

NEW PALESTINE PARTITION PLAN GIVES DOMINION STATUS TO JEWISH STATE, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The new Palestine partition scheme provides for dominion status within the British Empire for a Jewish state, it is reported here today by the diplomatic correspondent of the Reynolds News. He says that a draft of this plan has already been submitted to Jewish and Arab leaders.

The article, the first to appear in the British press concerning a possible new partition project for Palestine, confirms earlier reports that the Jewish state would include a large part of Palestine, including the southern section of the country, and a part of Transjordan.

PALESTINE POPULATION WARNED AGAINST TALK OF INTERNAL DANGER AND OF SELF-DEFENSE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Sir Harold MacMichael, High Commissioner for Palestine, has warned the population to abstain from "too much talk regarding dreadful dangers looming in Palestine" and "rights of self-defense."

In a New Year message broadcast over the Palestine radio, the High Commissioner assured the people that he is not inclined to minimize any dangers, but added that "nothing can be gained from exaggerations." He called upon "profiteers of politics" not to be blind to the needs of the future and to their ultimate self-interests. A distinction, must be drawn, he said, between "household time" and "historical time." He appealed to the population to give up "narrow sectarianism, squabbles and demagoguery."

"Self-controlled exclusiveness," he declared, "naturally induces a reciprocal attitude. The result is certainly dangerous for the prospects of well-being and security. Is it too much to ask from any man to look ahead for a few generations instead of limiting his outlook and ambitions to his own brief span of life? Any people is mistaken in claiming for itself complete culture and unity and self-sufficiency. The same is true of claiming its own particular share in the formation of traditions and standards accepted by civilized people, as an exclusively original achievement owing nothing to the rest. This leads us to nothing but glorified parochialism."

"But the day of perpetuation of this misconception is surely past," the High Commissioner continued. "The new generation must look ahead as well as backwards. It must cease to incessantly harp upon sorrows or glories of yesterday. While preserving the best of its own traditions, it must remember the foundations common to all civilization and set itself to the noble work of good citizenship and friendliness for whatever the future of the Mid-East be, if it isn't to be chaos permeated by animosity."

"Narrow sectarianism, squabbles and demagoguery will lead to nothing but to demoralization, retardation of weak hopes, futile rivalries and economic ruin," he warned. "The conception of self-sufficiency is narrow, and barren and foolish. I realize that this warning is inappropriate for many of my hearers - for the decent, honest citizens of every race and those content to carry out their duties in loyalty, and above all for the fighting forces," he concluded.

POLISH LEADERS SUPPORT JEWISH DEMANDS FOR CURB ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN POLISH ARMY

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Polish Peasant Party and of the Socialist Party have joined the two Jewish members of the Polish National Council in demanding that the Polish Government-in-Exile take energetic measures to combat the anti-Jewish propaganda which is being spread among Polish refugees and in the ranks of the Polish army.

Speaking in the Polish National Council, Wladislaw Zaremba, emphasized in behalf of the Polish Peasant Party that the peasants in Poland have never been anti-Semitic. He condemned the reactionary elements who are still engaged in inciting Poles against Jews. "How dare they today poison with anti-Semitism the lives of the Jewish soldiers who are now fighting with us for Poland?" he said.

Adam Ciolkosz, leader of the Polish Socialist Party, expressed solidarity with the Jewish member of the Polish National Council who abstained from voting for the government budget as an expression of protest against the government's inactivity in combatting anti-Jewish propaganda in the Polish Army. Deputy Bielonsky also told the Polish National Council that he sharply condemned the anti-Jewish propaganda among Polish civilians and military forces. He demanded vigorous action to curb the activities of the Polish anti-Semites among refugees and in the army. He charged that anti-Jewish propaganda is spread "even by certain Polish military leaders."

Emanuel Szerer, the Jewish Socialist member of the Council, insisted that the Polish military leadership spare no effort to create a brotherly atmosphere among the soldiers of various denominations in the Polish armed forces. He emphasized that "the situation is far from ideal, since the anti-Semitic atmosphere is still maintained - and even fostered - by certain groups in the Army."

Chief of Polish Army in Middle-East is Criticized

Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, the other Jewish deputy, told the Council that the anti-Semitism which now prevails in the ranks of the Polish Army is harming the interests of both the army and the State. "The spirit of Gen. Anders expressed in his order on anti-Semitism issued on November 30, 1941, is still haunting some detachments," he said. "The Polish Army is poisoned with anti-Semitism. This spirit must be eliminated through appropriate government orders." (Gen. Anders, chief of the Polish armed forces in the Middle East, was quoted as stating in his order that while he understood the anti-Jewish feelings of the Polish soldiers, they must realize that anti-Semitism is unpalatable to the Anglo-Saxon world.)

Dr. Schwarzbart asserted that he would have voted against the government budget if it had been submitted in peace time, as an expression of protest against the unhampered anti-Jewish propaganda among Polish soldiers and civilian refugees. "However," he added, "in view of the hour of danger in the present struggle against the enemy, and also because of the fact that Polish-Jewish destiny has been linked for centuries with the fate of Poland, I shall vote for the budget in the expectation that the Jewish demands will be fulfilled immediately."

MOST OF ROME JEWS SUCCEED IN ELUDING NAZI ROUND-UP; BEING HIDDEN BY FRIENDS

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- About 8,000 of the 10,000 Jews of Rome whom the Germans are attempting to round up have succeeded in eluding the Nazi dragnet and are being hidden by friends, it is reported today by a Goteborg newspaper. A Rome correspondent of the paper says that the German occupation authorities took a census of the Italian capital's population last week in an attempt to discover Jews and other fugitives and to count the number of refugees in the city.

