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JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE NOT JOINING INTERIM COMMITTEE, BUT WILL STAY IN CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish Labor Committee announced today that it will remain in the American Jewish Conference, but will not participate in the Interim Committee of the Conference, which has been established to direct the affairs of the organization until its next meeting some time in the future.

An official statement released by the Committee declares:

After two sessions which the Jewish Labor Committee held on the question of its further relation with the American Jewish Conference, it adopted the following decision:

Taking into consideration that the American Jewish Conference has not completed its work and has postponed its further sessions until some time in the future, and

Taking into consideration that the Jewish Labor Committee participated in framing a number of decisions of the conference, such as the rescue of Jews, Jewish post-war demands in Europe, the abolition of the White Paper and Jewish immigration to Palestine,

The executive committee has decided:

- 1 - To remain in the American Jewish Conference
- 2 - To cooperate with the American Jewish Conference in all matters which are within the scope of the activities of the Jewish Labor Committee, and in accordance with its decisions.
- 3 - The Jewish Labor Committee will not participate in the Interim Committee.

SHERTOK GOING TO LONDON IN ATTEMPT TO SOLVE WEIZMANN-BEN GURION CRISIS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, will be sent to London shortly to attempt to iron out differences existing between David Ben Gurion, resigned chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, it was decided today at a meeting of the Small Zionist Actions Committee here.

It was revealed at today's meeting that Dr. Weizmann has informed Zionist leaders in Palestine who have urged him to come here immediately that "your persistence might raise the question of my further work." A proposal by the Mizrahi that a delegation of three consisting of Shertok, Emil Schmorak and Rabbi Jacob Fishman, a Mizrahi leader, be sent to London was rejected. In voting to send the Agency political head to Britain, the meeting added the proviso that should he feel that the presence of more members of the Jewish Agency in London is desirable, he will so inform the Zionist executive.

The Actions Committee meeting was opened with an address protesting the raid on the settlement of Ramath Hakovesh and by passage of a resolution voicing the body's

sympathy and encouragement for the settlers in the colony and the widow of Shmuel Wolynetz, who died from wounds suffered during the incident. The action of the Hebrew press in publishing the facts as they obtained them and in refusing to re-appear following their suspension by the Palestine Government until the ban on all papers was lifted was praised.

Editorials in the papers, which reappeared yesterday, stress that despite all difficulties, the struggle for a Jewish national home must continue. Davar, Labor daily, writes: "With all our heart and consciousness we must to try to avoid interpreting the Ramath Hakovesh incident as if we have a quarrel with representatives of the British authorities - there is no quarrel between the Yishuv and the British people. We stand together in the present struggle." Haaretz calls on the Hebrew press to "pass on to other items on the agenda" while not forgetting what occurred at Ramath Hakovesh." Touching on the present internal Zionist difficulties, the paper says: "More than ever it is obvious that an imperative condition to our success is unity."

10,000 ITALIAN JEWS ALREADY DEPORTED; CONFISCATION OF THEIR PROPERTY ORDERED

BERN, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- About 10,000 Italian Jews have already been deported from the concentration camp at Piacenza, northern Italy, to where the Germans are sending all arrested Jews, it is reported here today. The report says that as more Jews are rounded up - and orders have gone out to the Fascist police to assist the Germans in arresting all Jews - additional deportees will be sent to Poland as there is not sufficient room at Piacenza and the shortage of construction materials makes erection of new camps impossible.

The only Jews in northern Italy who are safe, at present, from molestation by the Germans and fascists are some 3,000 who are nationals of either Turkey, Portugal or Spain, the report adds. The Rome radio announced last night that the Mussolini government had ordered the arrest of all Italian and foreign Jews and the confiscation of all their property. Children of mixed marriages will be placed under police supervision but will not be arrested, the broadcast said.

THE MUFTI IS STILL THE MUFTI, COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY TELLS COMMONS

LONDON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Haj Amin el Hussein, the Mufti of Jerusalem, who is now in Berlin as an adviser on Arabic affairs to the German Foreign Ministry, is still titular head of the Palestine Moslem community, Colonial Secretary Col. Oliver Stanley stated in Commons today in reply to a query by S. S. Hammersley, Conservative.

Col. Stanley asserted that since no legal machinery exists by which the holder of a religious office may be deposed, Hussein technically remains Mufti. He added, however, that the fact that the government has no intention of allowing him to return to Palestine, "reduces the importance of the technicality." Queried as to what steps the government plans to take to secure a successor to the Mufti as head of the Supreme Moslem Council, the Colonial Secretary replied that "the government does not propose to intervene in the matter, which would cause trouble and impede the business of the Council."

Hussein fled Palestine to Syria in 1937 shortly after he had been deposed as head of the Supreme Moslem Council by the British. Later he went to Iraq where he resided until that country was occupied by British troops.

ROOSEVELT AND HULL ASKED TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION TO AID JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- A request that President Roosevelt and Sec. Hull support the pending Congressional resolution for establishment of a commission to effect the rescue of persecuted European Jews was made last night by Dean Alfange, vice chairman of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe. Deploring "the inertia of the U. S. Government in the face of appalling revelations" of mass murder, the 1942 gubernatorial candidate of the American Labor Party declared in a radio broadcast:

"Up to this moment neither the President nor Mr. Hull have indicated publicly their approval of this resolution, though one word, one nod from either, would assure its passage." Alfange called the resolution in Congress the only American action to foil a "diabolical plot which was planned, studied, proclaimed and executed with blueprint precision" in the German determination to exterminate the Jews.

The New York Herald-Tribune today carries an editorial supporting the resolution, stating that "if anything can be done to stop the mass murder of a people, surely the American people must be willing to take the lead in doing so." The editorial continues: "Certain it is that nothing will be accomplished to save Nazi-Europe's surviving Jews from methodical extermination by doing nothing. The resolution calls for affirmation of the American position, assumption by America of leadership in doing whatever may be done to save lives now. We should not hesitate to lead in so imperative a humanitarian cause."

The Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, which is sponsoring the resolution, issued a statement here today pointing out that the resolution asks the establishment of an agency to deal with the situation of the trapped Jews in Europe and not with the problems of refugees who have already escaped from occupied countries. The statement also stressed that the resolution has nothing to do with any political implications as far as Palestine or any other United Nations territory is concerned and is aimed exclusively at helping Jews to escape without any preconceived idea as to their post-war settlement.

JDC ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY AT TWO PLACES

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee announced today that as a result of the demand for reservations from persons wishing to attend its 29th annual meeting which will be held on Sunday, it has arranged for two meetings to be held simultaneously in the Commodore and Murray Hill Hotels, with the same speakers and program at each. Principal speakers at both gatherings will be Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the JDC, and Miss Laura Margolis, JDC representative in Shanghai, who arrived here today aboard the exchange liner Gripsholm.

Other speakers will be Dr. Frank Kingdon, educator and radio commentator; Alexander Kahn, General Manager of the Jewish Daily Forward and a Vice-Chairman of the J.D.C.; Harry Greenstein, Welfare Branch Chief of the Division of Programs and Requirements, of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration; Paul Baerwald, Honorary Chairman of the J.D.C., and Joseph C. Hyman, Executive Vice-Chairman of the J.D.C.; Herman Hoffman, Grand Master of the Independent Order B'rith Abraham; Max Ogust, Grand Secy., Free Sons of Israel; Samuel Wohl, President, Council of Warsaw Jews, and Herbert Sussman, Chairman of the Board of Delegates of the United Galician Jews of America. The chairmen of the meetings will be William J. Shroder of Cincinnati, Vice-Chairman of the J.D.C., and I. Edwin Goldwasser, Treasurer.