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BRITISH CENSORSHIP IN PALESTINE DELAYS PUBLICATION OF VICE-PRESIDENT WALLACE'S SPEECH

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- Following its policy of suppressing news from the United States favorable to the Jews of Palestine, the British censorship here did not permit publication until today of the brief speech by Vice-President Wallace delivered exactly a week ago at the dinner of the American-Palestine Committee in Washington.

Although Vice-President Wallace carefully omitted mentioning the word "Palestine" in his speech, censorship here prevented the press from carrying any quotations from the general statement which the Vice-President made with regard to the possibilities of developing the Jordan Valley, in which he expressed his belief that the Jews would be able to live with the Arab people to their mutual benefit.

The suppression of Wallace's remarks on Palestine follows the action by British censorship here in regard to President Roosevelt's statement on the White Paper, which was not permitted to be published here until the press from Egypt carrying the statement reached this country. The Hebrew newspaper Haboker, in lauding the Vice-President's statement, today points out that Palestine is no obstacle to Arab unity as some Arab politicians assert and emphasizes that the Jews are the only factor in the Middle East "whose cooperation does not involve political dependence."

Emir Abdullah, Arab ruler of Transjordan, arrived in Haifa today and was given a reception by the Arab Legion Club, attended by British officials. In his speech he urged the Palestine Arabs to be united "in order to achieve their desired goal" and promised that he personally would help them in this direction.

1,400 JEWISH REFUGEES ON MAURITIUS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST INTERNMENT

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- More than 1,400 Jewish refugees who have been interned on the British island of Mauritius for attempting to enter Palestine illegally, proclaimed a Day of Fasting and stopped work on that day to protest their still being held on Mauritius despite the fact that 20,000 additional Jews can enter Palestine legally even under the restrictions of the British White Paper, it is reported in the press here today.

Many of these internees, who have been on Mauritius for about three years, landed in Palestine prior to being deported while others, including survivors of the S. S. Patria and S. S. Atlantic, were prevented from landing in Palestine after being rescued from the sinking ships.

"Why are these unfortunate people still subjected to such unnecessary excessive punishment and deprived of all hope for the future?" Davar, leading Hebrew newspaper, asks today. "Nobody in the world can give any satisfactory reply to this question."

GESTAPO OFFICIALS IN POLAND MARKED FOR DEATH BY UNDERGROUND FOR TORTURING JEWS

LONDON, March 16. (JTA) -- The Polish Government-in-Exile today reported that fourteen German officials have been sentenced to death by the Polish underground movement for torturing Jews in the Oswiecim concentration camp and for executing them later in gas chambers.

ROOSEVELT LAUDS RABBI WISE ON HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY; "WISE COLONY" IS PLANNED

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt, in a message of greetings to Rabbi Stephen S. Wise on the occasion of his 70th birthday, today hailed the leader of the American Jewish Congress as a person who for more than two score years of public life has "striven unceasingly for world tolerance, for the rights of the working man and his family, for the betterment of the oppressed and under-privileged and for the relief of those left destitute by two great wars."

The President's message was made public tonight at a dinner given in honor of Rabbi Wise at the Hotel Commodore by the American Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization of America. It was announced at the dinner that a fund will be raised among Jews in America for the formation of a colony in Palestine to be named after Dr. Wise.

Responding to tributes paid to him at the dinner by numerous speakers, Dr. Wise reiterated his demand for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth. A proud self-revering people cannot permanently live without its own national home," Dr. Wise said.

Jews in Russia Cable Greetings to Dr. Wise

Messages of greetings were received by Rabbi Wise from Dr. Chaim Weizmann, from the Jewish National Council of Palestine, and from central Jewish organizations in Canada, Australia, England and Latin American countries. Among the greetings was one from the Jews of Russia cabled by the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee from Moscow. This is the first time since the Revolution that a Zionist leader in America or elsewhere has been greeted by a Moscow Jewish organization.

"The Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in the U.S.S.R.," the cable read, "sends best wishes on the occasion of your seventieth birthday. We greatly value your work to strengthen the friendship between the peoples of our countries and to muster the Jews of U.S.A. in the struggle against Fascism. We wish you every success in your noble work for the acceleration of the victory over our common enemy, for the happiness of all mankind and for the salvation of our people."

Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish Council of Palestine, sent the following message from Jerusalem: "Vaad Leumi on behalf of the entire Yishuv extends heartfelt greetings of Zion and Jerusalem on your seventieth birthday. For decades you have firmly guarded the honor of Israel and courageously fought for its rights as a nation and its reestablishment in its ancient homeland. We wish you strength and health to continue your fruitful work on behalf of World Jewry and the establishment of the National Home in Eretz Israel."

Dr. Weizmann, in his message, emphasized that "your 70th birthday is an event which in normal times would have been celebrated with the greatest rejoicing throughout scattered Jewry." He lauded Rabbi Wise as a pillar of American and World Jewry and as a person who has well served the Zionist movement and every Jewish cause.

Expressing his thanks to the American Jewish Congress and to the Zionist Organization of America for honoring him, Rabbi Wise said: "The American and the World Jewish Congress are the embodiment of our faith in the Jewish people and again in the will of the nations to do justice to them that have been long and deeply wronged. But here, too, Jews do not wish to depend upon fleeting goodwill or occasional friendliness on the part of rulers or governments. The American and the World Jewish Congress rest their case on the right of Jews to be themselves, to be dealt with justly, to enjoy all those rights which humans enjoy in the democracies and those special rights which may hereafter be accorded to minority groups in such lands as constitutionally include minority groups."

BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES IN LONDON SEEKS COOPERATION WITH JEWS IN RUSSIA

LONDON, March 16. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews today cabled greetings "from 400,000 Jews of Great Britain," to the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow, expressing the hope for an early triumph of the United Nations "to which the Soviet Union is making such a great contribution."

The message was sent in connection with the third plenary session of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee which opens in Moscow on April 2. Recalling the visit to England several months ago of Prof. Solomon Mikhoels and Lieut.-Col. Itzik Feffer, the Deputies' greetings voiced the desire for close and lasting cooperation between the Jews of Russia and Britain.

JEWISH AGENCY BUDGET OF \$8,400,000 APPROVED; INTENSIFIED ACTION DEMANDED BY BEN-GURION

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee today approved an \$8,400,000 budget for the Jewish Agency for the current fiscal year. The funds will be used for the health, educational, social welfare and other activities of the Palestine Jewish community.

Addressing the Actions Committee meeting, David Ben-Gurion warned that intensified political activity was required to force abandonment of the White Paper. He appealed for "stronger national discipline" in view of the critical times ahead.

POLISH SOLDIER CONVICTED OF KILLING JEWISH TAXI-DRIVER AT MILITARY CAMP

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- The Criminal Assizes Court today sentenced Jan Haidamovicz, a Polish soldier, to two year's imprisonment for the killing of a Jewish taxi-driver, Zalman Shuster, at a Polish military camp in Jerusalem on last December 20. Shuster, together with another driver, Dov Blumenstein, was detained by Polish military authorities when they drove a group of Polish soldiers to the camp. He was shot "while attempting to escape," during the night.

In delivering the verdict the court declared that Shuster's arrest by the Polish military authorities was unlawful, and his detention was illegal. The instructions given the camp guards by Polish officers, to shoot the prisoners if they tried to escape, were "manifestly unlawful," the court added. The judges held that Haidamovicz was not justified in shooting Shuster at such short range - he was stationed a few yards from the hut which Shuster was leaving when he was killed - and stated that they did not believe that Shuster was trying to escape. All evidence, therefore, the verdict said, pointed to the fact that Haidamovicz intended to kill Shuster.

SOUTHWESTERN JEWISH FEDERATIONS PLAN FORMATION OF BODY TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM

DALLAS, Tex. March 16. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for representation of local communities in the new National Community Relations Advisory Council was adopted by the third annual conference of the Southwestern States Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds held here.

More than 125 representatives from Texas, Oklahoma and Western Louisiana, who were attending the conference, passed another resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to consider the formation of an independent regional community relations organization to deal with questions of civic-protection in the Southwest.

Other resolutions adopted by the group included one urging the abrogation of the Palestine White Paper and another calling upon communities through their federations and community councils to maintain unified activities in areas of common interest.

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CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE RESUMES HEARINGS ON BILL TO BAN RACIAL PROPAGANDA FROM MAILS

WASHINGTON, March 16. (JTA) -- Judge Nathan D. Perlman, vice-president of the American Jewish Congress, today denounced the American Civil Liberties Union for its opposition to the Lynch Bill to ban from the mails false and defamatory racial and religious statements, at a hearing before the House Post Office Committee.

"The Lynch Bill," he argued, "is not just a war measure. The Fascists after their military defeat will wage a more bitter campaign than ever. Failure by Congress to act on this bill gives encouragement to those who would destroy America by spreading religious and racial bigotry. Judge Perlman revealed that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People also opposes the Lynch bill as a suppression of freedom of speech. Previously Rep. Walter A. Lynch and Samuel Dickstein, New York Democrats, spoke for the bill.

LOUIS H. SOBEL NAMED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- Louis H. Sobel, who recently returned from a ten-month trip through Latin America for the Joint Distribution Committee, was named Assistant Secretary of the J.D.C. at a meeting of its executive committee yesterday, it was announced today by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman.

Mr. Sobel, formerly executive director of the Federation Employment Service, has been with the J.D.C. since November 1942. He spent several months at the J.D.C.'s European headquarters in Lisbon. During his recent stay in South America, he investigated the progress made by the 112,000 refugees who have found havens there and co-ordinated the welfare work of the J.D.C. on their behalf with the local committees in ten of the countries on the continent.

CELLER WITHDRAWS PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE "COMMONWEALTH" FROM PALESTINE RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, March 16. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York, today repudiated his statement in the House on Tuesday that he would agree to the elimination of the word "Commonwealth" from the Wright-Compton resolution on Palestine if that would "get the resolution past the House Foreign Affairs Committee."

"Of times in the heat of debate," Celler said today on the floor, "gratuitous remarks are injected which, uncorrelated with definite views theretofore expressed, may give erroneous impressions. I am and ever have been for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. As to the pending resolution I shall oppose any amendment which would militate against such Commonwealth."

EDUCATION GROUP LAUNCHES NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN FOR TEACHING OF TOLERANCE

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- The National Education Association's commission for the defense of democracy through education has decided to launch a nation-wide campaign to teach tolerance in the schools and colleges in an effort to eradicate prejudice, it was learned here today. The program will be financed by a \$25,000 grant from the National Education Association.

"All citizens should learn the place and importance of minority groups in American society," the commission's statement said. "Public schools have a distinct obligation in this respect and a failure to discharge this obligation will pave the way for grave national conflicts in the future."