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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL DISSOLVED; JDC AND UPA WILL CONDUCT SEPARATE CAMPAIGNS

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal have decided to conduct independent fund-raising campaigns in 1945, it was learned here today. Their decision marks the end of the United Jewish Appeal which has functioned since 1938 as a joint fund-raising body.

The split came as result of disagreement between the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee with regard to the proportion of funds each of the agencies should get from the joint fund-raising campaign. A proposal to continue the UJA offered by a special mediation committee of the Council of Federations and Welfare funds to both agencies was reported today to have been rejected by the U.P.A. although it was accepted by the representatives of the J.D.C.

Paul Baerwald, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, today informed the members of the board of directors of the J.D.C. of the break-up, in a notice which he sent to each of them, the text of which reads as follows:

"At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in Cincinnati February 10th and 11th, a special mediation committee appointed by the Council made a proposal to the joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal for the renewal of the United Jewish Appeal contract for 1945. This proposal was accepted by the representatives of the J.D.C. present in Cincinnati.

"The J.D.C. was informed today by the U.P.A. that the meeting of the U.P.A. Executive Committee held February 12th rejected the proposal of the special mediation committee of the Council, prior to the Cincinnati meeting, the J.D.C. had offered to continue the 1944 contract of the U.J.A. for the year 1945. This was rejected by the U.P.A. The J.D.C. has been informed by the U.P.A. that it will conduct an independent campaign in 1945. The J.D.C. announces therefore that it will conduct its own 1945 national campaign independently.

"With the continued support of the Jews in the United States, the joint Distribution Committee confidently expects that in this critical year of unprecedented Jewish suffering and need throughout the world, the joint Distribution Committee will receive even greater support than ever before. Plans of action for 1945 will be considered at a special meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee to be held shortly."

Officers of the United Palestine Appeal, queried by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, declared that "the U.P.A. is not prepared at the present moment to make any statement."

COMMISSION LEAVES FOR SUDAN TO CHECK LIVING CONDITIONS OF JEWISH DEPORTEES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A government commission which will check on the living conditions and educational and occupational facilities available in the internment camp at Carthage in the Sudan where 279 Jewish terrorist suspects from Palestine are detained, left here today by plane.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO IMPOSE NEW TAXES; JEWS WILL BE HIT HARDEST

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13. (JTA)— The Palestine Government intends to impose new direct and indirect taxes, the burden of which will fall upon the Jewish population, it was revealed here today by the financial secretary of the Palestine Administration speaking to a delegation of Jewish industrialists and businessmen.

The official said that the new taxation is necessary because the deficit of the Palestine Government for the fiscal year may reach \$14,000,000.

The Jewish delegation pointed out that the imposition of new taxes would not be justified since the Arab population in Palestine has not yet paid its share of the existing income tax, which, if paid, would be enough to cover the government's deficit. The delegation also emphasized that it was not advisable to introduce new taxes during the present period of transition from a war to a peace time economy, adding that increased imports will also increase the government's income. The financial secretary promised to submit the delegation's views to the government.

ARAB DELEGATE FROM PALESTINE ATTACKS ZIONISM AT WORLD LABOR CONFERENCE IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) — The first attempt to attack Zionism at the World Trade Union Conference being held here was made today, when the Arab delegate from Palestine, Hana Asfour, addressed the audience on the position of Arab labor.

Claiming that he spoke for 50,000 Palestinian Arab workers, the delegate said that "Palestine suffers from British imperialism and Zionism." As he launched into an attack on Zionism, he was stopped by the chairman because he had exceeded his time limit.

The suggestion that a solution of the Palestine problem be postponed until such time as it can be established whether there will be a large or a small Jewish immigration into Palestine is made by General Edward L. Spears, a British military leader, in an article published in the London Daily Telegraph.

Pointing out that unlimited Jewish immigration or the establishment of a Jewish state would inevitably lead to armed Arab resistance, Gen. Spears argues that, after the defeat of Germany, there may not be the pressure of large numbers of Jews wishing to emigrate to Palestine, and some of those now there may wish to return to their homelands, when security has been established. "It would be folly to risk a first class crisis over a question that may never arise," Gen. Spears concludes, referring to the demands for a Jewish State.

YUGOSLAV WAR CRIMES COMMISSION REPORTS ON EXTERMINATION OF JEWS AT OSWIECIM

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) — The Yugoslav War Crimes Commission has indicted Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler, a Nazi named Schwartz who was chief of the Oswiecim death camp, and several supervisors at the camp, charging them with responsibility for the extermination of 2,500,000 persons, mainly Jews, from the time the camp was established until October, 1943, the New Yugoslav Telegraph Service reports today.

On one occasion, a commission report said, 7,000 Jewish inmates of the camp were sent to a neighboring wood where inflammable liquid was poured over them and they were burned alive. The next day some of the prisoners were forced by the Germans to scatter their ashes over the farms attached to the camp.

All sick persons and women over 50 were thrown into fires and burned alive, the report added. In one night 94 truckloads of men were incinerated. During the German retreat from the Ukraine six truckloads of children were burned to death, while their mothers looked on. Many of the parents became insane.

HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE APPROVES BILL FOR PERMANENT FEPC; RANKIN'S ANTI-SEMITISM SCORED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (JTA) — A House Labor Sub-Committee today approved a bill to set up a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission with law enforcement provisions. The full committee meets tomorrow to report out the measure.

Meanwhile, on the floor of the House today, Rep. Adam C. Powell, Jr., New York Democrat, attacked the anti-Jewish remarks made in the House last week by Rep. John Rankin, Mississippi Democrat. "Racial bigotry has no place in this nation and least of all in the House of Representatives," Rep. Powell said. He called upon the House "to give leadership to this nation in terms of racial and religious tolerance."

"Last week, democracy was shamed by the uncalled for and unfounded condemnation of one of America's great minorities," Powell declared. "I am not a member of that minority, but I will always oppose anyone who tries to besmirch any group because of race, creed or color."

LI. STATE LEGISLATURE URGED TO INSTITUTE INQUIRY INTO RACIAL BIAS IN COLLEGES

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) — Resolutions calling for a legislative investigation of the charges that discrimination based on race, religion or national origin is practiced in the admission of students to tax-exempt non-sectarian colleges and professional schools in the state of New York were introduced last night in the State Legislature by a number of Assemblymen.

At the same time, several hundred graduates in dentistry at Columbia University, observing Alumni Day at Bard Hall there, requested, by a unanimous vote, that the American Dental Association purge its education council of every one supporting the report of Dr. Harlan Horner proposing selection of dental students by racial or geographic origin. "The Horner report is contrary to the principles of Americanism and the principles of education which base college admissions on ability rather than on nationality, race or religion," the resolution of the alumni said. "This report outrages American standards of academic freedom and it is detrimental to dental education."

Dr. Frederick Birnberg, Alumni Day chairman, told reporters that "for years there have been rumors of efforts to establish a quota system for dental students, restricting Jewish students, and Columbia does have a quota on Jewish students at present, despite official denials of it." He said the medical school limit is "10 to 12 per cent Jewish students." "There are considerably more in the dental school."

Labor and Legislative Leaders Demand Immediate passage of N.Y. Anti-Discrimination Bill

ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 13. (JTA) — A demand for immediate approval of the anti-discrimination bills introduced into the New York State Legislature last week was made last night by Louis Hollander, president of the State Congress of Industrial Organizations, and Irving M. Ives, Republican leader of the Assembly, who is co-sponsor of the measures.

Opposition to the bills has developed from the New York State Chamber of Commerce, other employer groups and some legislators. The chamber of commerce has suggested that the penalty provisions be removed from the proposed legislation, but this has aroused strong objections from proponents of the measure who point out that it would be meaningless without enforcement powers. The bills, if adopted, would make New York the first state in the union to legally bar racial and religious discrimination in employment.

MUSEUM OF JEWISH CULTURAL TREASURES FROM EUROPE TO BE ERRECTED AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A museum of the Jewish cultural treasures of Europe will be established at the Hebrew University, it was announced here today.

Professors Martin Buber, Nachum Tordohiner and Fishel Shadrason disclosed at a press conference that the university was planning to erect a special building to house the museum and archives. Everything of value in the fields of science, art and Judaism which can be salvaged will be included. Each country will be assigned a special department.

It was announced, at the same time, that the university is planning to build a students hostel which will welcome the remnants of the Jewish students in Europe. Speakers appealed for funds to make possible erection of the museum and hostel as soon as possible.

AMERICAN ZIONIST POLICY COMMITTEE LAUNCHED; WILL FUNCTION WITHIN Z.O.A. FRAMEWORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The launching of an American Zionist policy Committee, which will function both nationally and locally within the framework of the Zionist Organization of America in order "to press for a militant and dynamic Zionist policy such as has been exemplified by the successful leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver," was announced today by a group of Zionist leaders throughout the country, headed by Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh, treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal. The Committee's activities "will in no wise interfere with the political work of the Zionist Emergency Council," the announcement said.

The purposes of the American Zionist policy Committee, as outlined in the announcement, are: "to deepen Zionist thought and the understanding of Zionist problems on the part of our lay leaders and the rank and file; to advocate and press for a militant and dynamic Zionist policy such as has been exemplified by the successful leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver; to strengthen the Zionist Organization of America from within by developing a vigorous and informed public opinion among its membership and an intelligent interest in national affairs; to revitalize the democratic principle basic to our movement so that the composition and policies of the national administration shall reflect the will and temper of the great body of American Zionists."

AMERICA CAN HELP TO AVOID BLOODSHED IN PALESTINE, ZIONIST MEETING IS TOLD

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Bloodshed in Palestine can be averted only if America uses her great moral influence to make Jewish Statehood a United Nations war aim, Dean Alfange, leader of the Liberal party, warned last night addressing a Zionist meeting at the Pythian Temple, attended by more than 1,500 persons.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said that it should not be necessary for the United Nations to wait until the end of the war to declare themselves in favor of unrestricted mass immigration into Palestine with a view to Palestine's reconstitution as a Jewish Commonwealth. The meeting adopted a resolution asking President Roosevelt to take up with Churchill and Stalin "the urgent need for a Jewish Democratic Commonwealth."