

ARABS IN PALESTINE URGED TO PREPARE FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Arabs in Palestine are urged to prepare to take over the administration of the country, in an article published today in Falastin, leading Arab newspaper.

The article points out that "the political part" of the British White Paper will be implemented during 1944, including the transfer of the Palestine administration into the hands of "the sons of the country." Accordingly, the paper writes, steps should be taken now for the preparation of suitable candidates for various administrative posts.

(In addition to barring Jewish immigration after March, 1944, the White Paper of 1939 provides for a ten-year "transitional period," during which "the people of Palestine will be given an increasing part in the government of their country," and "Arab and Jewish representatives will be invited to serve as heads of departments approximately in proportion to their respective populations.")

Several petitions from Palestine Arab groups were submitted to the Premier of Lebanon, Riad Solh when he passed through here en route from Lebanon to Cairo to discuss questions concerning the projected pan-Arab Federation in the Egyptian capital, the Palestine press reports. The petitions contain proposals on the solution of the Arab-Jewish problem in Palestine and on the role which Palestine is to play in the pan-Arab Federation if such a union is established.

JEWISH AGENCY LEADER CONDEMNS INSINUATIONS THAT PALESTINE JEWS ARE ANTI-BRITISH

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A lengthy analysis of the future of the Jews in Palestine in the light of the last stages of the war was given here today by Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, addressing the conference of the Jewish Labor Party which has been convoked for the purpose of securing unity within the party's ranks.

Vigorously condemning those who insinuate that the Jews in Palestine are becoming anti-British, Mr. Shertok stressed the importance of increased Jewish voluntary enlistment in the ranks of the British armed forces and spoke of the role which Jewish soldiers in the British Army can play by being among the first to enter liberated territories where Jews are held in concentration camps. He appealed to the members of the Labor Party "to maintain the party's united front in order to carry out the tremendous tasks facing the Jews of Palestine and the Jewish nation."

The internal struggle within the ranks of the Labor Party reached its peak at today's session of the conference when Isaac Tobenkin, leader of the opposition in the party, demanded that the conference define its attitude to basic problems facing the Zionist movement as well as the Palestine Jewish labor movement. "Just as we resent the insinuation that we are anti-British, we do not want to appear to be anti-Russian," he said. "We cannot release Britain from its mandatory obligations which she undertook when accepting the mandate over Palestine. The conference may cause us to leave the ranks of the party, but our future path will always be the way of common struggle for Zionism."

INVESTIGATION OF ANTI-JEWISH ACTS IN POLISH REFUGEE CAMP IN MEXICO COMPLETED

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A study of conditions at the Polish refugee camp in Mexico has just been completed by a special investigator assigned to the task by the Polish Government-in-Exile following the charges of persecution of Jews by fellow refugees.

The investigation was conducted by Emmanuel Freyd, one of the Polish Government's delegates to the recent conference of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration at Atlantic City. Freyd, it was learned, is on his way back to Washington after having conveyed authorization to the Polish Legation to request the Mexican Government to punish renewed outbreaks of anti-Semitic persecution by transferring those responsible to the Nazi internment camp at Perote. It is understood that Freyd will report his findings to the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation in the State Department, which helps maintain the camp.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASKED FOR CLEAR STATEMENT ON PALESTINE POLICY

LONDON, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The British Government will be asked in the House of Lords to make a clear statement concerning its present policy with regard to Palestine, it was learned here today. The question will be raised by Lord Strabolgi.

The prediction that "under no circumstances will the formation of a sovereign Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine be allowed" is made today by Kenneth Williams, former editor of the publication "Great Britain and East," which is considered to be close to the Colonial Office.

Under the headline "United States' Jews Accuse Britain," Mr. Williams says in an article in the Nottingham Journal that it is impossible now to forecast the policy of the British Government with regard to post-war Palestine. He is certain, however, that Britain will oppose the formation of a Jewish Commonwealth.

"The supporters of the British White Paper," the article says, "claim that the existence of 500,000 Jews in Palestine is in itself a sufficient rebuttal of the charge that the British Government is blind to the tragic plight of oppressed Jewry." It concludes by pointing out that it would hardly be practical politics "to force immigration upon the majority inhabitants of Palestine at the point of British bayonets."

SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONISTS OPPOSE NEW PARTITION SCHEME; WANT JEWISH COMMONWEALTH

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The Zionist Federation of South Africa, through its official organ "The Zionist Record," today voiced opposition to any partition of Palestine, and emphasized that it continues to support the demand for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.

"Although the reports about the new partition scheme suggest that this plan provides more territory for the Jews than was provided under the pre-war partition plan, nevertheless we consider any kind of partition as partition. We stand where we always stood. We re-affirm our support for the Biltmore Declaration," the Zionist Record writes.

RUMANIANS WARNED OF "JEWISH DOMINATION" FOLLOWING ALLIED VICTORY

ZURICH, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- In an apparent attempt to spur lagging Rumanian morale, Ilie Rdaulesu, editor of the violently anti-Semitic Bucharest newspaper PoruncaVreme, publishes a signed editorial in that paper warning against Jewish domination of Rumania following an Allied victory. "Jews will not only be reinstated to their former positions, but we will have to pay retribution with interest for everything they will pretend to have lost," the editorial adds.

100,000 JEWS ARE NOW SERVING IN AMERICAN ARMED FORCES; 50,000 ARE OFFICERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- There are approximately 500,000 Jewish men and women in the United States armed forces at present, including 50,000 officers, Dr. Samuel C. Kohs, head of the Bureau of War Records of the Jewish Welfare Board estimated last night at the opening session of the 18th annual conference of the Yiddish Scientific Institute.

Speaking before about 1000 delegates and guests at the Hunter College Auditorium, Dr. Kohs stated that all the available material on Jewish participation in the U. S. Army and Navy will not be published before the war is over, but that part of this material will be issued this year by the Jewish Welfare Board in book form. He revealed that a survey of Jewish refugees from Europe in 27 American cities indicated that from these cities, 34 percent of all male refugees between 18 and 44 are in the armed forces.

The development of a Graduate School for Jewish Social Studies from the present Research Training Division of the Yiddish Scientific Institute was stressed by Dr. Max Weinreich, research director of the Institute. Dr. Weinreich emphasized the difficulties aroused by the duality of "Jewish" and "American" and pointed out that only by becoming aware of it by knowledge and facts can the potential evils of this duality be overcome. Other speakers at the opening session of the conference included Dr. I. N. Steinberg, H. Leivick, and Dr. Paul Klapper.

STATE DEPT. AGAIN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR VISAS FOR REFUGEES IN RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- American relatives and friends seeking to aid in the immigration to the United States of persons who are now in the U.S.S.R. may use appropriate application forms which will be considered by the visa division of the U.S. State Department, the Washington bureau of HIAS has been informed. The visa division will recommend, in cases where such action is found to be advisable, the issuance of visas for admission of such persons.

Favorable action on such application, if all other requirements have been met, hinges upon the emigrant's ability to obtain from the Soviet authorities permission to leave the country.

DR. JOSEPH JASTROW, NOTED PSYCHOLOGIST, DIES AT 80

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass. Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Jastrow, noted Jewish psychologist, died here yesterday at the age of 80. Dr. Jastrow stopped teaching in 1933, but had continued his writing until recently. Born in Warsaw in Jan. 1863, he was brought to the United States while still a child and was educated here, graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 1882. From 1888 to 1927 he lectured at the University of Wisconsin, and from 1927 to 1933 at the New School for Social Research in New York. He was the author of numerous volumes on psychology and was an expert on abnormal and child psychology.

ISAAC RABOY, YIDDISH WRITER, DIES IN LOS ANGELES; FUNERAL TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Isaac Raboy, 62, well known Yiddish author, died in the Duarty Sanatorium near here last night. He had been ill for some time. Raboy, who had been a member of the staff of the New York Yiddish daily, "The Morning Freiheit" for the past 15 years, was born in Poland and reared in Bessarabia, in Rumania. He came to the United States in 1904. Even after he had attained sufficient prominence to make a living by writing, Raboy preferred to continue working in factories and at various trades and to write in his spare time. His body will be sent to New York, where funeral services will be held on Sunday.