A delegation at San Francisco will try to avoid interjection of Palestine issue

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23, (JTA) -- With the United Nations Security Conference opening Wednesday it became clear today that the United States delegation, no matter how pressed by Jewish delegations here, will try to avoid direct reference to the Palestine question during the conference's discussion of changes of status for mandated territories.

One member of the American delegation arriving here today indicated that there were no number of reasons why this conference should not permit itself to become involved in the complicated Palestine problem, other than establishing a machinery for sealing the future of mandated areas in general.

First, he said, it would not be in the interests of the conference to permit discussion with regard to nationalities since there are other nationalities who, like the Jews, would then claim the right to voice their grievances. Secondly, it must not be forgotten that there are official delegations of Arab countries participating in the conference and they would be provoked to raise the Arab Jewish issue should the Palestine problem be touched upon.

Thirdly, he continued, references to Palestine would involve the British delegation whose attitude is that Prime Minister Churchill has already announced that the Palestine question will not be solved until after the war. Fourthly, any discussion of Palestine would lead to a split among the consultants designated by American Jewish leaders to differ basically in their views on the Jewish Commonwealth issue. Fifthly, no detailed discussion regarding the Palestine Mandate is undesirable as long as the international trusteeship plan for mandated lands in general has not yet been accepted by the major powers assembled at San Francisco.

As the situation stands today, on the eve of the opening of the Conference, one could foretell the British attitude towards the idea of placing Palestine under international trusteeship, though all indications point to the fact that Russia and the United States would support the proposal. On the other hand, French delegation spokesmen told us that the French Government is determined to terminate its mandatory obligations in Syria in favor of recognizing Syria as fully independent, providing that the port of Tripoli in Lebanon is put under international trusteeship with France as one of the trustees.

No united Jewish front at Conference, spokesmen indicate

Meanwhile, leaders of Jewish groups who arrived here from New York to act as consultants to the American delegation are preparing to press their viewpoints both to the American delegation and on diplomats of other nations participating in the conference.

It does not look as if there will be a united front among the Jewish consultants since American Jewish Conference spokesmen today indicated that they are not
inclined to form a common front with the American Jewish committee unless the latter group rejoins the American Jewish Conference.

None of the leaders of the American Jewish Committee have arrived as yet but the American Jewish Conference delegation is already here in full force headed by Harry Mensky, assisted by Israel Goldstein.

ONLY JEWS FROM WESTERN EUROPE BEING RETURNED HOME FROM BUCHENWALD CAMP AT PRESENT

BUCHENWALD, Germany, April 23. (JTA) — Jews of French, Belgian and Dutch nationality found at this camp are being repatriated together with their non-Jewish captives, but those from Poland — comprising about half the 4,500 surviving Jews here — and other eastern European countries must await clarification of the military situation before they can be sent home.

Further details of the miraculous manner in which a few of the fathers here succeeded in saving their children were given in this correspondent today. Moses Jacobowitz, a physician, saved two of his sons, Stephen, five, and Yosef, ten, by hiding them in the contagious wards whenever the SS made their tours. The SS men were in mortal dread of contagion and they feared to enter those precincts. Dr. Jacobowitz was first held at Piotrokov as physician for that camp where he saw his mother, his sister, and three brothers shot.

The physician said that two "trusties," Clement Buchovsky and Carl Habel, endangered their lives by hiding and protecting the Buchenwald children. Another father who has his son here, a Cracow lawyer named Harry Zweig, saved the three-year-old boy by carrying him in a sack and hiding him in his barracks.

World Owes Debt to Survivors of Buchenwald, Says British M. P.

LONDON, April 23. (JTA) — The horrors at Buchenwald constitute a moral challenge to the world to see that the survivors are enabled to live normal lives and that the nations of the world take steps to prevent repetition of such atrocities, Samuel S. Silverman, Labor M. P., who has just returned from a visit to Buchenwald, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Silverman, who was part of a ten-man Parliamentary delegation, said that while at the camp he heard the story of the killing of 3,500,000 persons at Oswiecim from Benedict Kautsky, son of the former leader of the Austrian Socialist Party. Kautsky said that ninety percent of those murdered were Jews.

Meanwhile, it is reported here today from Stuttgart that none of the 100 Jewish families who formerly lived there remain and that of 130 families of "mixed marriages" only 15 are left.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT PROMULGATES DECREE PROVIDING FOR RESTORATION OF JEWISH PROPERTY

PARIS, April 23. (JTA) — The government today promulgated the decree providing for restoration of Jewish property confiscated under Vichy laws, which was adopted last month by the Consultative Assembly. It specified that the measure does not apply to Alsace and Lorraine because of "special conditions of occupation there."

Bernard Lecache, founder and former head of the International Federation of Anti-Boast Leagues, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he is planning to revive the organization. The federation was established in 1934.
**Ecuadorian Delegation to San Francisco Will Support Demand for Jewish State in Palestine**

QUITO, Ecuador, April 23, (JTA). — President Jose Velasco Ibarra today disclosed that the Ecuadorian delegation to the San Francisco Conference has been instructed to support Zionist demands for the establishment of a Jewish state, should Palestine come up for discussion at the parley.

Replying to a cable from Col. Morris Mondelsohn, of New York, president of the New Zionist Organization, President Velasco Ibarra said that the delegation "has been instructed to demand, if the case arises, the legitimate rights of the Jewish people to their own administrative regime within the geographic area prescribed by the history, traditions and glory of the Jewish race."

**Program of New Czech Government Bars Repetition of Racial Discrimination, Says Official**

LONDON, April 23, (JTA) -- The program of the newly-formed Czecho-Slovak Government, is a guarantee that the "racial madness which caused so much suffering to our Jewish citizens will be eradicated forever," Dr. Juraj Slivik, former Czech Minister of the Interior said today, addressing a meeting here prior to deporting for his homeland.

Thanking Britain for sheltering the government-in-exile during the German occupation of his country, Dr. Slivik said that the new government will assure freedom of speech, religion, press and assembly to all people.

**Arab Trade Group Attempting to Buy British-Made Goods to Replace Palestinian Products**

LONDON, April 23, (JTA) -- The Arab trade delegation which is now in Britain is attempting to secure British products in place of Palestinian consumer goods, Harid Sand, head of the delegation, said today.

Sand, who is manager of the Arab Bank in Palestine and a member of the Palestine Government's War Economic Council, told a press conference that British consumer goods are much cheaper than those manufactured in Palestine, adding that the Arab league of 47,000,000 people wants to buy directly from Britain.

A Jewish trade delegation from Palestine is also in England at present, but there has been no contact between the two groups, and separate conferences and social functions have been arranged for each.

**380 Palestinian Soldiers Liberated from German Prison Camps Now in England**

LONDON, April 23, (JTA) -- The total of liberated Palestinian prisoners of war who have reached England after being freed from German camps has reached 380, and more keep coming in, it was reported here today.

Among them are two of three Palestinian Jewish officers captured by the Germans and many non-commissioned officers. The first group to be granted leaves were guests today at a reception arranged by the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

**First Hebrew Newspaper Ever Published in Bulgaria Appears in Sofia**

SOFIA, April 23, (JTA) -- For the first time in the history of Bulgarian Jewry, a Hebrew newspaper has appeared here. The paper, "Hamador Hayivi," is published by Zionist groups. An editorial in the first issue appeals to Jewish leaders in Bulgaria to foster the revival of Hebrew culture here.
MASS RALLY FOR JEWISH RIGHTS WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK ON SUNDAY; WAGNER, JAGUARDIA TO SPEAK

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- A mass rally for Jewish rights will be held on Sunday, April 29, at the Lewisham Stadium of the City College of New York, under the joint auspices of the American Jewish Conference and the American Zionist Emergency Council, it was announced today. Speakers will include Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Senator Robert P. Wagner and Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

The rally will demand a hearing for the Jewish case at San Francisco; immediate opening of the gates of Palestine to the survivors of European Jewry; and reconstruction of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth. Prior to the opening of the meeting, there will be exercises by the Jewish War Veterans and a memorial service for the 5,000,000 Jewish dead of this war.

ABOLITION OF DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION IN LIBERATED COUNTRIES ASKED OF STETTINIUS

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- A program, which will guarantee "human rights" of the individual regardless of race, color or creed and the speedy abrogation of discriminatory laws afflicting the Jewish people of Europe has been presented to Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, by Harold C. N. Frankel, Grand Master of the Independent Order Brith Abraham, and Abraham H. Hollander, Grand Secretary, it was announced here today.

The Brith Abraham leaders urged that the program be included in an "International Bill of Rights Charter" to be adopted at the conference of the United Nations in San Francisco. Mr. Frankel and Mr. Hollander also asked the Secretary of State to use his good offices to permit the Jewish people to be heard at San Francisco through their accredited representatives.

 CANADA JEWISH WAR HERO DIES IN GERMAN PRISON CAMP; WOUNDED IN FINAL BATTLE

MONTREAL, April 23. (JTA) -- Samuel Moses Hurwitz, the first Canadian Jewish soldier to win two decorations in this war - the Military Medal, and the Distinguished Conduct Medal, an honor which ranks next to the Victoria Cross for other ranks - has died in a German prison camp, according to a report received here from overseas.

Sgt. Hurwitz was captured in a desperate battle in which he was wounded. He was one of five brothers who have seen service in this war. Since the outbreak of the war, Sgt. Hurwitz had been attached to an armored regiment.

DR. E. M. MEYERHOF, EMINENT EYE SPECIALIST, DIES IN CAIRO; NOTED ORIENTALIST

CAIRO, April 23. (JTA) -- Impressive memorial services were held yesterday for Dr. Max Meyerhof, 70, one of the world's most eminent eye specialists in Cairo's Alhambri Synagogue. Dr. Meyerhof was affectionately known by thousands of Egyptians from all walks of life as "Dr. Max."

Despite his seventy years he was considered a sort of magician for his operations which saved innumerable persons from blindness. He was also known as an outstanding Orientalist and wrote several books on the scientific heritage of the Arabs. He was a cousin of Professor Otto Meyerhof who received the Nobel Medical Prize in 1922.