID GROUPS IN PLEA TO LISBON CONSULATE ON REFUGEE ENTRY CURB

LISBON, June 16. (JTA)-- The American Consulate today virtually suspended issuance of immigration visas to refugees and notified these to whom visas have already been accorded but not yet issued to present themselves for reconsideration of their cases under the new order barring admission of those having relatives in Germany and occupied territories.

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About 1,000 refugees in Lisbon alone are hit by the order and face arrest for remaining in Portugal beyond the permitted transit period. In addition, a number of refugees who have already received visas whose validity expires before transport becomes available will fall under the new order when they have to apply for visa extension.

An undetermined number, estimated at several thousand, who are in unoccupied France are also affected by the new measure.

A delegation of American refugee-aid organizations called on U.S. Consul-General Wiley this morning to discuss the situation. They were told each case would be considered on its merits and the consulate is now formulating the procedure applicants must follow.

For the present refugees are required to prove they do not have relatives in occupied territories, which is virtually a physical impossibility. The suggestion was made by the delegation that the consulate accept affidavits from the American sponsors of the refugees, but pointed out that this would also involve delays which would have the result of jailing of refugees here.

The delegation is expected to have a further meeting at the consulate this weekend. Meanwhile, it is arranging inter-organization perleys to discuss the whole situation.

JEWS IN FREE LANDS URGED TO FIGHT FOR POST-WAR JEWISH STATUS

LONDON, June 16. (JTA)-- Warning of the danger that degradation of Jews would become an accepted part of the normal scheme of things, Leonard Stein president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, today urged Jews in free countries to assert fearlessly and clearly the claim that the Jews' right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness be recognized as sacred.

Stein addressed the annual meeting of the association, which is entering its 70th year, in submitting the report of the Joint Foreign Committee, of which he is joint chairman. Regarding Poland, Stein expressed confidence that Premier Wladislaw Sikorski's "far-sighted, statesmanlike" policy would hold the field in the long run.

Reviewing anti-Jewish measures all over the Continent, Stein said that protest was pointless since "civilized conduct cannot be expected of a gang of savages." He denounced the Vichy Government, asserting: "Nothing could speak more eloquently of its self-abasement than its mean acceptance of the Nuremberg code of persecution."

Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz stressed the necessity of united Jewish representation at the ultimate peace conference and the task of Jews in English-speaking countries for reconstruction of post-war Jewry. Prof. Selig Brodetsky and Robert Waley Cohen also referred to Vichy's anti-Jewish legislation, the latter declaring: "Here not France is speaking, but the men of Vichy with the voice ventriloquized into them."

The executive committee was elected without opposition.

JEWS' LAND TO BE SEIZED IN HOLLAND

STOCKHOLM, June 16. (JTA)-- Jewish-owned agricultural land in Holland must be surrendered by Sept. 2, according to the Dutch Nazi paper, Volk en Vaderland.

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ROOSEVELT DEMANDS STEPS TO HALT DISCRIMINATION IN DEFENSE HIRING.

WASHINGTON, June 16. (JTA)-- Declaring that every available source of labor must be tapped in the present emergency, President Roosevelt has placed "the full support of my office" behind the drive to combat racial and religious discrimination in employment in defense industries.

In a memorandum yesterday to Directors William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman of the Office of Production Management, the President asserted that the discrimination "is a matter of grave national importance, and immediate steps must be taken to deal with it effectively." The President's memorandum follows:

"Complaints have repeatedly been brought to my attention that available and much-needed workers are being barred from defense production solely because of race, religion or national origin. It is said that at a time when labor stringencies are appearing in many areas fully qualified workers are being turned from the gates of industry on specifications entirely unrelated to efficiency and productivity. Also that discrimination against Negro workers has been nation-wide, and other minority racial, national and religious groups have felt its effect in many localities. This situation is a matter of grave national importance, and immediate steps must be taken to deal with it effectively.

"I note with satisfaction that the Office of Production Management has recognized the seriousness of this situation, and that on April 11, 1941, it addressed a letter on the subject to all holders of defense contracts. As Chief Executive of the nation I place the full support of my office behind your statement to the effect that, 'all holders of defense contracts are urged to examine their employment and training policies at once to determine whether or not those policies make ample provision for the full utilization of available and competent Negro workers. Every available source of labor capable of producing defense materials must be tapped in the present emergency.'

