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BRITAIN DETERMINED NOT TO PERMIT RAISING OF PALESTINE ISSUE AT PARLEY ON LEVANT CRISIS

LONDON, June 5. (JTA) -- The British Government is determined not to permit the Palestine question to be dragged into the forthcoming international discussions on the Levant crisis, well-informed observers here stated following Prime Minister Churchill's address in Commons today on the situation in Syria and Lebanon.

Churchill's speech was interpreted to mean that the diplomatic discussions for settlement of the dispute between France and the Levant countries will definitely not involve any other countries in the Near East except Syria and Lebanon, although Gen. de Gaulle has suggested that the discussions should include problems of all the Arab states in the Middle East.

18,000 HAVE DIED IN BELSEN CAMP SINCE LIBERATION; 50 PERISH DAILY; JEWS WORST OFF

BERGEN-BELSEN, Germany, June 5. (JTA) -- More than 18,000 people have died in this camp since its liberation by British forces several weeks ago, and about 50 are still dying daily, despite the fact that the camp's administrators and British soldiers are working as hard as possible to aid the inmates. The camp seethes with disillusionment, and the greatest number of complaints come from the Jews.

About 18,000 people remain here - housed in former Wehrmacht barracks to which they were moved when their former vermin-infested quarters were destroyed last week. Of the survivors, two-thirds are hospitalized, suffering, mainly from tuberculosis, emaciation and other ailments. Efforts are being made to repatriate those who are healthy enough to travel, and, as a result, a good number, especially from western European countries, have already left. This has left a large percentage of Jews among those remaining. It is estimated that there are 12,000 Jews here, while 3,000 have been transferred to the Lingen Camp.

Indicative of the disorganized condition of the Jewish survivors is the fact that up till now, no proper census has been taken. Jews from Buchenwald and other camps arrive here seeking relatives and bringing complete lists of their camps to exchange. Those here avidly seize these lists, looking for the names of relatives, but they have not listed themselves. One mother here did not know that her child was in the camp for several weeks.

J.D.C. Seeking Permission for Weeks to Bring Relief to Camps

The confusion among the Jewish survivors is due to the excitement resulting from liberation and from the habits and suspicions developed during their imprisonment. These feelings are aggravated by the belief that their own people are not thinking of them, which is very unfortunate, since welfare teams of the Joint Distribution Committee have been in Paris for weeks seeking permission to come to such camps as Belsen.

Those men who are most distressed are the Jews from Poland, who do not want to return there, but do not wish to be classified as stateless. The camp administration desired to send all persons who did not wish to return to Poland to the stateless camp

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at Lingen, but thousands refused to declare themselves stateless fearing that they would be doomed to endless world wandering. In preference to that, they indicated they would be willing to return to Poland temporarily. Eventually, 3,000 were permitted to go to Lingen, with the understanding that the question of their status would be left unsettled.

### Sick Jews Ask for Bread; Complain of Inadequate Rations

Joseph Rosensaft, chairman of the camp's Jewish Committee, which was formed only this week, refused to make public a list of the Polish Jews, fearing that they would be declared stateless. Rosensaft also voiced the constant camp complaint that the food rations are inadequate. "When I walk through the hospitals," he told a correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "from every side weak voices whisper 'bread, bread.' I have to go outside and round-up some bread for them." He exhibited two thin slices of bread, comprising the hospital ration. Yet, this ration has been ordered by the medical officers of the camp and the camp commander Major F. T. Hill.

Major Hill a few days ago increased by half the non-hospital bread ration, explaining that he realized that plentiful amounts of bread seem the only real symbol of food to the internees, although their regular diet, he added, already comprises the full 2,000-calory normal diet, and is superior to the average diet of an English civilian in the last five years. The daily diet includes eight ounces of bread, plus six of biscuit, ten of meat, nine of fresh vegetables, nineteen of potatoes, one-half ounce of cheese, one quart of milk, fruit, vitamin tablets and other items. The potato ration is also being raised by one-half.

### Jewish Chaplain Says There Are "Needless Deaths" Since Liberation

Two Jewish chaplains of the British Army provide the only link between the Jewish inmates and world Jewry. They have worked incessantly to reunite families and re-establish communications, but they are unable to cope with the tremendous needs here. Capt. Elisha Hardmann arrived here within a few days after the camp was liberated and helped bury 20,000 in mass graves. He complains of needless deaths since the liberation, declaring "either we save them or we don't. I can't understand why if oranges are needed, planes couldn't bring them. I can't understand why the doctors here are so short-staffed, overworked, and are still unable to cope with the need. Why not bring in more doctors?"

