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U.S. SOURCE AT SAN FRANCISCO SAYS PALESTINE WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1. (JTA) -- Queried today concerning the attitude of the United States delegation to the security conference towards the question of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, a high authoritative source said that this question was not within the jurisdiction of the parley.

This same source stressed, however, that Secretary of State Stettinius is ready and willing to discuss the Palestine problem, at any time, with representatives of Jewish groups.

Meanwhile, it was reported that Commander Harold E. Stassen, a member of the American delegation, has been authorized by the delegation to deal with all matters affecting the question of international trusteeships.

In connection with this, it was learned authoritatively that the U. S. delegation has completed a plan for international trusteeships for mandated areas. It was stressed, however, that under this plan no specific areas will be discussed at the conference.

Leaders of the American Jewish Conference here are devoting a great deal of attention to the question of the composition of the committee which is expected to be set up shortly to handle the international trusteeships. In fact, representatives of all the Jewish organizations here are agreed on the necessity for keeping close watch on the composition of this group.

Zionists Concerned about British Influence in Trusteeship Committee

Zionist leaders present here do not hesitate to admit that they are perturbed concerning the potentialities of this committee. They suspect that Britain may utilize it for the purpose of securing changes in the status of the Palestine mandate which would not even give the Jews a chance to bring an appeal before a supreme international body.

Zionists feel there are grounds for such suspicion, since it is taken for granted here that if the Palestine question should come up, the British representatives on the trusteeship committee will play the dominant role, with the United States representatives following Britain's lead. The British influence will be even stronger, should the Arab delegations succeed in securing representation on the committee.

One of the important Jewish observers today pointed out bluntly that he fears that Britain is camouflaging its intentions with regard to Palestine by lulling public opinion into the belief that this conference will not discuss Palestine's future. He emphasized that true as this may be, it is becoming more and more obvious that the destiny of Palestine may be decided through the machinery which the committee on international trusteeship will establish.

Since the representatives of the Jewish Agency have not yet arrived in San Francisco, the job of keeping close watch on any developments here that may affect

Jerusalem has fallen on the representatives of the American Jewish Conference, who are in close touch with the United States delegation.

American Jewish Committee Will Also Present Views on Palestine

The delegation of the American Jewish Committee also indicated in a statement issued today that it will present its viewpoint "for the development and hopes of Palestine." The statement issued by the committee takes issue with a statement of the American Jewish Conference, published in the April 20th issue of the American Jewish Congress Weekly, which alleges that the committee exercised pressure upon high governmental quarters, which in turn forced the State Department to name the American Jewish Committee one of the consultants to the U. S. delegation here.

"It is not true," the statement of the American Jewish Committee says, "that the committee exercised any pressure of any kind. It did not exercise backdoor influence. It formally requested the State Department and the President of the United States to grant it recognition. This request it had the same right to make, as did any other organization. The committee in no way attempted to oppose the request of the American Jewish Conference or any other Jewish organization for recognition.

"It has been our earnest endeavor to coordinate our work with that of all other Jewish organizations within the areas of agreement," the statement continues. "This endeavor has been unfortunately thwarted by the unwillingness of the American Jewish Conference representatives to meet with us in the endeavor to work out a common program for the San Francisco Conference."

"The American Jewish Committee," the statement concludes, "intends to present the viewpoint which it believes to be sound for American Jewry, for the development and hopes of Palestine, for the welfare of the Jews throughout the world and for all mankind."

STETTINIUS SAYS JEWISH AGENCY CAN SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO COMMISSION ON TRUSTEESHIPS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, replying to a question as to whether any group, such as the Jewish Agency for Palestine, will be given a hearing before the commission which will draw up a plan for an international trusteeship system, said today that any group may submit a proposal for consideration by the commission.

The full composition of "Commission Number Four," which will handle the trusteeship problem, has not yet been announced, but it was revealed that the chairman of the commission will be a member of the New Zealand delegation, and the rapporteur will be a member of the Luxembourg delegation.

The Arab delegations here have been assigned to a number of important committees. A member of the Saudi Arabian delegation is one of the two rapporteurs on the Membership and General Committee; Syria has one of its delegates as rapporteur on the committee on "Preamble, Purpose and Principles; and both Syrian and Saudi Arabian delegates are on the Credentials Committee. A delegate from Iraq is a rapporteur of the International Court committee.

