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ROMAN SEEKS FAIR TREATMENT OF JEWS EVERYWHERE TO LESSEN PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22. (JTA) — President Truman qualified his recent statement on Palestine in a conference in the White House yesterday with Rep. Adolph J. Sabath, the latter told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Representative Sabath said that the President assured him of his deep interest in the welfare of the Jewish people and that he was trying to secure fair, just and equitable treatment for them everywhere in the world.

Such fair treatment, when it prevails, the President told Rep. Sabath, might be expected to lessen the pressure for Jewish emigration to Palestine and would make unnecessary the tremendous effort to transport large numbers there.

Rep. Sabath also declared that the President had expressed concern over the trouble in store by reason of Arab opposition to Jewish immigration to Palestine, but, at the same time, he is still trying to enlarge opportunities for immigration there. "The President is working at it both ways," Sabath said.

Asked whether there had been any Arab communication to the President after his recent statement on Palestine, Rep. Sabath said he did not know, but he assumed that the President knew how the Arabs felt.

UNITED NATIONS AUTHORIZED TO CURB ANTI-JEWISH PERSECUTIONS IN ANY COUNTRY, ATTLEE REPORTS

LONDON, Aug. 22. (JTA) — Under the provisions of the United Nations Charter adopted at San Francisco, action can be taken against any state which persecutes its Jewish nationals, Prime Minister Attlee today told the House of Commons.

Asked whether he considered that the charter empowered the United Nations to intervene when some state embarked, for example, on persecution of Jews under the pretext that it was an internal matter, the Prime Minister replied affirmatively.

Earlier, Attlee refused to give the Commons any details on his consultations at Potsdam with President Truman regarding the Palestine problem. He also declined to answer a question as to whether he would consider the establishment of a small impartial Anglo-American commission to examine on the spot the Palestine question and present a joint report to the respective governments.

"I am at present not in a position to make any statement on this matter," he said. The question was put to Attlee by Capt. Marples, one of the new members of the House. At the same time, the Prime Minister promised to make a statement on the Palestine issue "as soon as we have time to consider the matter." This promise was made after a question by Lord Winterton, who is known for his pro-Arab sentiments.

The question asked by Lord Winterton was as follows: "In view of the perturbation caused in Arab countries by statements of some government members and by un-

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founded rumors that His Majesty's Government is friendlier to Jews than to Arabs because of its present composition, will the Prime Minister care to make a statement soon, particularly since a serious situation is developing."

In answering that a government statement will be forthcoming as soon as the cabinet can find time to consider the Palestine issue, Prime Minister Attlee emphasized that in the meantime he hopes that the unfounded rumors will be contradicted.

SILVER HOPES U.S.-BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS ON PALESTINE WILL NOT BE PROTRACTED

PLYMOUTH, Mass. Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The hope that the negotiations on Palestine between the governments of the United States and Britain "will not be long protracted" and that the Jewish Agency will be made a party to them, was expressed here today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, leader of the American Zionist movement, in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Dr. Silver, who played a leading role at the World Zionist Conference which concluded in London last week, said that there need be no fear about the necessity of sending 500,000 American soldiers, or any fraction of that number, to keep the peace in Palestine.

"Palestine has been a center of tension for so long just because no clear, firm and sustained decision backed by an unwavering authority was ever made," Dr. Silver said. "The Arabs were encouraged to believe that a threat of violence will always succeed in preventing the implementation of the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate. Palestine is no exception to the many areas of political rivalry and tension in the post-war world concerning which decisions are being made today by the great powers of the world, which they are resolved to back up with their prestige and authority. The Jewish rights in Palestine cannot be made dependent on Arab consent. The Jewish problem is not an Arabian, but a world problem."

Commenting on the results of the World Zionist Conference, Dr. Silver said: "The conference defined afresh in unmistakable terms the classic Zionist position and committed all Zionist officials to strict adherence to it. It was realized that there can be no thought of extremists or moderates in the conduct of the movement. The conference revealed fundamental agreement, and such differences as did exist were quickly resolved once the political decisions were adopted."

Palestine Arabs Continue To Attack Truman's Statement; Ask End of Mandate

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Resolutions urging the British Government to immediately surrender its mandate over Palestine and to proclaim it an independent country, and protesting the recent statement on Palestine by President Truman were adopted at a meeting here today of the executive committee of the Palestine Arab Party. The party is led by the Hussein family, of which the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem is a prominent member. The committee also urged a meeting of the Arab League to discuss the Palestine problem.

Meanwhile, the Arab and the Jewish press continue to duel over the Truman statement. The Arab papers charge that it contained "inconsistencies" and embarrassed Britain by asking it to swerve from its established policy. Davar, leading Hebrew daily, today says that "the Arab press' great confusion and anger concerning Truman's statement indicates the importance the Arab public attaches to it."

SLOVAK JEWS ASK GOVERNMENT ACT TO RESTORE RIGHTS AND PROPERTY DENIED THEM

PRAGUE, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- A memorandum urging the restoration of property and rights taken from the Jews of Slovakia by the former pro-Nazi regime has been presented to the chairman of the Slovak National Council, autonomous parliament of the Slovakian section of Czechoslovakia, the Bratislava radio said today.