Capt. Michael Etern, the other chaplain, stressed the need for some sort of Jewish liaison group between here and Dachau, Buchenwald and the other camps for interchanging of lists. He also suggests that reunions be arranged in the camps for those finding relatives alive in other camps.

Until this week, the persons who died here were still being buried naked in mass graves. Now, shrouds and grave markers are being arranged. Among those who recently died was Hirsch Liebman, a well-known Zionist from Sosnowitz. Among the survivors are Rabbi Klein from Budapest, Rabbi Helfgot from Yugoslavia and 500 children, of whom 144 are orphans under 16.

The orphans are now being well cared for in a separate nursery. A school has also been started by a Sgt. Declaren, with the assistance of teachers found in the camps. Using five languages, the school will conduct classes in writing, drawing, arithmetic, handicrafts and singing.

Rosensaft, who is a survivor of Oswiecim, said that 600,000 were shot while he was there. Among them was Isaac Bernstein, a JDC representative in Poland, and M. Edelstein, who was a leader of the ghetto community in Theresienstadt before being deported to Poland.

INDIAN MOSLEM LEAGUE DEMANDS RELEASE OF PALESTINE EX-MUFTI; THREATENS UPRISING

PARIS, June 5. (JTA) — The return to Palestine of all deported Arab leaders, suspension of Jewish immigration into Palestine and the proclaiming of Palestine as an independent Arab country was demanded today at a conference of the Palestine Arab Party held in Jerusalem, attended by 3,000 delegates, the Paris radio reports.

The broadcast said that the conference adopted a resolution asking the governments of all Arab countries to support these demands. Another broadcast reported that the newspaper of the All-India Moslem League warned Britain and France not to turn the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, who is now in French custody, unless they want the Middle East to rise up in arms.

The paper was quoted as saying that "if the British desire to prevent the massacre for which the Middle East has been preparing, the Mufti's release must be secured immediately. It would be fatal folly," it continued, "if the British charged him with treason for opposing the policy of Jewish appeasement in Palestine."

PALESTINE RABBIS APPEAL FOR RETURN OF JEWISH CHILDREN SHELTERED IN MONASTERIES

TEL AVIV, June 5. (JTA) — An appeal to the nations of the world "to return to the Jewish people the children and orphans who are now in monasteries and in other Christian institutions throughout Europe," was issued here today at a rabbinical conference attended by more than 500 rabbis and heads of rabbinical institutions of learning.

The conference adopted a resolution recommending the establishment of Jewish religious schools in every town and village in Palestine. It appealed to the Palestine government not to discriminate between religious and non-religious educational institutions.

HISTADRUTH CENTRAL COMMITTEE AGREES TO ADMISSION OF COMMUNISTS

JERUSALEM, June 5. (JTA) — The central committee of the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor, disclosed today that it had no objections to the admission of Communists into the federation.

Its stand was made known in a letter to the central committee of the Palestine Communist Party declaring that it welcomed all Communists who have changed their attitude regarding basic divergences.

Replying, the Communist central committee announced that its members will fight shoulder to shoulder with the Histadruth for the abolition of the White Paper and for the establishment of a Jewish national home.

RUSSIAN PATRIARCH RECEIVES CHIEF RABBIS OF JERUSALEM, HATES SOVIET BAN ON ANTI-SEMITISM

JERUSALEM, June 5. (JTA) — Alexei, Patriarch of all the Russians, who is visiting here, today received Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog and Ben Zion Uziel at an audience for religious leaders of the various communities in Palestine.

Earlier, replying to a question put to him at a press conference, Alexei said that the Russian Church approved and welcomed the Soviet policy of barring all anti-Jewish discrimination in the USSR.

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TRUMAN HITS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT; ASKS PROMPT ACTION ON FEPC BILL

WASHINGTON, June 5. (JTA) — President Truman, in a letter to Chairman Adolph A. Bess of the House Rules Committee, today urged prompt action on legislation setting up a permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission, which has been stalled in the rules committee for many weeks.

"To abandon observance at this time of the firm principle on which the FEPC was established is unthinkable," the President said. He added that "discrimination in matters of employment against properly qualified persons because of race, creed or color is not only un-American in nature, but will lead eventually to industrial strife and unrest."

FRENCH GOVERNMENT OUTLAW GROUPS OBSTRUCTING RETURN OF PROPERTY TO JEWS

PARIS, June 5. (JTA) — Three anti-Semitic organizations which have been organizing demonstrations in Paris to prevent Jews from re-occupying apartments from which they were ejected by the Germans and securing return of their confiscated property, were dissolved today by government decree.

