

COLONIAL MINISTER MAKES IMPORTANT STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT REGARDING WHITE PAPER

LONDON, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- An indication that the British Government intends to stand by the terms of the White Paper under which Jewish immigration into Palestine will cease in March, 1944, was given in the House of Commons today by Colonial Secretary Col. Oliver Stanley.

The Colonial Minister said that the war has prevented the fulfillment of the immigration program set by the White Paper. He reported that up to September of this year 43,922 Jews entered Palestine legally and illegally of the quota of 75,000 provided by the White Paper. It can be assumed, he added, that the balance of 31,078 Jewish immigrants would have reached Palestine before March 1944, if not for the exigencies of war.

The British Government, he continued, has considered the situation and reached the conclusion that it would be inequitable to close the doors of Palestine to these persons on account of the time factor. Those who do not arrive in March 1944 because they are prevented by the war from doing so, will not be kept out.

The Colonial Secretary went on to state that the Government was making all efforts to facilitate the arrival of the Jews who could still enter Palestine under the White Paper quota, subject to the absorptive capacity of the country. He pointed out that the chief obstacle which prevented the arrival of the Jewish immigrants was not the lack of shipping facilities, but the fact that Jews under Hitler's domination are not allowed to emigrate.

PRESIDENT OF JEWISH CONSISTORY IN FRANCE ARRESTED BY GESTAPO; DEPORTATIONS MOUNT

GENEVA, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- German authorities in France have arrested Jacques Fibronner, president of the Jewish Consistory, a report reaching here today states. The arrest took place in Lyons. All efforts to obtain his release were unsuccessful. His present whereabouts are unknown.

The report says that Jews are now being arrested en masse in Nice and its suburbs, and immediately deported to an unknown destination. To facilitate rounding up all the Jews in Nice, the Gestapo is using stationery of the Jewish Community to "invite" Jews to come to the offices of the community "where an important communication awaits them." The unsuspecting Jews are arrested as soon as they appear and are deported without even being allowed to get in touch with their family.

Parallel with the mass-arrests of Jews, the Gestapo is conducting large-scale deportations of Jewish children. All children in the Jewish Children's Home at La Vardiere, near Marseille, were deported together with their teachers on October 21. Sixty Jews and their families were held by the German authorities as hostages prior to the deportation in order to make certain that not a single child escaped.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE WILL DEAL WITH BEN-GURION - WEIZMANN CONFLICT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- The crisis in the executive of the Jewish Agency precipitated by the proffered resignation of David Ben-Gurion, its chairman, and aggravated by the refusal of Dr. Chaim Weizmann to come to Palestine at present, will be dealt with at a special session of the small Zionist Actions Committee on Sunday, it was announced here today. It is expected that the session will take a definite stand on the conflict which has arisen between Mr. Ben-Gurion and Dr. Weizmann as a result of divergencies of opinion on Zionist political matters.

The Arab Chamber of Commerce in Palestine today announced through its secretary that it has not adopted any resolution supporting the White Paper under which Jewish immigration to Palestine is to cease in March, 1944. The announcement says that the attitude of the Chamber of Commerce towards the question of Jewish immigration will be decided at its forthcoming general meeting. This meeting will also decide on the question of the establishment of a national government in Palestine.

The Arab leader Auni Bey Abdul Hadi today denied a report, published some time ago in the London News Chronicle, to the effect that he had stated that no Arab-Jewish disturbances are to be expected while the war is going on, pointing out that "from the outbreak of the war, Arab extremists have remained calm and neutral since they did not want to hamper the British war effort." In issuing the denial, the Arab extremist leader emphasized that "all Arabs in Palestine are united in demanding their full rights."

CHARGE THAT JEWS PLAN TO SETTLE 100,000 REFUGEES IN QUEBEC EVOKES GOVERNMENT DENIAL

MONTREAL, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- The campaign which French-Canadian reactionary elements in the province of Quebec have been waging in an effort to prevent the admission into Canada of any refugees from Europe received a sharp setback last night when Minister of Mines and Resources, J.A. Crerar, who is the official responsible for immigration matters, denied the allegation that Jews are negotiating to settle 100,000 European refugees in the Quebec district.

The charge was first made by Maurice Duplessis, former premier of Quebec, who has frequently been accused of having fascist leanings. Duplessis, speaking at a meeting in a rural community recently, exhibited what he purported to be a photostatic copy of a letter from the "International Zionist Brotherhood" to Rabbi Jesse Schwartz, executive director of the Zionist Federation of Canada, stating that a meeting of the "brotherhood" in New York had decided to give financial support to any political candidate in Canada who "openly or secretly" would support the settlement of 100,000 Jews on farms in Quebec.

Rabbi Schwartz and Louis Fitch, K.C., prominent Canadian Jewish leader, have branded the letter a "clumsy forgery" and denied the existence of any such organization as the "International Zionist Brotherhood."

CATHOLIC CHURCH FAVORS JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA, ARCHBISHOP ANNOUNCES

MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- The Catholic Church is willing to facilitate the emigration of Jews to Australia after the war, it was stated here today by Archbishop Mannix, speaking at ceremonies marking the presentation of a gift to the armed forces, purchased with funds raised by the Jewish community,

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE DEPLORES WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Nov. 10. (JTA)-- The American Jewish Conference, through its interim committee, today issued a statement deploring the withdrawal of the American Jewish Committee from the Conference and emphasizing that the door has been left open for the return of the Committee.