It reports that the memorandum was submitted by a delegation representing the Association of Jewish Religious Communities in Slovakia, which was assured by the council chairman that the problem of restoration of rights would be solved. The Jewish representatives, the broadcast added, expressed the desire of the Jewish population to participate in the economic and social reconstruction of the country as citizens equipped with equal rights.

BOMBS THROWN INTO GERMAN-OWNED HOTEL IN JERUSALEM; OWNER URGED TO LEAVE PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Two bombs were thrown into the Applinger Hotel here Monday evening by unidentified persons, the police announced today. The hotel is owned by a German recently released from internment in Palestine.

Leaflets urging the public to boycott the hotel and protesting the release of the interned Germans were distributed outside the building's entrance. They also demanded that the owner, a Mrs. Applinger, leave the country. A seventeen-year-old Jewish girl, Malka Strassburger, was arrested when some of the leaflets were found on her.

Meanwhile, unidentified assassins murdered Joseph Davidescu, a resident of the colony of Zichron Jacob. Ten shots were fired into Davidescu's body through a window as he sat at home talking to a neighbor. The local press says that Davidescu was formerly connected with military intelligence.

JEWISH YOUTHS IN BULGARIA CONTRIBUTE SUNDAY LABOR TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

SOFIA, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Jewish youths affiliated with the Hechalutz movement have contributed 3,500 work days in recent weeks to step up the mining of coal and to increase agricultural production, it was announced today.

The extra work has been performed by 100 Chalutzim who have organized themselves into Sunday Labor Brigades. Their efforts are reported to have favorably impressed villagers who had been assured by the Nazis that the Jews were not capable of agricultural labor.

180 GREEK JEWS LEAVE UNRRA CAMP IN PALESTINE TO RETURN TO HOMELAND

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22, (JTA) -- One-eighty Jews were among 2,000 Greeks who left an UNRRA camp near Gaza yesterday to return to their homeland. They are traveling by sea.

AMERICAN KEREN HAYESOD SENDS \$1,000,000 TO PALESTINE FOR RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The American Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) today sent the first million dollar check in its 25 years of activity to Palestine, according to a statement by Sol Reiter, of Newburgh, N. Y., its acting president. Mr. Reiter announced that this represented a partial payment on the 1945 collections in the United States. The money will be spent for reconstruction work.

LARGE CONTINGENT OF JEWS ARRIVES IN ITALY FROM SWITZERLAND EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE

ROME, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- A contingent of 705 Hungarian Jewish refugees arrived here today from Switzerland en route to Palestine. An additional 150 are due tomorrow. They are part of the group released from the Bergen Belsen camp in Germany prior to the Nazi collapse as a result of the efforts of Jewish groups in Switzerland.

Most of the refugees, among whom are twenty infants and many children, appear healthy as a result of the treatment they have received in the six months since their release by the Germans. The bulk of them are young people, although there are a few elderly persons, some of whom are ill. According to present plans, they will embark for Palestine at Bari or Taranto.

A minor incident occurred when the train carrying the transport paused at Rimini. An impromptu parade organized by the refugees encountered German prisoners who were working on the railroad. British troops guarding the Nazis apparently feared that the Jews might attack the Germans, but according to a JDC representative who is accompanying the emigrants, they restricted themselves to flinging a few harsh words at the Nazis.

PALESTINE REPRESENTATIVES IN GREECE LAUD J.D.C. COOPERATION IN WELFARE ACTIVITIES

ATHENS, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Jacob Chernovitz, a representative of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and Elihu Shachnai, a representative of the Palestine Red Mogen David, which is providing medical assistance for Jews here, today issued a joint statement lauding the cooperation of the American Joint Distribution Committee "in carrying out a total welfare program for Greek and stateless Jews in Greece."

"Two Hachshara centers established by the Zionist organization here for seventy-five Jewish youths are being maintained by the Joint Distribution Committee," the statement said. "Similar cooperation is given by the J.D.C. representative here in activities concerning education, child welfare and emigration to Palestine. The J.D.C. established the first Greek Jewish orphanage and is giving basic assistance to returning Jewish deportees. It also finances the Athens Jewish medical dispensary and provides regular minimum assistance to at least 6,000 Greek Jews, as well as to 90 needy Jewish university students."

The statement emphasizes that the J.D.C. maintains the religious personnel of the Jewish communities in Greece and has established loan institution to grant small credits to Jews for rehabilitation. It also finances a cooperative Jewish restaurant in Salonika where 350 Jews receive hot meals daily for ten cents per meal.

(In New York, the Joint Distribution Committee today reported that seventy-five tons of special foodstuffs and medical supplies have been furnished by the organization to needy Jews in Hungary, Rumania and Vienna. Twenty-eight tons of medical supplies, surgical instruments and essential foods have been sent from Sweden to the Jews in Czechoslovakia.)

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