"No nation combatting the increasing threat of totalitarianism can afford arbitrarily to exclude large segments of its population from its defense industries. Even more important is it for us to strengthen our unity and morale by refuting at home the very theories which we are fighting abroad.

"Our government cannot countenance continued discrimination against American citizens in defense production. Industry must take the initiative in opening the doors of employment to all loyal and qualified workers regardless of race, national origin, religion or color. American workers, both organized and unorganized, must be prepared to welcome the general and much-needed employment of fellow-workers of all racial and nationality origins in defense industries.

"In the present emergency, it is imperative that we deal effectively and speedily with this problem. I shall expect the Office of Production Management to take immediate steps to facilitate the full utilization of our productive manpower."

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New York Plans Drive on Bias

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA)-- The New York State Defense Council will "go after" employers or union officials who discriminate against minority groups in defense industry employment, Lieut.-Gov. Charles Poletti, who is coordinator of the Council, declared in a speech here yesterday.

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"As coordinator of the State Defense Council," Poletti said, many cases of discrimination have been brought to my attention. We check every complaint and we have found many complaints to be true, particularly in complaints brought by Negroes, although they are not the only minority groups that are being discriminated against. You just let us know and we will go after the employers, and the unions too when they are involved."

MASSACHUSETTS DISSOLVES ANTI-SEMITIC ORGANIZATION

BOSTON, June 16 (JTA)-- Edward H. Hunter's Industrial Defense League, Inc., leading anti-Semitic organization, has been dissolved as a result of a bill passed by the State Legislature. The bill, introduced by former Senator Sybil H. Holmes, was enacted by both houses and signed by Governor Leverett Saltonstall.

A hearing sponsored at the State House brought out testimony that for many years the Industrial Defense League had been promoting race hatred. Spokesmen for the Better Business Bureau and the Boston Chamber of Commerce addressed the investigating committee in favor of the bill.

In 1938, the League was included among alleged subversive organizations investigated by a special state commission. Holmes, chairman of the committee, reported the League "has been a consistent importer of subversive pamphlets from foreign sources for distribution in this Commonwealth."

BRITH ABRAHAM VOTES FUNDS FOR 3 GROUPS

ATLANTIC CITY, June 16. (JTA)-- The convention of Independent Order Brith Abraham today voted \$50,000 to be distributed among the United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish Section of the Interfaith Committee for Aid to the Democracies and the United Service Organizations for National Defense. The vote followed an address by Grandmaster Herman Hoffman.

The convention also adopted resolutions calling upon labor and industry to avert strikes in defense industries by presenting differences for mediation, pledging full cooperation to President Roosevelt in the unlimited national emergency, urging members to buy defense bonds and to aid Britain.

Hoffman asked the delegates to stand in memory of Rep. M. Michael Edelstein, who died in Washington after a speech defending Jews against an anti-Semitic attack.

JEWISH WRITERS RAISE FUND TO FIGHT COMMUNISM

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA)-- A unanimous decision to proclaim a campaign to raise a Defense Fund of \$25,000 "to defend the Jewish press and the Jewish labor movement against Communist attacks" was adopted at a general membership meeting of the J. L. Perets Writers Union, a professional organization of Yiddish journalists, and announced here today.

The announcement states that Jewish labor unions and Jewish communal organizations are expected to help in the campaign, which was prompted by the Newspaper Guild's attempt to undermine the Jewish Writers Union by provoking a strike in the Day, New York Jewish daily newspaper. The strike, which is opposed by the Jewish Writers Union, is condemned in an appeal issued by the Union to the Jewish public today as "a sinister Communist maneuver in order to capture, first, control in the Day and then in the other Jewish newspapers."

OHIO VALLEY ZIONISTS AID LAND-BUYING

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 16. (JTA)-- As an expression of faith in the future of Palestine, the Ohio Valley Zionist Region, at its convention here, voted yesterday to raise \$50,000 to redeem 2,000 dunams of land through the Jewish National Fund and establish a machiah (settlement).