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U.S. FAVORS JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE IF IT CAN BE ESTABLISHED PEACEABLY, TRUMAN SAYS

WASHINGTON, August 16. (JTA) — The United States Government took a position at the Potsdam Conference of the "Big Three" in favor of a National Jewish State in Palestine if it could be peaceably established and maintained, President Truman today told a press conference. He added that he did not wish to contemplate the sending of 500,000 soldiers to maintain such a State.

Confirming that he had discussed the Palestine question with former Prime Minister Churchill and with Prime Minister Attlee, President Truman said that the discussions were continuing. He emphasized that the Palestine issue had not been discussed with Marshal Joseph Stalin.

The American view, the President stated, was that we wanted to let as many Jews as possible in to Palestine, and that the matter will be diplomatically worked out with the British and the Arabs.

The President's statement today was interpreted in various circles as an official denunciation of the British White Paper which closes the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration. It was emphasized that this is the first time that the United States Government has gone so far.

London Times Suggests Partition of Palestine; Says Action is Urgent

LONDON, August 16. (JTA) — The partition of Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states, with the holy places separated from both, is urged by the London Times in the longest editorial ever carried by the newspaper on Palestine.

The paper argues that no one successfully disputed the original recommendation of the Royal Commission to have Palestine partitioned. It then goes on to emphasize that "urgent action" on the part of the new British Government is the only hope of avoiding serious trouble in the Middle East.

"Only the partitioning of Palestine can reconcile the growth of the Jewish National Home whose destiny shall be entirely under Jewish control with the right of the Arab community to secure the pursuit of its own national political development," the London Times writes. It points out that the instituting of territorial limitations within Palestine for the Jewish National Home "would enable it to develop into an international state without the hostility of the Arab population."

The article goes on to suggest that the Jewish State which will not fall into the Jewish State may eventually be merged with the Arab State on a federative basis. "Britain is endeavoring to maintain peace and cooperation between Jews and Arabs

and is entitled to expect from her Allies, whether West or East, recognition of the honesty of her purpose and appreciation of the difficulties involved," the editorial declares. "This is essential for the successful accomplishment of international security."

Discussing the declarations issued by the World Zionist Conference, the London Times says: "There can scarcely be a limit to the reparations which the civilized world owes to the Jewish people so grievously wronged." At the same time the article emphasizes that the British policy with regard to Palestine is a "vulnerable joint in her Middle Eastern armor through which arrows of Axis propaganda shrewdly struck, as shown by the seditious activities of the ex-Mufti."

SILVER, WISE NAMED TO WORLD ZIONIST EXECUTIVE; BOARD DESIGNATED FOR U.S. ACTIVITIES

LONDON, August 16. (JTA) 9- The Zionist Actions Committee concluded its session today electing Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise as members of the World Zionist Executive.

The political activities of the Jewish Agency in the United States will henceforth be charged to a Board of eight composed of Dr. Silver, Dr. Wise, Louis Lipsky and Nahum Goldmann, the four members of the executive, and four representatives of the various Zionist groups in America with Hayim Greenberg designated as representative of the Zionist laborites, Dr. Israel Goldstein representing the Zionist Organization of America, Leon Gellman representing the American Mizrahi organization, and Rose Halpern acting as Hadassah representative.

Other Zionist leaders elected to the executive in addition to Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise are: Berl Locker, laborite, Dr. M. Kleinbaum, general Zionist, Dr. Joseph Barth, Mizrahist, and Bernard Joseph, legal adviser of the Jewish Agency. Eliahu Dobkin and M. Shapiro were similarly promoted to full membership in the executive. The Mizrahi delegation announced today that it had decided to withdraw its resignation from the World Zionist Executive.

Leaders of the Zionist Revisionist Party today admitted that they had conferred in London with Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and other Zionist personalities, but they denied a report that an agreement had been reached for the re-entry of the Zionist Revisionists in the ranks of World Zionist Organization.

A World Conference of Christian Zionists will be held in Washington in November, it was announced here today. The conference will be convened by Senator Wagner of New York, Sir Windham Deedes of London, and Prof. Rappard of Geneva.

JEWISH BRIGADE UNITS STATIONED IN GERMAN CITY OF LUEBECK, VIENNA RADIO REPORTS

VIENNA, August 16. (JTA) -- The Vienna radio today reported that units of the Jewish Brigade arrived in the German city of Luebeck and will be stationed there as part of the British occupation forces.

(In Jerusalem it was announced today by the Palestine Government that special broadcasts will be beamed to the units of the Jewish Brigade over the Palestine radio station beginning with October.)

BRITAIN SENDS AIRPLANES TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO BRING JEWISH ORPHANS TO ENGLAND

PRAGUE, August 16. (JTA) -- Twenty-one British airplanes landed today at a Prague airfield. They will be utilized to transport 300 Jewish orphans from Theresienstadt to England, the Prague radio announced.

REPATRIATED JEWS FLEE FROM POLAND BACK TO CAMPS; CANNOT STAND ANTI-JEWISH TERROR

FEIDAFING, Germany, August 16: (JTA) -- Polish Jews liberated from the German concentration camps in Oswiecim and Dachau and repatriated to their home town in Poland arrived here stating that they prefer to be in the Feidafing camp which is under American military supervision rather than remain in Poland where a wave of anti-Jewish terror is raging.

More than a dozen of these Jews joined in describing the Polish terrors to the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. After spending about two weeks in Poland they decided to return to the Feidafing camp from which they had been repatriated. They told the correspondent, One of them, Joseph Grabczak, related that upon his arrival to Lodz, he saw at the railway station large signs "We Want Poland for the Poles. Go Back, Jews." As the evening hours approached, Poles waylaid Jewish pedestrians, beating them and using knives upon them. Grabczak also told of reading a report in a Polish newspaper that 185 Jewish repatriates, men women and children, were massacred one night in a Polish village.

"The Polish civilian administration," he said, "is hostile to the returning Jews and is outspokenly anti-Semitic. Those of the repatriated Jews who have no relatives to give them shelter, must sleep on park benches or in the street. Factories do not employ Jewish workers. The Russians, whenever meeting with Jews liberated from German concentration camps, are displaying sympathy and are helping with food." Grabczak's report was corroborated by Moses Krascutsky, a 15-year-old orphan, who returned from Poland after spending two weeks in Lodz and Warsaw.

J.D.C. LEGALIZED IN WARSAW; 150,000 JEWS WILL BE REPATRIATED FROM RUSSIA TO POLAND

LONDON, August 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish delegation from Poland headed by Dr. Emil Sommerstein today reported that the American Joint Distribution Committee has been permitted by the Polish Government in Warsaw to resume its relief activities and that the Polish authorities registered the J.D.C. officially as a body authorized to conduct relief activities.

The delegation conferred in London with J.D.C. representatives on questions concerning relief in Poland. Members of the delegation lauded the J.D.C. for the aid given to the Jews during the occupation period and paid tribute to the J.D.C. representatives who died at their posts in Poland at the time.

Emphasizing that the entire J.D.C. staff in Poland was exterminated by the Germans, except M. Guzik, one of its directors, members of the delegation reported that as soon as Guzik emerged from hiding, he resumed the J.D.C. relief activities in liberated Poland and is now fully cooperating with the Central Committee of Polish Jews in Lublin. The majority of the 80,000 Jewish survivors in Poland are in urgent need of relief from abroad, although so far they have received substantial assistance from the Government, the delegation said.

In addition to the 80,000 Jews now in Poland, the transfer of at least 150,000 Polish Jews from Russian territory to Poland will start next month, the delegation revealed. It is expected that the repatriation of these Jews will be completed in January. This, the delegation pointed out, is bound to create additional problems.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS AND LAY LEADERS EXPRESS HOPE THAT PEACE WILL BRING A MORE JUST WORLD.

NEW YORK, August 16. (JTA) — Services of thanksgiving for victory and prayers for the future peace of the world were held in synagogues throughout the city following the official announcement by President Truman of the end of the war with Japan. Sermons by rabbis, generally dwelt on the theme of a more just world arising in the years of reconstruction ahead. The Synagogue Council of America issued a message urging that "V-J Day be a day of great outpouring of charity."

Henry Monsky, president of the B'nai B'rith in a statement hailing the victory of the United Nations, emphasized the far-reaching tasks of reconversion at home and rehabilitation abroad.

"The American Jewry, which mobilized all its resources and manpower in the years of war and made a proud contribution to victory, has the additional post-war responsibility of helping restore the shattered Jewish communities of Europe. It must help them back to health and vitality. It must give them a chance for normal living and hope for the future," Mr. Monsky said.

Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, in a statement issued, urged the need of strengthening the inner unity of the nation. "The total victory over the Axis powers ushers in," said Dr. Slawson, "a new era of world peace in which the forces of democracy and justice will be called upon to build a system based on friendship and cooperation among all nations and peoples. The victory of American democracy against its external enemies is a challenge to us all to strengthen the nation's unity against attempts to divide the various religions and groups that compose the United States — all of whom have contributed to America's power in these fateful years."

"The task of rebuilding now begins," the statement continued. "Jews, who have been among the greatest sufferers of the powers of evil and darkness, are pledged to do their utmost in the reconstruction and in the promotion of a world order which shall assure, in the words of the United Nations Charter, the 'realization of human rights and basic freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language and religion.'"

Judge Morris Rothenberg, chairman of the Interim Committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council, called for the immediate reconstitution of Palestine as a Jewish homeland in his statement. "The Jewish people," said Judge Rothenberg, whose agony during these many years of war and aggression is unparalleled in the history of human misery, must share in the victory for which it sacrificed and worked so unstintingly. Our just demands for the rebuilding of our shattered national existence in Palestine should receive the full moral and material support of the United Nations.

"There should be an end to delay and vacillation. The Jewish tragedy in Europe continues unabated, and immediate action must be taken by the principal Allies in this war for man's freedom, else the chief victims of our common enemy shall again be condemned to a life of insecurity and persecution. Palestine must be reconstituted as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth and the doors of their ancient Homeland should be opened wide to the Jewish people. For this countless numbers of Jews have worked and died, and for this we will continue to strive unrelentingly."

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, through their national commander, Archie H. Greenberg, expressed the hope that the United Nations Charter of San Francisco will achieve the international organization for permanent peace.