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BRITISH FASCISTS HOPE FOR TROUBLE IN PALESTINE IN ORDER TO EMBARRASS LABOR GOVERNMENT

LONDON, July 29. (JTA) — Fascist groups in Britain are hoping for trouble in Palestine in order to utilize a conflict there for attacks on the new Labor Government, the newspaper *Reynold's News* says today. It reports that the Fascists are attempting to consolidate all dissident groups so as to be ready to cash in on any unpopular move by the Laborites.

Meanwhile, Lord Winterton, former chairman of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, writing today in the *Sunday Chronicle*, declares that the new House of Commons must take action on the future governments of Palestine and India. Winterton, who has been cool to Jewish aspirations in Palestine, writes that only an agreement between the contending religious and racial elements in both countries can assure self-government.

"In default of it," he continues, "there are only two alternatives — British direction and final responsibility for law or order, or a long terrible civil war." The majority of Britons, he adds, want complete self-government for Palestine and India as soon as possible because "they are sick of seeing their country made a whipping boy for mutual hatred of Jews and Arabs, and Hindus and Moslems."

The final tabulation of the election results reveals that twenty-six Jews will sit in the new Commons. Twenty-four of them are Laborites, one is an Independent Conservative and one is a Communist.

Palestine Laborites Ask Attlee to Lift White Paper, Establish Jewish State

JERUSALEM, July 29. (JTA) — The hope that the Attlee Government's first step will be abrogation of the Palestine White Paper policy and establishment of an independent Jewish homeland here is voiced in a cable sent the new Prime Minister by the Histadruth.

The Labor Party's victory, the cable points out, "places upon it a big responsibility for the fate of Britain and the world. It gives the party a decisive influence in the solution of national and international problems."

The press reaction to the Labor sweep was mixed. The left-wing Hebrew papers were enthusiastic, while right-wing organs were somewhat reserved. There has been no official Arab comment, but the first Arab reaction was disappointment. They are particularly unhappy about the defeat of Brig. Gen. Sir Edward Spears, former British minister in Syria, who has been one of the staunchest and most articulate supporters of the Arab cause.

The influential Arab newspaper *Falastin* chose this moment to publish a long memorandum proposing amendments tightening the White Paper land sale restrictions, which would restrict the establishment of new Jewish settlements and allow Arab officials in the land registry office to have supervision over any new transactions.

NETCH GOVT. TO PLACE JEWISH WAR ORPHANS IN CUSTODY OF NON-SECTARIAN BODY, SAYS REPORT

AMSTERDAM, July 29. (JTA) — Jewish circles here are alarmed by a report that the Ministry of Justice is preparing to issue a decree placing all war orphans in the custody of a non-sectarian child welfare agency established by the resistance groups, which, the Jews charge, has refused to reveal the location of children under its care to their relatives.

Of a group of Jewish children repatriated six weeks ago, most were placed in private homes, but fifty-two were sent to a hostel in the town of Laren. A medical examination of this group disclosed that 29 were suffering from tuberculosis. Since there is not a single sanatorium for tuberculars remaining in Holland and since Switzerland will not admit persons suffering from the disease, 19 of the children in whom the infection is in a contagious stage have been placed temporarily in an abandoned Jewish home for the aged.

PLAN ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL FEDERATION OF CZECH JEWISH COMMUNITIES

PRAGUE, July 29. (JTA) — Preparations have been completed for the establishment of a central organization which would take in all the Jews of Bohemia and Moravia, it was announced today. A conference of Jewish community councils will be held here next month to set up the new group.

Community councils have already been established in fifteen towns in the two provinces, although in some cases the Jewish population hardly exceeds ten persons. Jews have returned to other towns, but many are constantly shifting their residences and the entire situation is still unsettled.

Because many surviving and returning Jews have not yet registered, it is difficult to estimate the exact number of Jews in Bohemia and Moravia today, but it is not believed that there are more than 10,000. Of these, about twenty-five percent are "non-professing" Jews.

SURVIVING RABBIS OF RUMANIA, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY WILL MEET IN BUCHAREST

BUCHAREST, July 29. (JTA) — A conference of the surviving rabbis of Eastern Europe, including those in Rumania, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary has been called by the Chief Rabbinate here. It will open on August 26.

About 35,000 Rumanian Jews have been repatriated from the sections of the Soviet Union to which they were deported by the Germans, according to statistics released here today. Over 15,000 had been brought back from "Transnistria" by the end of January of this year, and since then 19,000 who come from Bukovina, Moldavia and Transylvania have been repatriated to southern Bukovina, northern Moldavia and to Transylvania. Most of these repatriates are destitute and 16,000 have applied to the Joint Distribution Committee here for assistance, which is being given them.

U.S. COMMUNIST PARTY ASKS JEWISH NATIONAL HOMELAND IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) — Abrogation of the White Paper and development of a Jewish national home in Palestine "in collaboration with the Arab people" was urged last night in a resolution adopted at the closing session of a special convention of the Communist Party of the United States.

The resolution also demanded the outlawing of anti-Semitism, which it described as "one of the most pernicious and damaging elements of fascist ideologies."

NCRAC AND COUNCIL OF FEDERATIONS DEVELOP PLAN TO FOSTER COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- A six-point program designed to assist Jewish communities in organizing and developing public relations activities has been adopted by the Committee on Community Consultation of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, it was announced today.

Under this program the NCRAC will endeavor to inform local communities of the facilities available to them through all national agencies and, upon request made to the NCRAC, will undertake an investigation to determine the structure and type of public relations program which is deemed best suited to the needs of the particular community.

This service will be made available to all Jewish communities in the United States whether or not they are affiliated with the NCRAC. David Sher, chairman of the organization, announced that an agreement had been reached between the NCRAC Committee on Community Consultation and the Committee on Local Community Organization of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds through which it is hoped that the new service will be made more readily available to all communities seeking assistance in the public relations field.

ORT SENDS TOOLS FOR ARTISANS AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL EQUIPMENT TO JEWS IN POLAND

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- A second shipment of five tons of machines and tools, including sewing machines, tools for artisans and equipment for vocational schools, has been shipped by the ORT, through UNRRA, to Poland, in answer to appeals from Dr. Emil Sommerstein, chairman of the Central Jewish Committee of Poland, according to an announcement by Dr. David Lvovitch, vice-president of the World ORT Union.

Acknowledgment of the first shipment sent in February was received from Herbert H. Lehman, Director General of the UNRRA, who wrote, "You will be glad to know, with us, that we have received a reply from the Prime Minister, M. Osobka-Morawski, accepting your gift and requesting that his gratitude be expressed to the ORT Federation." This shipment also totalled five tons. The tools, intended for shoemakers, carpenters, electricians and masons, are all new, and were manufactured expressly for Polish-Jewish artisans by the ORT school in Montreal.

An additional request from Dr. Sommerstein and Pawel Zelicki, secretary of the Central Jewish Committee of Poland, has resulted in plans for shipments of leather and textiles, to be sent by the ORT to Jewish tailors and shoemakers. The two shipments already sent included more than 100 tailors' model sewing machines.

JEWISH ORGANIZATION IN PARIS PURCHASE HOME TO HOUSE ORPHANS AND DEPORTEES

PARIS, July 29. (JTA) -- Purchase by the "Volksverband," of a building which will house Jewish orphans and returning deportees was announced today by Marc Jarblum, President of the Federation of Jewish Societies. The home will be named after Mr. Jarblum's wife, Anna, who died recently.

Several Jewish organizations here have pledged funds to finance the home's activities, but M. Jarblum expressed the hope that Jewish groups in the United States, particularly the Jewish National Workers Alliance, would also contribute to its upkeep.