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ARAB-JEWISH QUESTION DISCUSSED WITH ARAB RULER, ROOSEVELT REPORTS TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1. (JTA) — President Roosevelt, reporting to a joint session of Congress today on the "Big Three" conference in the Crimea, revealed that he discussed the Arab-Jewish question during his talk in Egypt with King Ibn Saud, ruler of Saudi Arabia.

The President made no specific reference to Palestine in his address, but he deviated from the prepared text, when discussing his meeting with the ruler of Saudi Arabia, to state: "For instance, on the problems of Arabia — I learned more about the whole problem, the Moslems — the Jewish problem — by talking with Ibn Saud for five minutes than I could have learned in the exchange of two or three dozen letters."

The President declared that his conversations with the kings of Saudi Arabia and of Egypt "had to do with matters of common interest. They will be of great mutual advantage because they gave us an opportunity of meeting and talking face to face and of exchanging views in personal conversation instead of formal correspondence."

The President emphasized that Nazi war criminals will be severely and speedily punished and that tolerance and freedom of religion will be guaranteed in the post-war world. "Unconditional surrender for Germany," he stated, "means the end of Nazism and of the Nazi party — and all of its barbaric laws and institutions. It means for the Nazi war criminals a punishment that is speedy and just — and severe. It means that Germany will have to make reparations in kind for the damage which it has done to the innocent victims of its aggression."

The structure of world peace can and will be a peace, he told the nation, "based on the sound and just principles of the Atlantic Charter — on the conception of the dignity of human beings — on the guarantees of tolerance and freedom of worship."

Deferral of Palestine Problem Until After War Is Regretted in London

LONDON, Mar. 1. (JTA) — Regret at the fact that the Palestine problem will not be dealt with until after the war, was expressed today in the House of Commons by Sir H. Hammersley, Conservative.

"It is unfortunate that the Arab and the Palestine problems will not be solved until the war is over," he said. He stressed the fact that France and Russia are also interested in the Moslem countries, and warned that any post-war policy with regard to these problems should be arrived at after due consultation, and not be forced upon Britain by the course of events, as it was the case in Greece.

Lord Strabolgi, addressing a meeting last night under the chairmanship of Minnie Horowitz, London Zionist leader, said that the idea of making Palestine a Jewish dominion would strongly appeal to millions of ordinary electors in Britain who are often at a loss to grasp the meaning of Zionism. He added that the leaders of the Liberal Party and of the Labor Party told him that they would support this idea, but the conservative party must still be won over.

ALL STORES IN TEL AVIV CLOSE IN PROTEST AGAINST NEW TAX PLANNED BY GOVERNMENT

TEL AVIV, Mar. 1. (JTA) — All stores in this all-Jewish city were closed today in a demonstration of protest against the new taxation which the Palestine government intends to introduce and which will affect primarily the Jewish population of the country.

At a meeting arranged by the Chamber of Commerce, speakers emphasized that the new tax scheme, is an "economic White Paper" which implements the restrictions on Jews imposed by the political White Paper which practically closes the doors of the country to Jewish immigration.

The Chamber of Commerce, itself, adopted a resolution asking the Palestine government to change its tax legislation, arguing that the government uses taxes from Jews to finance services to Arabs. The resolution also urges the Palestine Government to meet its present deficit by dissolving various departments established when the war was close to Palestine's borders.

Arab Chambers of Commerce throughout the country are also voicing protests against the new taxes. They point out that Arab economy will be ruined should the new project be put into effect. A memorandum outlining objections to new taxes was submitted by the Palestine Arab Party to Sir Edward Grigg, British Minister for the Middle East, who is now on a visit to Palestine. The memorandum also demands the release of Arab political prisoners and the appointment of Arab mayors in Jerusalem and in Haifa.

CARPATHIAN JEWISH LEADER ARRIVES IN RUMANIA; SAYS ONLY 3,000 JEWS SURVIVE

BUCHAREST, Mar. 1. (JTA) — Not a single rabbi survived in the Carpathian part of Czechoslovakia which was occupied by the Hungarians and which has been liberated by the Russian Army, Zvi Weiss, president of the Union of Jewish Communities of Carpatho-Ukraine, declared upon his arrival here today.

"There were 110,000 Jews in the territory at the beginning of 1942, but only 3,000 of them are now alive," Mr. Weiss told the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "About ninety thousand Jews were deported last May to extermination camps in Poland and Germany, and twenty thousand — chiefly men between the ages of 20 and 40 — were sent by the Hungarian authorities in 1942 to forced labor on the Russian front."

The leader of the Carpathian Jews who has come here to contact Jewish organizations and secure relief for the 3,000 surviving Jews, emphasized that the survivors are in urgent need of assistance. He said that the Jewish communities are hoping that some of their members may be among those who were rescued from the Oswiecim camp in liberated Poland, and that homes are being prepared for such an eventuality.

Reporting on the situation of the Jews in each community, Mr. Weiss said that there are only 700 Jews in the Uzshorod district, no more than 100 Jews in the Munkacs district, about 500 Jews in the Bereghsas district, some 400 in the Selinsz district, about 300 in Husz and 300 in Slatin.

JEWISH AGENCY REQUESTS PALESTINE IMMIGRATION VISAS FOR JEWS RESCUED FROM GERMAN CAMP

JERUSALEM, Mar. 1. (JTA) — The Palestine Government has forwarded to the Colonial Office in London the request of the Jewish Agency for immigration certificates for the Jews from the German camp at Bergen-Belsen who are now temporarily in Switzerland. Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, revealed today.

