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PALESTINE PROBLEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AT BRITISH-AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC PARLEY IN LONDON

WASHINGTON, March 2. (JTA) -- The question of Palestine will be taken up at an important diplomatic parley between American and British government representatives which is slated to open soon in London with a view of coordinating Anglo-American policy on postwar problems, it was indicated here today.

At the same time several members of Congress charged today that the British Government may have inspired the protests by Egypt, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon to the United States Government against the Palestine resolution now before Congress. These protests were rejected yesterday by Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York in replies which he sent to the presidents of the Iraq Senate and the Chamber of Deputies who had urged him to withdraw from the Senate the Wagner-Taft resolution which demands free immigration for Jews to Palestine and the ultimate establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth there.

In rejecting the Iraqi protest, Senator Wagner pointed out that Congress "for more than a century has been able to reach its own conclusions without advice from officials of foreign nations" and "is fully able to reach a wise conclusion in this matter which will be in accord with the wishes of the American people." He predicted that Congress would approve the Palestine resolution.

Congressmen Suspect Britain of Stimulating Protests

Congressman Ranulf Compton of Connecticut, co-sponsor of the Palestine resolution in the House, today issued a statement voicing his approval of Senator Wagner's reply. "My first thought upon learning of the protests of the Egyptian, Iraqi, Syrian and Lebanese governments was that these protests may well have been inspired by the British Government which is in control in those countries," he said in his statement.

"I concur in Sen. Wagner's rejection of the Iraqi protest," the statement continued, "although I recognize the right of these legislators to present their views. Such protests, however, should strengthen our own determination to protest to the British Government against the exclusion of the Jews from Palestine and thus assume the obligations we accepted nineteen years ago when we pledged our good faith to the Jews. We have borrowed too much of our foreign policy from other nations in the past and should not now determine a question of national honor on the basis of the attitudes of the legislators of any foreign country -- irrespective of the extent of our regard for those countries."

A similar statement was issued here today by Congressman Emanuel Celler who called the protests of the four Moslem countries an "artful dodge on the part of the British Colonial Office to support the White Paper." Senator Taft, co-sponsor of the Palestine resolution in the Senate, said he would issue a statement after studying the text of the protests.

BRITAIN DENIES IT INSPIRED ARAB PROTESTS TO U. S. GOVERNMENT ON PALESTINE RESOLUTION

LONDON, March 2. (JTA) -- Authoritative British circles today denied the allegation made in the United States that the governments of Egypt, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon were inspired by the British Government to send protests to the State Department in Washington against the Palestine resolution now before Congress.

Two of the four Arab governments informed the British Government of the texts of their protests merely as a matter of courtesy, it was explained. As to the Egyptian request to release Palestine Arab leaders who have been interned for their anti-British activities, it was pointed out by the same circles that the British Government has no intention of changing its policy in this matter.

Arab Press in Palestine Hails Protests; Criticizes U. S. Congress

JERUSALEM, March 2. (JTA) -- The Arab press in Palestine today carries articles supporting the protests of the four Arab countries against the Palestine resolution now before the United States Congress.

The Falastin, a leading Arab newspaper, criticizes Congress for "interfering in a matter which Arab states alone should solve." It likens the hearings on Palestine at the House Committee for Foreign Affairs with "Egyptian action in the Philippines or internal American affairs," and charges Congress with doing a disservice to the allied cause and world unity.

Al Difaa, another Arab daily, says that with the protests of the four Arab countries to Washington, "the Palestine case emerged from its narrow confines to broader international arenas."

No summary or detailed description of the Egyptian protest has so far been published either in Palestine or in Egypt. In connection with the decision of the Egyptian government to ask Britain to release interned Palestine Arab leaders in order to enable them to participate in the Cairo talks for pan-Arab unity, it was learned here today that two members of the Husseini group, of which the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem was the leader, are still interned on a British island. One of them, it was recently announced in the House of Commons, will never be permitted to return to Palestine.

ITALIAN PAPER DEMANDS JEWS BE BRANDED; HUNGARIAN JEWS APPEAL FOR CLOTHING

ZURICH, March 2. (JTA) -- The Fascist newspaper Popolo D'Alessandria, published in that north Italian city, carries a suggestion that Jews be tattooed on the right cheek with a mark covering one square centimeter of skin. Free Masons, the paper further suggests, should be branded with a mark half the size of that placed on Jews.

The German Transocean news agency today reports from Bucharest that a Jewish engineer named Wexler, and his wife, have been sentenced to 25 years imprisonment on charges of conspiracy. They were charged with being the leaders of a group printing and distributing pro-Allied propaganda.

Budapest newspapers reaching here today carry an appeal from the "Committee to Help Jewish Labor Servicemen" for clothing for Jewish labor conscripts returning from the eastern front. The papers report that 2,200 such conscripts arrived back in Hungary this week. It has been reported in the past that approximately 250,000 Jews had been sent to forced labor battalions attached to Hungarian army units in Russia.

RUSSIAN AND REFUGEE RABBIS IN MOSCOW ISSUE JOINT APPEAL TO JEWS IN DEMOCRATIC LANDS

MOSCOW, March 2. (JTA) -- Led by Rabbi Mordechai Hurvitz, a member of the World Jewish Executive and one of the leaders of the World Jewish Congress, who escaped from Riga to Russia, thirteen rabbis of Russian and of Poland today issued here a joint appeal to the Jews of America and other democratic countries urging them "never for a moment to forget your duty to help the valiant Red Army by every means in your power."

