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BRITISH DIPLOMATS IN ARAB COUNTRIES SUMMONED TO LONDON; DECISION ON PALESTINE EXPECTED

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) — A decision on the future of Palestine will be taken by the British Government in the near future it was indicated here today following an official announcement last night by the Foreign Office which revealed that British diplomats in Arab countries have been summoned to London in connection with the situation in the Middle East. Lord Gort, Palestine's High Commissioner, has been in England for some time.

A spokesman for the Foreign Office, elaborating on the official announcement, said that the question of Arab-Jewish relations will be one of the major items at the discussions which Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin will hold with the diplomats. Another major subject of discussion will be British oil interests in the countries of the Middle and Near East.

At the same time, it was learned here today that Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, secretary general of the Arab League, will soon arrive in London and will present to the British Government the Arab viewpoint with regard to Palestine. He will be authorized to speak in behalf of all Arab states represented in the League.

The diplomats ordered to London include the ambassadors and ministers from Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Saudi-Arabia, Syria and Lebanon. Simultaneously with the announcement of their expected arrival in England, it was also announced that preliminary work has been started in Iraq on a 580-mile pipeline between Kirkuk to Haifa.

Palestine Question Will Be Solved Soon, Arabian Foreign Minister Says

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) — Prince Feisal of Saudi-Arabia today declared at a press conference in Alexandria that during his recent visit in London he was told that responsible authorities in Britain believe that the Palestine question will be settled very soon.

"This question should have been settled long ago," the Arab prince said. He expressed the hope that "an agreement will shortly be reached." Prince Feisal is en route to Saudi-Arabia after attending the San Francisco Conference and spending some time in England, in his capacity as Saudi-Arabian foreign minister.

A delegation of Palestine Arab citrus growers left for London yesterday and were followed by a Jewish delegation today. They will hold joint discussions with the British Government on measures to revive the citrus industry in Palestine as well as the granting of government loans to Arab and Jewish growers. The delegation expects to remain in London for about six weeks during which time it will seek to market 5,000,000 cases of fruit.

BENES SAYS ANTI-SEMITISM IN SLOVAKIA WILL BE CURED; EMIGRATION OF JEWS PERMITTED

SLIAC, Czechoslovakia, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak Government is taking steps to prevent ill-treatment of Jews in Slovakia, President Eduard Benes yesterday told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent who interviewed him in this mountain resort where he is vacationing. At the same time, he emphasized that all Jews who wish to leave the country will be allowed to emigrate.

"We do not hide the fact that a kind of anti-Semitism exists in Slovakia," Mr. Benes said. "It is unfortunate, but it is a fact. Our Government is now applying measures to stop it. I do not approve of anti-Semitism in any form," the President continued, "but one must try to understand the historical reasons why it developed in Slovakia."

"The Slovaks were subjected by the Hungarians for many centuries and developed strong national feelings. During that period of foreign domination the Jews in Slovakia were generally identified with the Hungarians - they spoke Hungarian or German. On the other hand, in Bohemia and Moravia Jews were assimilated and considered Czechs, and there there is no anti-Semitism. When the German policy of persecution of Jews swept over Europe some Slovaks responded with the same ancient prejudices."

Asked to comment on reports that restrictions had been imposed on the emigration of Jews from Czechoslovakia, Mr. Benes replied emphatically that there were not any such restrictions, and that he knew of no instances of Jews being denied the right to emigrate.

"On the contrary," the President added, "Jews who want to move to other lands should have free opportunity to do so provided there are places where they will be accepted. Zionism in some form or other seems to be one of the best solutions of the problem of where Jews are to go who for various reasons do not want to remain in their original homes."

CONFERENCE OF CZECH JEWISH COMMUNITIES ELECTS CENTRAL COUNCIL; FRISCHER NAMED HEAD

PRAGUE, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The first conference of Jewish communities in Bohemia and Moravia to be held since the liberation of Czechoslovakia concluded today after electing a council of 15 headed by Ernest Frischer, pre-war head of the Jewish Party and an active leader in Jewish affairs.

Minister of Information Josef Kopecky, in a concluding address to the conference, said that it was up to the Jews of Czechoslovakia to decide whether to maintain their ethnical characteristics or choose assimilation with the Czechoslovak nation. He pledged that no pressure would be placed upon the Jews and that no one would interfere in their decision.

Frischer in his first address as president of the council thanked the Czech people for the assistance given the repatriated Jews and stressed that the situation of the Jewish communities would improve if their resources which had been confiscated by the Germans were released.

Meanwhile, it was announced today that the Minister of Education and National Enlightenment in the province of Bohemia has ordered that steps be taken to protect the property of Jewish religious communities, such as synagogues and cemeteries, particularly in places where Jewish communities have not yet been re-established.

The announcement, which was issued by the Churches and Foundations Department of the Provincial National Committee of Bohemia, said that all appropriate measures will be taken in accordance with the ministry's order.

BRITISH JEWS DEMAND LEGISLATION OUTLAWING RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Legislation outlawing utterances or publications "calculated to arouse hatred, ridicule or contempt against any section of the community distinguishable by race, creed or color," was urged last night in a resolution adopted by the Board of Deputies of British Jews after a protracted debate.

Neville Laski, speaking for those opposed to the resolution, warned that "the remedy could be worse than the disease," by arousing harmful public discussions. Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board, replying, said that one of the most effective means of educating public opinion is to bring the Jewish problem out into the open.

Presenting the report of the organization's foreign affairs committee, Prof. Brodetsky revealed that the Board had been assured in official quarters that during the trial of major German war criminals, which are slated to start in October, anti-Jewish crimes, especially the policy of exterminating all Jews, would be made one of the specific charges. He announced that statements are being drafted for presentation to the war crimes tribunals, and that additional evidence covering atrocities against Jews would be submitted.

Prof. Brodetsky expressed regret that Britain was lagging behind the United States in aiding the surviving Jews in Europe, and has so far taken no action on the request that it approve the appointment of Jewish liaison officers in former Nazi camps in the British zone in Germany.

Discussing the negotiations with the American Jewish Conference, the Board president said that further consultations are planned with the Conference and the American Jewish Congress, looking towards the formation of a joint secretariat for the three organizations, with offices in London and New York.

MIZRACHI TO CONSIDER ITS PARTICIPATION IN WORLD ZIONIST EXECUTIVE; FISHMAN RESIGNS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The question of whether the Mizrahi World Organization should participate in the present coalition executive of the World Zionist Organization will be discussed at the forthcoming world conference of the Mizrahi, it was announced here today.

Meanwhile, Rabbi J. L. Fishman, Mizrahi leader, again announced his resignation from the executive. He withdrew an earlier resignation in London prior to returning to Jerusalem from the World Zionist Conference.

COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE JEWISH SCHOOL SYSTEM IN PALESTINE NAMED BY COLONIAL OFFICE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- An official commission named by the Colonial Office will shortly come here from Britain to investigate the administration of the Jewish schools in Palestine, it was announced today.

The commission, which is headed by Sir Arnold McNair, includes Leon Simon, former government official and a well known Hebrew scholar and active Zionist. It will look into the structure, finances, teaching conditions, qualifications of teachers and other related matters.

GROUP OPPOSING NATIONAL BUDGETING ASSERTS IT WAS FORMED BY LEADERS OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) — Ezra Z. Shapiro, chairman of the newly created Committee to Oppose National Budgeting, today issued a statement reiterating that the new group was formed "by leaders of Federations and Welfare Funds," and not by "national and overseas agencies." He also took issue with Jacob Blaustein, chairman of the Budget Research Committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, who last week declared that the principle of national budgeting had the support of a clear majority of the members of the Budget Research Committee.

Mr. Shapiro claims that only three out of thirteen members of the Budget Research Committee voted for the proposal. "The others either opposed national budgeting in toto, or called for a limited expansion of the fact-finding services of the Council," he declares. He emphasizes that it was not "premature" to organize a committee to oppose national budgeting since the Board of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds "was persuaded at a June meeting to place the matter before the member agencies for a decision in a referendum starting September 1st and closing November 15th."

"The later decision of the executive committee of the Council to cancel the referendum and present the proposal for action at the next General Assembly of the C.J.F.F. in no way alters the need for full discussion and a clear understanding of all implications of national budgeting," Mr. Shapiro says. The Board of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, he added, "is in no way more representative of local communities than is the Committee To Oppose National Budgeting."

NEW YORK SEDITIONIST ORDERS PRINTING OF 5,000 COPIES OF "PROTOCOLS OF ZION"

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) — An order for 5,000 copies of the "Protocols of Zion," notorious anti-Semitic forgery, were placed with a New York printer last month by Ernest F. Elmhurst, one of the defendants in the Federal government's ill-fated sedition trial, it was revealed today by the Mayor's Committee on Unity.

The committee warned that other hate groups have resumed their activities in the New York area, including the so called Protestant War Veterans, which is run by Edward James Smythe, another indicted seditionist.

UNRRA AUTHORIZES JEWISH ORGANIZATION TO SEND 70,000 LBS. OF CLOTHING TO POLISH JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) — An authorization to send 70,000 pounds of clothing to Jews in Poland has been granted by UNRRA to the Vaad Hahatzalah, a relief group organized by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

The headquarters of the group today announced that last week the organization sent a shipment of 256,000 pounds of kosher food, religious books and clothing to Jewish communities in Europe for distribution among needy Jews.

BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON TENDERS LUNCHEON TO ZIONIST DELEGATE

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) — The Brazilian ambassador today gave a luncheon in honor of Aaron Neuman, the only South American delegate to the World Zionist Conference which took place here last month. The event attracted attention in Zionist circles here since Zionism was prohibited in Brazil until recently.

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