PALESTINE AUTHORITIES ARREST ERI JABOTINSKY UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT BORDER STATION

JERUSALEM, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- Eri Jabotinsky, son of the late Revisionist leader, arrived at the Palestine border yesterday and was immediately arrested and transferred to the "Feru jail," it was learned today.

Mr. Jabotinsky, who had been in Turkey for several months as special representative of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, was deported last week by the Turkish authorities, following the refusal of the State Department to grant him a re-entry permit to the United States where his mother, wife and child reside. He is a Palestinian citizen.

(Ben Hecht, co-chairman of the American League for a Free Palestine, yesterday sent a protest to Lord Halifax, British Ambassador in Washington, and asked for urgent clarification. "I should like to know why my friend Eri has been whisked off to a British concentration camp, to be held incommunicado on some malarial sand pile over which the flag of Britain flies," he said in his letter.)

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF JEWS IN POLAND MOVES HEADQUARTERS FROM LUBLIN TO WARSAW

LUBLIN, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- The Central Committee of the Jews of Poland, which is headed by the noted Zionist leader Dr. Emil Sommerstein, will shortly transfer its headquarters to Warsaw, it was announced today. The committee has been functioning in Lublin for several months.

Two Jewish partisan leaders, veterans of the battle of the Warsaw ghetto, arrived here this week to discuss establishment of political and social organizations for the surviving Jews in Poland. They are Prof. M. Sachs and Sholem Grajek, who were the representatives of the Poale Zion party on the underground Jewish National Committee.

In addition to participating in the uprising of the Warsaw Jews, the two men, who were leaders of their party in the five years of German occupation, played an important role in organizing resistance in other ghettos.

N.Y. UNIVERSITY ELIMINATES QUESTIONS REGARDING RELIGION FROM APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

NEW YORK, Mar. 1. (JTA) -- Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Region of the Anti-Defamation League, today made public an exchange of letters between Chancellor Harry Woodburn Chase of New York University and himself, in which Chancellor Chase declared that all questions regarding religion and nationality would henceforth be eliminated from applications for admission to New York University.

These letters grew out of the denunciation by the Anti-Defamation League of the confidential report sent by Dr. Harlan H. Horner, secretary of the Council on Dental Education, to New York University, urging reduction in the number of Jewish students and Jewish members of the faculty at the College of Dentistry at New York University.

In the letter made public today, Chancellor Chase stated that questions on application blanks regarding nationality and religion "will no longer be asked as part of our application procedure. A separate card, only for religious data, will be provided which the student may fill out after he has been admitted. This represents on our part no change in our policy which has always been one of non-discrimination in matters of race and religion, but simply the omission of requests for data which might lead some to wrong conclusions regarding our policy."

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U.S. JEWISH SOLDIERS IN BRITAIN PRESENT PLAQUES TO SYNAGOGUES; LAUD HOSPITALITY

LONDON, Mar. 1. (JTA) — To express the appreciation of American Jewish soldiers for the hospitality extended them by British Jews, specially carved plaques were presented during Purim services to the synagogues at Bristol and Cheltenham.

Several hundred U.S. troops attended the ceremonies at Bristol. The plaque in the Cheltenham synagogue was unveiled by Captain A. D. Schwartz, Jewish chaplain attached to the American troops, following a reception in the city's town hall. Both plaques show an American eagle surmounted by a Mogen David.

PARIS OFFICE OF OSE FORMALLY REOPENED; RESCUE WORK UNDER OCCUPATION REVIEWED

PARIS, Mar. 1. (JTA) — The Paris office of the OSE, the Jewish Health Society, was formally re-opened here today at a ceremony attended by representatives of the Ministries of Health, War and the Interior, Grand Rabbis Isaye Schwartz and Julian Weil and other dignitaries. Senator Justin Godart, Acting Mayor of Lyon, who presided, paid tribute to the rescue work performed by the OSE during the occupation and hailed the resumption of its activities "in the service of the nation."

Joseph Millner, secretary of the OSE, reviewing its underground work during the occupation, disclosed that 5,000 Jewish children were saved from deportation, of whom 1,500 were smuggled into Switzerland. Many were snatched from trains on which they were to be deported and concealed by OSE workers, 31 of whom were captured by the Germans.

George Garel, head of the underground child rescue program, who is now the director of the French OSE, outlined plans for the extension of its activities. Since the liberation of France, the OSE, he said, has opened 24 medical aid centers and 13 children's homes and is planning to open homes for students and infants.

NEW YORK ASSEMBLY APPROVES ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL; SPEEDY ENACTMENT PREDICTED

ALBANY, N.Y. Mar. 1. (JTA) — New York took a decisive step towards becoming the first state in the country to legally outlaw racial and religious discrimination in employment, when the Assembly last night voted 109 to 32 in favor of the Ives-Quinn bill creating a five-man permanent commission to bar discrimination and to sponsor educational activities aimed at eradicating it.

The measure will be voted upon by the State Senate on Monday and its proponents predict that it will pass with votes to spare. Leaders of both parties, who have joined in supporting the bill, are anxious to have it become a law as soon as possible as to give New York the distinction of being the first to enact such legislation. Similar measures are pending in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and California.

SARAH LASKI DIES; MOTHER OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS

MANCHESTER, Eng. Mar. 1. (JTA) — Mrs. Sarah Laski, a member of the Manchester City Council since 1929, and a leader in Jewish welfare work, died here today. She is survived by two sons, Prof. Harold J. Laski, noted economist and political scientist, and Neville J. Laski, former president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. She was the widow of Nathan Laski, prominent Jewish leader.

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