"Through its action, the American Jewish Committee has isolated itself from the American Jewish Community at the most perilous hour in the history of our people," the statement reads. "Its reaction will be deeply deplored and resented by millions of Jews, concerned with the need for organized collaboration in this desperate moment, united through the American Jewish Conference in a program looking to the rescue of the Jewish people from destruction and to the assurance of their continued existence as a free people in a free world.

"This act of withdrawal," the statement continues, "is the more unjustifiable in that, prior to the sessions of the American Jewish Conference, the conditions of the American Jewish Committee for its entry were accepted, without, however, infringing on the central principle of seeking, through democratic processes, to secure agreement on a program of action in the area of post-war rehabilitation and the implementation of the Jewish rights with reference to Palestine."

The statement concedes the legal rights of any organization within the American Jewish Conference to withdraw. It points out, however, that "the exercise of that right is morally indefensible when it involves the arbitrary disrupting of unity only newly achieved, too long deferred and imperatively needed." It challenges the allegation that the differences with respect to the Palestine resolution were the basic reasons for the American Jewish Committee's withdrawal. It expresses the belief that the American Jewish Committee's decision to withdraw "would appear to have been dictated by its determination to maintain an independent course of action without public responsibility to the organized Jewish community."

This view, says the statement, is based on three facts:

1. That apart from the Palestine Resolution, ten other resolutions were adopted after four days of deliberation, seven with respect to rehabilitation at the end of the war and three with respect to an immediate program of rescue. On these there was complete accord on the part of all the delegates, including the three representatives of the American Jewish Committee.
2. That even with respect to the Palestine Resolution, the American Jewish Committee was in accord with certain portions of it, and dissented from the Jewish Commonwealth idea primarily on the basis of the timeliness of projecting the issue at this time.
3. That the President of the American Jewish Committee at the sessions, in expressing his dissent on the Palestine Resolution, expressed the view "that we can still cooperate for the cause of Jewry within the great area in which we found accord and agreement."

Charging that "the American Jewish Committee has introduced divisiveness in the councils of American Jewry, which is calculated to impair the effectiveness of the efforts on behalf of the Jewish people in the hour of its greatest need," the statement asserts: "The American Jewish Committee has chosen the path of separatism, a course which it is still not too late for it to abandon." At the same time it declared that the work of the Conference in implementing the resolutions adopted in the three areas of immediate rescue, post-war rehabilitation and the implementation of Jewish rights to Palestine will not be retarded. The statement rejected the charge of the Committee that any of the resolutions adopted by the Conference involve diminution of loyalty to our country.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ASKS END TO WHITE PAPER; NON-COMMITTAL ON COMMONWEALTH

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- The 17th triennial convention of the National Council of Jewish Women, meeting at the Drake Hotel here, last night adopted a resolution asking abrogation of the White Paper on Palestine and favoring the continued upbuilding of the Jewish community there, but did not commit itself on the question of the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth. The convention endorsed the action of its delegates to the American Jewish Conference, who had refrained from voting on the Commonwealth issue, although they supported, in the main, the program adopted by the Conference.

The convention adopted the following recommendation of the board of directors on the Palestine question:

"1. We record ourselves in favor of and urge the immediate abrogation of the White Paper of 1939. 2. We record ourselves in favor of the unrestricted immigration of Jews into Palestine. 3. We record ourselves in favor of the uninterrupted and continued upbuilding of Palestine in the spirit of the Balfour Declaration."

Earlier in the day the convention heard a report by Mrs. Albert J. May of New York City, chairman of the National Committee on Contemporary Jewish Affairs, which stated three conditions for the security and survival of Jews in a world order: 1. International organization to guarantee equality of minority groups; 2. International education policy to eliminate fears and promote understanding and cooperation among nations and peoples; 3. Establishment of international research body of Jews to study problems of world Jewry and to channel Jewish matters to world international organizations.

GOVERNOR ACTS ON REPORT BLAMING BOSTON POLICE FOR ANTI-JEWISH OUTBREAKS

BOSTON, Nov. 10.(JTA)-- Mayors of all Massachusetts communities were in receipt today of a letter from Gov. Leverett Saltonstall incorporating a report submitted to him yesterday by State Public Safety Commissioner John P. Stokes, in which the Boston police were blamed for the continued anti-Jewish outbreaks in the Jewish sections of that city.

As soon as he had received the report, which said that the disturbances would not have been possible if the police had done their duty, Gov. Saltonstall brought it to the attention of the mayors, turned over all the findings to Attorney General Bushnell and to the armed forces, and appointed a committee to draw up an over-all program for dealing with the causes of racial outbreaks.

The Stokes commission reported to the Governor that of 40 cases of assaults, property damage and insults during 1942 and 1943 which were investigated, 34 occurred in the Dorchester and Mattapan police divisions. The full report was not given out, but a two-page resume issued by Gov. Saltonstall said that had the proper police principles been applied to the present condition, "the concentration of incidents alleged to be caused by anti-Semitic feeling, would not have been possible."

Concerning the anti-Semitic character of the attacks, the resume embodied this statement: "Although anti-Semitic utterances were used in the course of these assaults, the assaults and the utterances attending them could not be proven to be of organized anti-Semitic origin. However, the widespread dissemination of anti-Semitic literature, I believe, is organized and should be dealt with immediately."