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UNITED NATIONS WILL DECIDE FATE OF PALESTINE, ROOSEVELT SAYS IN MESSAGE TO ARABS

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- President Roosevelt is reported to have informed the Arabs of Palestine that the future of the country will be determined not by Britain alone, but by the governments responsible for the establishment of a new post-war world order based on peace and justice. The President allegedly said that the status of Palestine will be decided after consultations with Jews and Arabs.

The statement is said to emphasize that the British Government, although holding the mandate for Palestine, cannot make any changes in the status of the country before a suitable time when the governments responsible for the establishment of a long-lasting peace will decide, in consultation with Jews and Arabs, on the future of Palestine.

The statement by President Roosevelt, it was reported, came in reply to an appeal cabled to him last month by the Palestine Arab Party. The reply was understood to have been handed today to the leaders of the party by Lowell C. Pinkerton, U. S. Consul General in Jerusalem.

(In Washington, neither the White House nor the State Department could confirm or deny today the report that President Roosevelt had sent such a message.)

In its appeal, the Palestine Arabs asked the President for his support of Arab demands that Jewish immigration be stopped and that Jews be barred from acquiring land. The appeal was the first ever made directly to Roosevelt by an Arab political group in Palestine.

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ISSUES WARNING TO HUNGARY ON TREATMENT OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, June 21. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that "the lives of almost a million Jews hang in the balance" in Hungary, the House Foreign Affairs Committee today issued a warning to the Hungarian Government "to stem the tide of inhumanity toward the helpless people within her borders." It emphasized that "the criminals who are guilty of this inhumane conduct shall be brought to justice."

The Committee statement says: "We are deeply concerned over the plight of the threatened millions in Nazi-occupied and Nazi-dominated territories. We are not content merely to join with those who have expressed their horror at the barbarism of the governments involved. We are determined that the criminals who are guilty of this inhumane conduct shall be brought to justice."

"Our concern and our determination are now addressed particularly to Hungary, where the lives of almost a million Jews hang in balance. Events show that the tide of military battle has now turned in favor of the United Nations. Let Hungary, at this historic moment, stem the tide of inhumanity toward the helpless people within her borders."

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U. S. AMBASSADOR IN SPAIN CHARGED WITH HAMPERING RESCUE WORK; HIS RECALL ASKED

WASHINGTON, June 21. (JTA) -- The charge that U. S. Ambassador to Spain Carlton J. Hayes has balked the rescue activities of the War Refugee Board and has refused to transmit to an American relief organization in Spain a license issued by the Treasury Department, with the approval of the State Department, to carry on relief and evacuation work among refugees there, was made here today by Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York, in a statement to the press.

Demanding the recall of Ambassador Hayes because he "completely stymied efforts to aid refugees," Rep. Celler said; "It is common knowledge that Ambassador Hayes has not even tried to obtain the cooperation of the Spanish Government in carrying out the policy of the President as announced in the directive setting up the War Refugee Board. It is hard to believe that the Spanish Government, if approached on humanitarian grounds, would not be willing to help in this great cause."

Celler charged that although the cost has been borne by private agencies and at no expense to the American Government and there would be no responsibility of maintenance attached to the Spanish Government, Hayes has consistently refused to present to Spain for its consideration any plan to facilitate the evacuation of refugees into and through Spain. The Spanish Government might follow the United States' example and establish a free port for refugees if Hayes "would so much as approach" the Government, Celler said. He added that the War Refugee Board has been thwarted by Hayes' refusal to permit a full time representative of the Board to be stationed in Spain, though representatives were posted in other countries.

TWO MORE JEWS CONVICTED IN PALESTINE; DENY COURT'S JURISDICTION, ASK "BELLIGERENT" STATUS

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- A British military court here today sentenced two members of the "Stern Gang," outlawed Jewish terrorist group, to ten and four years imprisonment on charges of illegal possession of a revolver, several rounds of ammunition and a small bomb.

The defendants, Anshel Shpilman, 27, and Cashia Shapiro, 19, defended themselves since their attorneys refused to conduct the defense along the lines they laid down. Shpilman received the heavier sentence.

Both men addressed the court at great length, denying its right to try them on the ground that they were belligerents in a war against the British administration. "It has never been heard that one side should take away arms from the other side, and then try them," Shpilman said. They expressed regret that they had not been given an opportunity to use their arms - "to kill or to be killed," adding that their weapons were intended for use only in defense against an oppressive rule.

Documents found on Shpilman indicated that he was in charge of propaganda and publicity for the Stern group. They were arrested in Shapiro's room in Tel Aviv on March 10.

FRANCOIS DE LA ROCQUE, FRENCH ANTI-SEMITIC AND FASCIST, ASSASSINATED, VICHY REPORTS

LONDON, June 21. (JTA) -- Francois de la Rocque, veteran French fascist and anti-Semite, who headed the Croix de Feu, one of the strongest fascist groups in France, has been assassinated, it was announced last night by the Vichy radio. De la Rocque was a leader of anti-Semitic activity in France long before the German occupation.

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N.R.S. DISCONTINUES RELIEF FOR REFUGEES RESIDING IN NEW YORK MORE THAN FIVE YEARS

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- The National Refugee Service today announced that refugees here on permanent visas, having five or more years residence, will become the full responsibility of local family agencies. Cases involving refugees here on permanent visas who have resided in New York for at least four years will also be transferred to local agencies, but the NRS will continue to defray the expense of their maintenance until the families concerned have resided here a total of five years.