UNIFORM ATTITUDE BY ALLIES ON RESTITUTION OF PROPERTY TO JEWS URGED IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- A restatement of the right of European minorities to international protection and adoption of a uniform attitude by the Allied governments on the question of property restitution to rightful owners were urged today by the influential weekly newspaper The Economist.

An article in the periodical said it was not too early to restate the right of European minorities to international protection. "Aryanization" had radically changed the economic structure of Eastern Europe, it said, adding that in Poland and the Baltic states tens of thousands of Poles and Balts had sprung into the economic gaps created by the massacre of Jews everywhere and "now powerful interests have arisen which will stubbornly oppose and obstruct every attempt at restitution."

Discussing the question of restitution, The Economist pointed out that the attitude of the Allied governments on the matter was not uniform. While the Czechoslovak government-in-exile had promised justice to Jews in this respect, Polish policy remained undefined, it said, the Polish government-in-exile "still searching for a territory to which the Jews of Poland could be transferred."

HULDA SENTENCES CONFIRMED; HEADS OF ALL JEWISH COOPERATIVE COLONIES RESIGN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The General Officer Commanding British troops in Palestine today announced that the sentences imposed upon seven colonists from the settlement of Hulda for illegal possession of arms have been confirmed. Attorneys for the Hulda settlers had appealed from the decision of a military tribunal which on Dec. 17, sentenced the colonists to terms of imprisonment ranging from two to six years.

The heads of all Jewish cooperative settlements met today to discuss the situation arising out of the conviction of Israel Birnbaum, head of the Hulda settlement, who was sentenced to five years imprisonment as the person responsible for all that occurred at his settlement. The conference decided to inform the High Commissioner that the chairmen of the Jewish cooperative colonies are no longer able to continue their duties under present circumstances.

PALESTINE JEWISH COUNCIL ATTEMPTING TO SECURE VOTE FOR SOLDIERS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 3. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council of Palestine is negotiating with the British military authorities in an attempt to arrange voting facilities for Palestinians serving in the British armed forces, it was learned here today.

Declaring that Jewish soldiers constitute eight percent of the persons eligible to vote in the forthcoming elections of representatives to the Agsefah Hanivcharim, the Jewish National Assembly, the Council stressed the importance of their being enabled to cast their ballots. It pointed out that Australian and South African soldiers serving in the Middle East were enabled recently to vote for members of their respective parliaments.

The Jewish Farmers Federation here has dispatched six cases of choice oranges to Prime Minister Churchill as a New Year's gift. Accompanying the oranges was a message expressing the farmers' wishes for his complete recovery and the hope that 1944 will see an Allied victory and the liberation of the Jewish people.

NAZIS ESTABLISH "JEWISH FREEDOM" STATION TO PROVOKE ARAB-JEWISH DISTURBANCES

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Nazi provocateurs working under the direction of German Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels have established a "Jewish Freedom Station" which is beaming broadcasts to Palestine urging Jewish settlers to rise up and expell "Arab terrorists," it is reported today in the Daily Sketch.

The paper says that the station, which is believed to be in Greece, is apparently attempting to furnish the Germans with a basis for their anti-Zionist propaganda among the Arabs in the Middle East at the same time that it hopes to arouse some Jewish extremists to precipitate violence. "This is the first time that Goebbels has been known to champion the Jews," the Daily Sketch comments.

RABBI BRICKNER REPORTS ANTI-SEMITISM IS ALIEN TO AMERICAN TROOPS OVERSEAS

CAIRO, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Rabbi Barnett Brickner, of Cleveland, who is making a world tour as President Roosevelt's special envoy to Jewish soldiers, reports there is practically no anti-Jewish feeling among American troops overseas. At a press conference here yesterday, he said that he had noted a marked revival of religious interest among American troops. In many sectors, Jewish chaplains are "circuit riding," he said, traveling constantly to minister to the needs of small groups of Jewish soldiers.

In places where there are but a few Jews and no rabbi, the Catholic or Protestant chaplain works with the Jews, assisting them in conducting their own services. Rabbi Brickner was critical of the nature of entertainment provided troops, saying that they did not want sex stuff, but high-class entertainment. He added there was a need for providing soldiers with greater orientation on wartime and post-war affairs.

BRITISH JEWS CALLED ON TO RAISE HUGE FUND TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Stressing the growth of anti-Semitism in Great Britain, The London Jewish Chronicle calls for the raising of a huge "defense fund" to be used to combat anti-Jewish propaganda. Lack of such resources up until now, the paper says, has resulted in the fact that innumerable chances to expose anti-Semitism and anti-Semites have been lost.

PALESTINE FOREST TO BEAR NAMES OF ROOSEVELT, CHURCHILL, STALIN AND CHIANG KAI-SHEK

CLEVELAND, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- A forest that will bear the names of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Marshal Joseph Stalin and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek will be planted in Palestine in appreciation of their achievements at the recent Cairo and Teheran conferences, it was learned here today.

The planting of the first 1,000 trees in the United Nations Forest on the land of the Jewish National Fund, has been made possible by a gift of \$1,500 to the Fund made by Mr. Isaac Evans, honorary vice-president of the Cleveland Zionist Society. He presented the amount of \$1,500 to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi of the Temple, Cleveland, president of the United Palestine Appeal and chairman of the executive committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

NAZIS EXECUTE GERMAN FOR ASSISTING JEW TO ESCAPE DEPORTATION

ZURICH, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Josef Boes, a German Catholic from Hanover, has been executed in Vienna on charges of helping a Jewish friend, Guido Brinkman, to obtain documents indicating he was of Catholic ancestry. Nazi papers received here today report. The papers say that using the forged documents, Brinkman was able to flee from Cologne to Vienna and escape deportation to eastern Europe.