The groups, which had succeeded in barring many Jews from apartments returned to them by court order and which molested Jews who did succeed in reoccupying their homes, were listed in the decree as the Confederation of Tenants of Good Faith, the Renaissance of French Homes and the Union of French Industrial Tradesmen and Artisans.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BRITISH JEWRY LAUD SAN FRANCISCO DECISION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) — The action of the San Francisco conference in approving establishment of a Commission on Human Rights was today termed a "distinct achievement" by the representatives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews who attended the conference. They are A. G. Brotman, secretary of the Board and Councillor Abraham Moss of Manchester.

In a joint statement today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the two representatives of British Jewry declared that although the recent statements by Mr. Stettinius, which are in every respect sympathetic to the universal acceptance of the human rights ideal, do not hold out great hopes of international safeguards and protective action, nevertheless, they felt that substantial progress towards this ideal has been made.

"We participated," said the statement, "with the representatives of the American Jewish Conference and the World Jewish Congress in considering various points in connection with the provision for human rights and we should like in this connection to join, also, in the tributes paid to the fine work done by Judge Joseph M. Froshman, president of the American Jewish Committee, as well as the fruitful endeavors of Mr. Henry Monksky of the American Jewish Conference and others with whom we were glad to be associated." With reference to the trusteeship proposals, the British Jewish representatives declared that "careful scrutiny is needful as to the effect of the proposals on the position of the Jewish people in Palestine and on the Jews at present outside of Palestine who wish to join in the work of building the Jewish National Home."

This is Mr. Brotman's second visit to the United States within a year. The first visit was to further the coordination of policies by influential Jewish bodies throughout the world. Mr. Moss, who is a member of the municipal council of the city of Manchester, and a magistrate of that city, was received by Mayor La Guardia on Friday and also inspected many of New York's municipal and Jewish institutions.

### ANCIENT GALILEAN CITY UNCOVERED BY EXPEDITION OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY, 2,500 YEARS OLD

JERUSALEM, June 5. (JTA) -- Buildings of an ancient city called Beth Yerbesh, which was, apparently, a prosperous market town of Palestine about 2,500 years ago, have been uncovered on the south-western shore of the Sea of Galilee in northern Palestine, it is reported in Davar.

An expedition led by Dr. Benjamin Maisler and Dr. Moshe Stekolis of the Hebrew University has been excavating on the site, since last winter, with funds supplied by the Histadruth and the Jewish National Fund.

### OVERSEAS RELIEF TASKS OUTLINED AT JEWISH SOCIAL WELFARE CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, June 5. (JTA) -- The three-day session of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare concluded here today with a round table on overseas relief in which Louis H. Sobel of the Joint Distribution Committee, who served as chairman of the discussion, outlined the staggering tasks confronting all agencies now providing aid to Europe's starved and destitute millions.

Mr. Sobel laid particular stress on the plight of the Jewish survivors of the Nazi holocaust and outlined briefly the Joint Distribution Committee's broad program which has made possible the survival of many of the remaining European Jews, and which is now maintaining many of the 1,250,000 who are still alive on the continent.

Participating with Mr. Sobel in the discussions were Martha H. Biehle, American resident representative of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, Max Silverstein, liaison officer of the Welfare Division of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, Ilja Dijou of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association, and Aaron B. Tart, executive vice-chairman of the American Ort Federation.

Miss Biehle described the Intergovernmental committee's work in the care of stateless persons, and its program for their resettlement. Mr. Dijou pictured the work of Hicem in the field of emigration and transportation, and Mr. Tart described the vocational and trade training activities of the Ort and its plans for expansion of this work in the near future as an integral part of the relief and rehabilitation task for European Jewry.

### SIDNEY S. COHEN APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BOSTON ASSOCIATED JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES

BOSTON, June 5. (JTA) -- Sidney S. Cohen has been appointed executive director of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Judge Jacob J. Kaplan, president of the organization, announced today. Mr. Cohen succeeds Dr. B. M. Selekman, newly-appointed Louis S. Kirshtein Professor of Labor Relations at Harvard Business School. Dr. Selekman will continue to serve the AJP as consultant.

A member of the administrative staff of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies for the past 15 years, Mr. Cohen is a well-known figure in Jewish social service. Before coming to Boston he served with the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the Brooklyn Federation of Jewish Charities. He has also worked for the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee.