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POTSDAM AGREEMENT ABOLISHES ALL ANTI-JEWISH LAWS IN GERMANY; PROVIDES EQUAL RIGHTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (JTA)--Leaders of all major Jewish organizations today hailed the decisions of the "Big Three" at the Potsdam Conference which, among other things, provide for the complete abolition of the Nazi racial laws and which ensure rights for all citizens of Germany irrespective of race, nationality, or religion.

The text of the tripartite agreement on the political principles to govern the treatment of Germany in the initial control period, contains a clause reading: "All Nazi laws which provided the basis of the Hitler regime or established discrimination on the grounds of race, creed, or political opinion shall be abolished. No such discriminations, whether legal administrative or otherwise, shall be tolerated."

Another clause in the agreement dealing with the establishment of a judicial system in Germany reads: "The judicial system will be reorganized in accordance with the principles of democracy, of justice under law, and of equal rights for all citizens without distinction of race, nationality or religion."

RUMANIA ORDERS RETURN OF ALL JEWISH PROPERTY INCLUDING THAT SOLD UNDER DURESS

BUCHAREST, Aug. 5. (JTA)--The Ministry of Justice today issued a decree ordering the return to Jews of land, houses, factories or shops taken from them since August, 1940 by former pro-German regimes.

The decree specified that sales to non-Jews which were made under duress and transfers of property made for the sole purpose of hiding Jewish ownership are also null and void.

JEWISH LEADERS FROM POLAND EN-ROUTE TO LONDON; FIRST DELEGATES TO OUTSIDE WORLD

LONDON Aug. 5. (JTA)--The Lublin radio today reported that Dr. Emil Sommerstein and Abraham Berman, two leaders of the Jews in liberated Poland, who were active in the Zionist movement before the outbreak of the war, are en-route to London. The British Foreign Office confirmed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the two are due to arrive in London within a few days.

The Zionist Review, official British Zionist organ, today took issue with the proposal by the Manchester Guardian that a small Jewish state be established in a partitioned Palestine, thus solving the Palestine problem. The publication emphasized that Palestine has already been partitioned twice and that the Jewish Agency will not agree to any plan which involves further partition of the country.

BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZES EMIGRATION OF JEWS TO PALESTINE

SOFIA, Aug. 5. (JTA)--The Bulgarian Government announced today that Jews desiring to emigrate to Palestine will be permitted to do so, with the proviso that they declare officially before leaving that they have no family obligations and are leaving the country as an emigrants.

WORLD ZIONIST CONFERENCE WARNED AGAINST "BACKDOOR DIPLOMACY" IN FIGHT FOR PALESTINE

LONDON, Aug. 3. (JTA)--The use of "backdoor diplomacy" in the struggle for Jewish rights in Palestine was strongly condemned today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, co-chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, addressing a closed session of the World Zionist Conference.

"Whatever the situation is, we must clearly state our aims and not use round-about methods," Dr. Silver said. He paid tribute to the efforts of the World Zionist Executive, which, he said, were made against terrible odds during the last six years, and emphasized that in expressing disagreement, he was not assailing those at the helm of the world Zionist movement.

The American delegation, Dr. Silver stressed, came to the World Zionist Conference united. He lauded the services of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise to the cause of American Zionism and added that whatever the differences between him and Dr. Wise regarding methods of work, the Zionist movement in the United States remains unshaken.

"We have heard Dr. Weizmann warning us not to have too much confidence in government leaders," Dr. Silver told the delegates. "I said it in 1944 at the convention of the Zionist Organization of America. But then the executive and its officers were insisting on our putting all our trust in Roosevelt and in Churchill. Now Churchill is out, and Roosevelt is unfortunately dead. We are more hopeful regarding the Labor Government, but that is because of the public stand which the Labor Party has taken with regard to the Palestine issue and not because we base our hopes on our personal relations with this or that politician, however important he may be."

"Refugeeism" Must Not Be Substituted for Zionism, Silver Insists

Dr. Silver praised David Ben-Gurion's recognition of the fact that the victory of the Labor Party in England does not automatically mean a Zionist victory, and, therefore, the Zionist demands must be pressed as vigorously as ever.

"We must fight against anti-Zionism from the right as well as from the left," he urged. "Beware of refugeeism as a substitute for Zionism! We must save the Jewish remnants, but the two things are complementary and do not cancel out each other."

Meir Grossman, leader of the Jewish State Party, demanded the resignation of the present World Zionist Executive. He severely criticized the policy of the executive and urged that the Small Zionist Actions Committee elect a new executive.

Dr. Wise, speaking today at a reception given by the Zionist Federation of Great Britain to the conference delegates, said that "American Jews do not want any quarrel with England" and that they believe in England's ability to redeem the pledges given to the Jews in the Balfour Declaration. Other speakers included Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Rabbi James Heller, chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

PALESTINE ARABS FORM UNIFIED REPRESENTATIVE BODY AT MEETING WITH EMIR ABDULLAH

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (JTA)--A supreme representative body of Palestine Arabs has been formed at a conference of Arab leaders in Amman with Emir Abdullah of Trans-Jordan, it was announced here today.

This marks the first time since before the war that the conflicting groups within the Arab community of Palestine have been able to unite in a single body.

BRITISH PRIME MINISTER APPOINTS PRO-ZIONIST LABORITE AS COLONIAL MINISTER

LONDON, Aug. 3. (JTA)--George Henry Hall, formerly parliamentary Under-Secretary for Colonies, who is known to be pro-Zionist, was today appointed by Prime Minister Attlee to the post of Colonial Secretary.

Hall voted against the Government in the debates on the White Paper in May and July, 1939, as well as against the ordinance restricting Jewish land purchase in Palestine. He was also one of the participants in the Bermuda Conference on refugees held in 1943, where he represented the British Government as Under-Secretary of the Admiralty.

Emmanuel Shimmwell, Jewish labor member of Parliament since 1922, was appointed Minister of Fuel and Power. He served as financial secretary of the War Office from June 1929 to June 1930.

Prof. Harold Laski, chairman of the Labor Party executive, in an article written for the Overseas News Agency, today expressed regret that the Potsdam conference had not "given some word of comfort to the Jews."

FEWER THAN 10,000 SURVIVE OF 234,000 JEWS DEPORTED FROM WESTERN EUROPE, U.S. ARMY SAYS

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, Aug. 3. (JTA)--Fewer than 10,000 of the 234,000 Jews deported to Germany and Poland from France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Norway during the Nazi occupation have returned to their homelands, according to the first statistical review on the subject prepared by U.S. military authorities.

It appears from the review, which was released today, that fewer than five percent of the deportees are still alive. It said: "Although a few additional Jews and political deportees may still be uncovered in hospitals and other places in Germany, the difference between the two sets of figures represents approximately the number of French, Belgian, Dutch and Norwegian racial and political deportees who died at Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, Sachsenhausen, Nordhausen, Dachau, Buchenwald, and other Nazi murder camps."

Political deportees fared somewhat better than Jews, the report points out, disclosing that of 163,000 deported for political reasons, 39,000 have been repatriated. It then continues: "With respect to racial deportees, the figures indicate that the Nazi policy was to deport Jews from the occupied countries and then exterminate them. The physical condition of the repatriated Jews is bad on the whole, and it was necessary to bring most of them home in hospital trains or special convoys."

STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES SIGNING OF LEND-LEASE PACT WITH IRAQ

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (JTA)--The State Department today announced the signing of an agreement between the governments of the United States and Iraq under which lend-lease aid will be given to Iraq on the same basis as to other countries which declared war against the Axis.

YIP FRANKFURTER DUE IN PALESTINE AS IMMIGRANT; ARRIVING WITH GROUP OF REFUGEES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3. (JTA)--David Frankfurter, Yugoslav Jewish student who was released recently from a Swiss jail where he served nine years for assassinating Wilhelm Gustloff, a Nazi leader, will arrive here the middle of this month, it was reported today. He is among a group of refugees en route from Switzerland to Palestine, the report said.

ALL PRINCIPAL JEWISH GROUPS CAN SEND LIAISON MEN TO GERMANY , WAR DEPT. ANNOUNCES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (JTA)--A spokesman for the War Department said today that authorization to send representatives to Germany to act as liaison officers between the U.S. military authorities and stateless and other Jews still held in camps, will be given to all principal Jewish organizations, and is not limited to any one group.

"However, it is up to UNRRA to decide which groups are going, who is to be represented, and how many representatives they are to have," he added. The War Department, he explained, decides only whether the individuals selected to go are satisfactory to the military authorities. The rest is up to UNRRA.

UNRRA headquarters here told the JTA today that details have not yet been worked out, but that it is now considering applications from several organizations.

RELATIONS BETWEEN JEWISH LABOR AND EMPLOYERS THREATEN PALESTINE GROWTH, SAYS APPEAL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3. (JTA)--The present relations between Jewish labor and industry in Palestine threaten the continued prosperity of the country and is hampering industrial development, the Jewish Industrialists Association charged today in a cable to the World Zionist Conference in London.

The cable urged that the conference empower the Jewish Agency to introduce compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes. Labor groups have been opposed to such a proposal.

Meanwhile, spokesmen for demobilized Jewish soldiers expressed the hope today that the London parley would demand that the Palestine Government make available for settlement by veterans all waste and government land in the country.

LEWIS STRAUSS PROMOTED TO RANK OF COMMODORE IN U.S. NAVAL RESERVE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3. (JTA)--Lewis Strauss of New York, active in Jewish affairs before the outbreak of the war, and now on active duty in the United States Naval Reserve, has been promoted to the rank of commodore, it was reported here today.

Commodore Strauss' present assignment is as special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy and Navy member of the Army and Navy Munitions Board. He also is special assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

He entered the Naval Reserve in 1926 as a lieutenant commander. He has received the Legion of Merit from the Navy and an Oak Leaf cluster in lieu of a second Legion of Merit from the Army.

WIDOW OF SOL M. STROOK BEQUEATHS GIFTS TO NUMEROUS JEWISH INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 3. (JTA)--Twenty-one charitable, educational and religious institutions, many of them Jewish, were named as legatees by Mrs. Hilda W. Strook, widow of the late Jewish leader Sol M. Strook, in her will filed yesterday in Surrogate's Court here.

Among the beneficiaries are the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Montefiore Hospital for Chronic Diseases, the American Jewish Committee, the Joint Distribution Committee, the National Refugee Service, the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the Jewish Welfare Board, and the Young Men's Hebrew Association.

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