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SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE WILL NOT DECIDE FATE OF MANDATES; WILL DISCUSS TRUSTEESHIPS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13. (JTA) — The fate of presently mandated territories will not be decided upon by the United Nations Conference at San Francisco, an authoritative source indicated today. There will be no discussion of specific areas.

The San Francisco Conference, it was learned, will concern itself with the creation of machinery giving the future International Security Organization the right to establish international trusteeships. The question of mandates will be discussed only in this regard.

WORLD-WIDE MOURNING TODAY FOR MARTYRED JEWS OF EUROPE; STOPPAGE OF WORK IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Mar. 13. (JTA) — Jews throughout Palestine will join with Jewish communities in all democratic countries tomorrow in observing a day of mourning for the martyred Jews of Europe. All Jews here will cease work between 9 o'clock in the morning and 11 o'clock in the evening, and all enterprises operated by Jews, including urban and inter-urban transportation, will shut down.

The High Commissioner of Palestine has issued instructions to all government departments to release Jewish officials desiring to participate in the observances. Jews in all parts of Palestine will remain in their homes during the day except for the hour between 5 and 6 p.m. when they will attend synagogue services. While at the synagogues they will sit on the floor for ten minutes in a token observance of "shiva".

Although all classes will be suspended, teachers will lecture in the schools for one hour explaining the significance of the day. All the Hebrew newspapers are devoting their entire issues tomorrow to the day of mourning.

The decision to call a work stoppage was taken by the Jewish National Council after consultation with the Histadruth and other economic bodies. In a proclamation issued today the Council declared that the observance will mark "the unyielding demand for action to save the remnants of the Jewish people and to bring them to their homeland."

Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog and Ben-Zion Uziel visited the High Commissioner today, and submitted the plans for the fast day, explaining the "eternal ties between Jewry and Palestine." Since the week of mourning began last Thursday the Jewish community has refrained from holding public entertainments, weddings or any other festivities.

Jews in the United States Asked to Stop Work for One Hour

NEW YORK, Mar. 13. (JTA) — Jewish orthodox organizations here today issued an appeal to Jews throughout the United States to keep their stores, shops and offices closed tomorrow for one hour — from noon to 1 P.M. — as part of the world-wide Jewish Day of Mourning. In factories engaged in war activities Jewish workers will stop work for fifteen minutes only. Prayers will be conducted in all synagogues and memorial meetings will be held in all larger cities in the country.

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SWEDISH SHIP WILL BE OFFERED FOR TRANSPORTATION OF JEWISH CHILDREN TO PALESTINE

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 13. (JTA) -- The Swedish press reports today that the Swedish ship "Nerim" will be offered to American Jewish relief organizations to transport Jewish children from France to Palestine.

The children could embark in Lisbon. The trip would take three weeks and the vessel could carry 500 children on each voyage.

BRITISH AND U.S. DIPLOMATS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM MEETING OF LATIN-AMERICAN ZIONISTS

MONTEVIDEO, Mar. 13. (JTA) -- British and U. S. diplomats were conspicuously absent from a mass meeting here last night arranged by the Latin-American Zionist Congress, which was attended by Uruguay's vice-president, Alberto Guani, leaders of local political parties and diplomatic representatives of Cuba and Peru. Invitations had been sent to the United States and British embassies.

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Guani voiced his support of demands for Jewish representation at the San Francisco conference of the United Nations and at the peace conferences. Argentine and Uruguayan Jewish leaders, Dr. Abraham Ribashan, Latin-American representative of the Jewish Agency, and Mrs. Archibald Silverman, representing United States Zionists, were among the other speakers. Mrs. Silverman greeted the delegates on behalf of the U. S. Zionists.

The general session of the Congress held earlier was the scene of a violent dispute between representatives of the Hashomer Hatzair and the Mizrahi. When the latter group proposed the formation of a united front on Palestine embracing all factions including the Revisionists and the Agudas Israel, the Hashomer Hatzair delegates protested charging that the Revisionists and the Agudas Israel were "fascists."

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT FOR RESTITUTION OF JEWISH PROPERTY IN FRANCE TAKES OFFICE

PARIS, Mar. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Emile Terroine, who was appointed by the French Government to head the department for the restitution of confiscated Jewish property established at the Ministry of Finance, was sworn into office today.

At a reception tendered him today by the National Movement Against Racism, Prof. Terroine said: "I have been consulted with regard to the wording of the text of the present draft of the restitution law, but this text was not inspired by me. I hope that the law will enable the carrying out of a mass-restitution of property to its former owners."

MEMORIAL MEETING FOR MISS SZOLD HELD THROUGHOUT PALESTINE AND IN NEW YORK

JERUSALEM, Mar. 13. (JTA) -- Memorial meetings to honor Miss Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah who died here on February 13, were held throughout Palestine today, marking the "Shloishim", the end of the traditional thirty days of mourning. A large memorial meeting was also held on the premises of the Hebrew University and was broadcast over the Palestine radio station.

(In New York, a memorial meeting in honor of Miss Szold was held today at Carnegie Hall. It was arranged by the Hadassah Organization. Principal speakers included Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman, Ira Hirschmann, Robert Szold and Mrs. Israel Sieff. Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, national president of Hadassah, presided.)

NATIONAL JEWISH GROUPS TESTIFY IN FAVOR OF FEPC BILL AT SENATE COMMITTEE HEARING

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13. (JTA) -- Representatives of three national Jewish agencies today urged passage of the bi-partisan Fair Employment Practices Bill with enforcement powers, at hearings before a Senate sub-committee headed by Senator Dennis Chavez, New Mexico Democrat.

Henry Epstein, vice-chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, representing 18 Jewish community councils throughout the country and six national Jewish organizations, termed the bill "the greatest weapon for implementing our political democracy yet placed before Congress." A former solicitor general of New York State, Mr. Epstein told the committee that a permanent FEPC act "with teeth intact" will demonstrate to the world that the United States "has really come of age." Voluntary efforts, he pointed out, have left unpunished "major violations of elementary principles of democracy".

Maurice Bisgier, National Secretary of B'nai B'rith, advocated the establishment of a permanent FEPC "as a matter of simple justice" to Jews and all others who have been denied equal economic opportunity.

The Jewish Labor Committee would consider failure of Congress to pass the bill at this session a "national disaster", Nathan M. Minkoff told the committee. He called for "postwar reconversion to genuine equality for all Americans" and criticized the Tentative Voluntary Compliance bill as "emasculated". "In our own country", Mr. Minkoff said, "manifestations of economic discrimination, though far less pronounced than in the old world, have not been absent. Many employments and economic opportunities have been virtually closed to Jews, as to members of other minority groups."

Testifying before the committee yesterday, Rabbi J. K. Cohen, representing the American Jewish Congress, urged the inclusion of enforcement provisions in any bill approved by the committee. "Statesmanship demands that we be alert now to safeguard the gains that have been achieved through the war," Rabbi Cohen said. "Otherwise what has been wisely termed 'the explosion of peace' may blow up the wartime barriers erected against discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry."

Ten other organizations, including several large CIO and AFL Unions and the Southern Conference on Human Welfare, also testified for the bi-partisan bill.

AMERICA'S FIRST LAW AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT SIGNED BY N.Y. GOVERNOR

ALBANY, N.Y., Mar. 13. (JTA) -- The nation's first measure barring racial and religious discrimination in employment became a law yesterday when Gov. Thomas E. Dewey signed the Ives-Quinn Bill which had previously been approved by the Assembly and Senate.

An audience of more than 200 persons witnessed the event as the demands for souvenirs forced the Governor to use twenty-two different pens in writing "Approved, Thomas E. Dewey, March 12, 1945." Until he reached the date, he used one pen for each letter and then the last two pens took care of the date.

At the close of the bill-signing ceremony, the largest of its kind in the memory of the Capitol's oldest attachées, the first souvenir pens went to the legislative sponsors of the measure--Irving M. Ives, of Chenango, Republican, majority leader of the Assembly, and Elmer F. Quinn, of New York, Democratic minority leader of the Senate. The law enters into effect on July 1.

DR. WEIZMANN WILL BE HEARD AT SAN FRANCISCO EXPRESSED AT LONDON MEETING

LONDON, Mar. 13. (JTA) — The hope that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, will be admitted to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco "to plead the Jewish cause", was expressed here last night by Lord Strabolgi addressing a meeting held in honor of Dr. Weizmann.

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, termed "absurd" and "foolish" the signing by an Arab delegate from Palestine of the convention of the projected Arab League. Jews, he said, cannot be ignored by the League when formed, nor can the Jews remain a minority in Palestine forever. Alce Alexander, chairman of the Anglo-Jewish Association, joining in the tribute to Dr. Weizmann, declared that there is still time to continue talks with Arab leaders and that the Jews can achieve much from such talks.

Palestine Delegate Asks For Jewish Representation At San Francisco Conference

NEW YORK, Mar. 13. (JTA) — The demand that the Jewish people be granted representation at the forthcoming Security Conference of the United Nations in San Francisco was voiced by Beba Idelson, outstanding woman labor leader of Palestine and delegate to the Pioneer Women's Organization, at a reception and mass meeting held in New York attended by more than 1,500 persons. The Jewish community of Palestine, she declared, would accept no other solution than a "Jewish commonwealth with full political independence and with powers for unlimited immigration."

JEWISH AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS ASKS ZIONIST YOUTH TO EMIGRATE TO PALESTINE

PARIS, Mar. 13. (JTA) — An appeal to Zionist youth in France to emigrate to Palestine was voiced here today by David Scattiel, Jewish Agency representative in France, addressing a meeting of the Movement of Zionist Youth. Other speakers included Leon Weiss, president of the Representative Council of the Jews of France, who stressed the solidarity between French Zionists and all French Jews, and a Rabbi Cappel who reviewed the underground activities of the young Zionists during the occupation.

CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS MEET TO FORM JEWISH MUSIC COUNCIL; WILL PROCLAIM MUSIC WEEK

NEW YORK, Mar. 13. (JTA) — Representatives of leading Jewish musical and cultural organizations have been meeting to develop a Jewish Music Council, it was announced today at the office of the National Jewish Welfare Board. The group will strive "to perpetuate and develop an appreciation of Jewish music through a pooling of the resources of all Jewish groups", the announcement stated. The group also announced as its first project the inauguration of Jewish Music Week throughout the nation from May 20th to May 30th.

DR. BERNARD DRACHMAN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF UNION OF ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONS, DEAD

NEW YORK, Mar. 13. (JTA) — Rabbi Bernard Drachman, former president of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America and one of the leaders of the Mizrachi movement, died here last night at the age of 83. He was Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Zichron Ephraim.

Born in New York, Dr. Drachman was graduated from Columbia University and became a rabbi in 1885 after studying at the Jewish Theological Seminary of Breslau, Germany. At the same time, he received a PhD degree at Heidelberg University. He was the founder of the Jewish Sabbath Alliance of America, and its president for many years. He was also the author of a number of books on Jewish problems.