The new arrangement came as result of extended negotiations between the National Refugee Service and local agencies affiliated with the New York Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies. The transfer of the cases will start immediately.

"Many of the refugees are rapidly becoming Americans," explained Joseph E. Beck, executive director of the NRS, "and are identifying themselves with the aspirations of the American people. This step begins to make available as needed those welfare and counseling facilities available to the general community. Those who are in need of some form of welfare service will thus be able to take advantage of the same community resources as other Americans. In addition, as a larger proportion of the present refugee group reaches five-year residence in the United States, there will be a financial saving to NRS."

The National Refugee Service will continue to provide relief and other family services for persons here on temporary visas and for special cases which cannot be considered local New York City residents. Pending further arrangements, the NRS will extend these same services to families and individuals who have been in the United States on permanent visas less than four years. National activities of NRS that will engage its continuing attention include resettlement, migration services, physicians' committee work, research and statistics, community relations with government agencies and with communities throughout the country, and work with its European Jewish children's aid.

"Determination of the place of future residence of new immigrants and their resettlement in communities throughout the country will remain a major national responsibility of NRS," the announcement said. "This activity involves collaboration with communities and family agencies in every part of the country. During the past several years approximately 15,000 people have been selected for residence in these communities. The resettlement process represented the joint undertaking of local communities and the NRS. Alien status and other matters involving close cooperation with departments and agencies of the Federal government will also continue to be a major national responsibility of NRS."

AMERICAN JEWISH LABOR GROUPS TO ESTABLISH WEDGWOOD MEMORIAL COLONY IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- A dinner marking the forthcoming founding of an agricultural settlement in Palestine in honor of the late Lord Wedgwood, "father" of the British Labor Party and life-long champion of the Zionist cause, was held tonight at the Hotel Commodore here with more than 1,200 representatives of American labor unions and Zionist groups in attendance. Matthew Woll, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Rabbi Israel Goldstein, Hayim Greenberg and a number of Jewish labor leaders spoke.

The Wedgwood Colony will be established in Galilee, in the vicinity of two settlements which were founded, thanks to the participation of the American labor movement, in the name of Leon Blum, former Premier of France, and in tribute to the memory of the late Louis D. Brandeis.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORMED IN BOSTON FOR CIVIC PROTECTIVE WORK AND FUND-RAISING

BOSTON, June 21. (JTA) -- The formation of a Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston in order to achieve unified action in matters relating to civic protection and fund raising within the city, was announced here today. Establishment of the Council is a result of the joint efforts of representatives of most of Boston's leading Jewish organizations.

Eighteen Jewish organizations of Boston, representing a vast membership and influence have combined to bring about the establishment of the Community Council. Provision has been made in the constitution for the admission of the other Jewish organizations. Member organizations of the Council to date are: American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, American Jewish Committee, Zionist Groups, Jewish War Veterans, Assoc. Jewish Philanthropies, Rabbinical Assoc. of Greater Boston, Associated Synagogues, Jewish National Workers Alliance, Poale Zion, Pioneers of Palestine, Workmen's Circle, Combined Appeal, Vaad Harabonim, Vaad Hoir, Independent Order of B'rith Abraham and Mizrahi. Twelve community representatives at large were also elected to the Council by majority vote of the representatives of the affiliated member organizations.

The purposes of the Council are defined as follows: To formulate and execute plans and policy on all civic protective matters for, and in behalf of, the Jewish community within the geographical area covered by the Combined Appeal or its successor agency; To clear, insofar as possible, the dates for the several fund raising activities within the same geographical area; To report from time to time to the community upon all available facts relating to misleading practices in fund raising activities engaged in by any agency within this area.

NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE WARNS AGAINST COMPROMISE ON PALESTINE

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) -- A resolution warning against "possible consent and collaboration by some submissive elements in Zionism and Jewry to measures of compromise" regarding the future of Palestine, was adopted here today at the concluding session of the three-day meeting of the National Council of the New Zionist Organization of America. The resolution urged the mobilization of public opinion in support of the demand that Britain relinquish the "international trust which she failed to discharge" in connection with the Palestine mandate.

Declaring that "the Jewish people are willing to live with the Arabs in peace and amity and to guarantee them full equality and most far-reaching safeguards of their rights and interests," the Council at the same time endorsed the transfer plan recommended by the British Labor Party and stated that "should a section of Palestine's Arab population manifest unwillingness to live in a Jewish State as loyal citizens, full opportunity will be given them to emigrate and resettle under proper conditions in an Arab State with full compensation for their property."

A statement issued by the Council emphasized that the New Zionist Organization is neither organizationally, nor politically, nor ideologically connected with the recently-formed "Hebrew Committee of National Liberation," and is not responsible in any way for the activities of the organizations connected with this Committee. The statement was opposed by a small group of Zionist-Revisionists who charged that the Council of the New Zionist Organization "is not a democratically elected body." The leaders of the organization, including Col. Morris J. Mendelsohn, president of the N.Z.O. in America, M. M. Sperber, president of the N.Z.O. in Canada, Dr. Joseph Shechtmann, chairman of the presidium of the Council, B. Netanyahu, executive director of the N.Z.O., and Aaron Fropes, head of the Brith Trumpeldor group, supported the statement.