Wise And Goldman En Route to San Francisco As Agency Representatives

NEW YORK, May 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Nahum Goldmann left today for San Francisco where they will represent the Jewish Agency for Palestine. A group of Palestinian representatives of the Jewish Agency, including Eliahu Epstein, head of the Near East department, and Gershon Agronsky, editor of the Palestine Post, left last night for San Francisco by plane.

NEWS REPORTED TO HAVE OPENED GATES OF TEREZIN AND DRIVEN JEWS INTO COUNTRYSIDE

LONDON, May 1. (JTA) -- Information reaching Czechoslovak circles today states that the Germans opened the gates of the fortress ghetto of Theresienstadt on April 12, and ordered the Jewish inmates to disperse throughout the countryside.

A report received from Kosice, temporary seat of the Czechoslovak Government, reports that the Czechoslovak National Council has established a department for Jewish affairs headed by Dr. Imrich Rosenberg, formerly vice-chairman of the National Council of Czechoslovak Jews in London. Dr. Rosenberg was also named deputy chief of the central repatriation authority.

The report says that Jews repatriated from Oswiecim disclosed that Jacob Edelstein, head of the Prague Palestine Office, was killed there together with his whole family. Other victims were Otto Zucker, formerly vice-chairman of the Jewish Party in Czechoslovakia, Gisa Fleischman, a well known social worker from Bratislava, and many members of the "Jewish council" which was established at Terezin by the Nazis.

OVER 100,000 JEWS DEPORTED FROM FRANCE BY GERMANS, MINISTRY OF DEPORTEES REPORTS

PARIS, May 1. (JTA) -- The first comparative figures concerning the number of persons deported from France by the Germans, which appear today in the newspaper liberation, disclose that there were 108,000 "racial" deportees and 100,000 political deportees.

The figures were obtained from a source in the Ministry for Prisoners and Deportees, the paper says. The chances of the political prisoners returning, it states, are uncertain, "while the Jews certainly suffered the most horrible treatment in the camps in Eastern Europe."

Some Jews, although very few, have already returned from German camps. Among 750 men repatriated from Bergen-Belsen are 25 Jews; among 470 women from there are 80 Jews. The Ministry of Deportees declared that it is not aware that any practical steps have been taken to carry out an alleged Red Cross agreement for the repatriation of all deportees from France still in German hands.

MORE JEWS MAY HAVE SURVIVED IN POLAND THAN ORIGINALLY THOUGHT, REPORTS INDICATE

MOSCOW, May 1. (JTA) -- Information reaching here from Poland today indicates that more Jews than were previously thought may have escaped extermination, although there is no doubt that the vast majority of Polish Jewry were exterminated.

In towns where the governmental machinery has resumed functioning, more and more people are appearing, seemingly from nowhere, and announcing that they are Jews from such-and-such a place. Additional information concerning survivors is expected to arrive from Poland within a few days.

DOROTHY THOMPSON ARRIVES IN PALESTINE AS GUEST OF HIGH COMMISSIONER; WILL TOUR COUNTRY

JERUSALEM, May 1. (JTA) -- Dorothy Thompson, well known American newspaper correspondent, arrived here today. She is staying at Government House as a guest of High Commissioner Lord Gort. Miss Thompson visited the office of the Jewish Agency today, and leaves tomorrow on a tour of the country.

ASSISTANCE FOR ITALIAN JEWISH DEPORTEES IN NAZI HANDS ASKED IN BROADCAST OVER MILAN RADIO

LONDON, May 1. (JTA) -- An appeal for aid for Italian Jewish deportees still in the hands of the Germans was broadcast today over the Milan radio by an unnamed Jewish professor who was among those who spoke on a program sponsored by all parties in Italy for the liberation of Northern Italy.

"Let us not forget in this moment of supreme joy those who are still suffering deportation," he said. "Israel, considering the number of Jews in the world, will, once again, be able to claim the honor of the greatest martyrdom. Let the millions of massacred Jews of Poland be a lesson for those who must learn after the war to judge every man, and consequently the Jews, not by prejudice, but on the basis of his conduct. Let us hope for the final elimination of anti-Semitism."

The speaker lauded the partisans for the help they gave Jews during the occupation and thanked the church and individual priests who were imprisoned for helping Jews. In return, he said, Jews will fulfill their duties as citizens of a free Italy.

WELLES SCORES STORY IN PANAMA PAPER QUOTING HIM AS ATTACKING JEWS

WASHINGTON, May 1. (JTA) -- Sumner Welles, former Under-Secretary of State, today branded as an "outrageous falsification" a story appearing in the newspaper "El Panama America," in Panama City, which quoted him as having stated that the natural resources of Latin-America must be freed from the control of "foreign Jews."

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Mr. Welles disclosed that as a result of a protest lodged with the publisher of the paper, a retraction was published, which explained that the report of his speech had been deliberately falsified by inserting the reference to Jews in the text as received from the United Press.

Behind the falsification, apparently, are anti-democratic Panamanian elements who are spreading anti-foreign and anti-Jewish propaganda as part of their campaign for election to the body which will adopt a new constitution for Panama.

5 DAY MEETINGS THROUGHOUT PALESTINE DEMAND IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF JEWISH STATE

JERUSALEM, May 1. (JTA) -- Demands for the immediate establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine featured huge mass-meetings held today throughout Palestine on the occasion of May Day. Leaders of the Palestine Labor Party, addressing the meetings, said that there is no other possible solution to the Jewish problem.

"San Francisco, which is a turning-point in world history," said a speaker addressing a meeting here, "must also become a turning-point of Jewish history. There can be no world regime of justice unless the wrongs of the Jewish people are rectified."

Arab Labor Leader Says Unity Can Benefit All in Palestine

London, May 1. (JTA) -- Speaking in behalf of Arabs affiliated with the Hisbah, George Nasser, Arab labor leader, told a May Day meeting of the Poale Zion organization here that "only by brotherhood can a better future be built for all."

Morgan Phillip, secretary of the labor party, paid tribute to the heroism of the Jewish people of Europe, and said that his party's interest in the development of a Jewish national home in Palestine is "as keen as ever." Berl Locker, Jewish labor leader, also spoke.

REP. HOFFMAN AND RANKIN ATTACK JEWS ON FLOOR OF HOUSE IN DEBATE ON FEPC BILL

WASHINGTON, May 1. (JTA) -- Asserting that Jews in the United States are "predominant" in the Federal Government and exercise disproportionate control over "merchandising, the press and radio," Rep. Clare Hoffman, Republican, of Michigan, yesterday urged the House to defeat the permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission bill, and denied existence of any discrimination "except perhaps in a few cities."

"It is a well-known fact," Rep. Hoffman said, "that many of the most powerful financial institutions in this country are controlled by the Jews." Hoffman then called for figures "showing the proportion of the volume of the business of the country owned or controlled by individuals of the Jewish race, the exact number of Jews outstanding in the professions, sciences, arts, the number of high positions in the Federal Government held by or which are under the control of the members of that race."

Rep. John Rankin, Democrat of Mississippi, joined in the opposition to the FEPC bill by declaring "a racial minority in this house has been advocating this bill" and that doctors of that "minority group" were "crowding" veterans' hospitals. Mr. Rankin's words, as printed in the official Congressional Record were: "We have found in our investigation in veterans' hospitals that they (the racial minority in the house) have crowded the doctors of that minority group into these hospitals all over the country, and some of those hospitals have more doctors of that group than patients of that group. That situation is stirring up trouble in those hospitals. It is really causing more trouble there probably than everything else put together."

When asked by Representative Hugh De Lacy, Democrat of Washington, whether he was doing "a little Jew-baiting," Rep. Rankin shouted to De Lacy not to do any complaining about anybody's record "because I have yours for a long way back, both with the Dies Committee and the FBI." On motion of Representative Marcantonio of New York, speaker Rayburn declared Rankin's remarks about a colleague unparliamentary, and they were expunged from the record.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENT OF NURENBERG LAWS CAPTURED BY GERMAN-JEWISH G.I.

LONDON, May 1. (JTA) -- The original document of the Nuremberg racial laws, complete with the signature of Adolph Hitler, has been obtained by a German-born American Jewish soldier and is now in the hands of the U. S. Third Army, the London press reports.

Sgt. Frank Perls of San Francisco, who fled the Reich with his father after promulgation of the Nuremberg laws made life intolerable for Jews in Germany, ferreted out the document at the home of an official of the German finance ministry near Nuremberg, where it had been placed for safe-keeping. Sgt. Perls is attached to the Allied Military Government.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS PLEDGE \$75,000,000 BOND SALES IN HONOR OF GENERAL ROSE

NEW YORK, May 1. (JTA) -- Dedicating its Seventh War Loan Drive to the late Major General Maurice Rose, the Jewish War Veterans of U. S. have set a national quota of \$75,000,000 for its membership, it was announced by APhie H. Greenberg, National Commander of the J.W.V. The quota is fifty percent higher than that of the Sixth War Loan.