This is the first time that refugee rabbis in Russia have joined Russian rabbis in issuing a call to Jews in democratic countries. "Remember that the destinies of the whole of freedom-loving humanity are being settled for many years to come in the vast expanses of the Soviet Union," the appeal emphasizes. It calls for "vengeance and just retribution" for the hundreds of thousands of Jews annihilated by the Germans, and urges that Jews throughout the world offer a prayer for an Allied victory and especially "for the complete and final victory of the heroic Red Army led by Stalin, the messenger of God and the far-seeing captain of the Soviet people."

Refugee rabbis who signed the appeal are, in addition to Rabbi Hurvitz of Riga, Rabbi Berenstein of Pinsk, Rabbi Rogulinski of Wloclawek and Rabbi Friedman and Stulberg both from Ostro-Marzowek. The Russian rabbis whose names appear on the appeal include Rabbi Tveraki of Moscow, Rabbi Granik of Moscow, Rabbi Levin of Moscow, Rabbi Budzinger of Kharkov, Rabbi Koller of Gnessin, Rabbi Sandler of Kiev, Rabbi Gorodetski of Kiev and Rabbi Kaputkin of Tashkent.

LOUIS N. LITTAUER, NOTED JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, DIES SUDDENLY, WAS 85

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- Louis Nathan Littaer, noted Jewish philanthropist who was a member of Congress for five terms and whose public benefactions have run into many millions of dollars, died suddenly of a heart ailment today in his home at Breunin Point, New Rochelle. He was 85 years old.

Born in Gloversville, N. Y., he studied at Harvard University and later donated \$2,250,000 to the University for the establishment of its Graduate School of Public Administration "to develop new techniques in public service and as a laboratory for testing the problems of public service."

The Littaer Foundation for the Better Understanding of Mankind, to which Mr. Littaer gave \$5,000,000, makes grants to research institutions and gives loan scholarships to advanced students. "It is my desire and hope, through the agency of this Foundation, to enlarge the realms of human knowledge, to promote the general, moral, mental and physical improvement of society so that the sum total of human welfare and wisdom may be increased and the cause of better understanding among all mankind promoted," he wrote in a letter creating the foundation.

His interest in science rewarded research in many of its phases, X-ray, pneumonia, cancer, diabetes, biometrics and others. Shortly after the death of his wife of pneumonia in 1927, he announced an annual gift of \$10,000 to New York University for use in studying the prevention and cure of the disease. He made a grant of \$15,000 to the New York Diabetes Association and a building gift to the School for Speech Disorders in New York.

Other Littaer gifts of special interest to Jews include the establishment in 1925 of the Nathan Littaer professorship of Jewish literature and philosophy at Harvard University in honor of his father; the gift to Harvard in 1937 of 12,000 rare Hebrew books and manuscripts; and the founding in 1939 of the Institute of Inter-Denominational Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America to promote better understanding of Judaism among both Jews and Christians.

JEWISH RESIDENTS CONTRIBUTE 92 PERCENT OF JERUSALEM MUNICIPAL BUDGET

JERUSALEM, March 2. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem municipal council today began discussions of the current budget, which totals approximately \$1,200,000. It was brought out during the council debate that the Jews, who constitute 62 percent of the 100,000 inhabitants of the city, contribute 92 percent of the municipal budget.

PALESTINE WILL EXPAND LIKE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST, SZOLD PREDICTS AT HADASSAH CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- The prediction that "Palestine and indeed the whole Near East is due to expand in the next generation in the way in which the American Southwest did within the last hundred years," was made here today by Robert Szold, American Zionist leader who just returned from Palestine, during an address before more than 100 leaders and members of the national board of Hadassah at the concluding session of their mid-winter conference.

Surveying the political, agricultural and industrial developments in Palestine, Mr. Szold reported that Palestine produced more than forty million dollars worth of goods on army order during the past year. "Palestine's industries are now turning out millions of water and gasoline containers, ambulance bodies and government trucks for the armed forces," he stated. "New plants have been set up to produce receptacles for storage batteries, bath tubs, heavy castings and small ships, while countless converting depots are turning coal-burning locomotives to oil burners. An essential oil factory in the Haifa Bay district, according to an official report, is now acknowledged to be one of the most efficient plants of its kind anywhere in the world."

Mr. Szold cautioned his listeners to remember, however, that Zionism is and must continue essentially to be a back-to-the-land movement, "though for the immediate future and in view of the imperative needs of masses of Jews who are now there and who will enter later, emphasis must necessarily be on industry and on its concomitants - trade, commerce and transportation."

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS AND Z.O.A. TO HONOR RABBI WISE ON HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- The seventieth birthday of Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, and his completion of more than fifty years in the forefront of progressive thought in the United States, will be celebrated at a dinner at the Hotel Commodore on March 16, it was announced today by the American Jewish Congress.

Dr. Wise, Rabbi of the Free Synagogue, and a founder of the Congress and outstanding leader of American Jews, will be honored throughout the week of March 12 by a series of functions which the dinner at the Commodore will climax. The dinner will be under the auspices of the American Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization of America.

CANADIAN JEWISH LEADER REPORTS ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF REFUGEES IN CANADA

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- Louis Fitch, K. C., president of Canadian ORT, told an Inter-Group Conference at the Hotel Commodore today of the great accomplishment of the refugees and German-Jewish internees in Canada in connection with the war effort. He praised the work of ORT on behalf of the Jewish refugees and war victims.

"Many hundreds of students are being trained by the ORT school in Canada for industrial and agricultural work for the re-building of a post-war world," Mr. Fitch reported. The school has received support from the Canadian government, he pointed out.