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IMMEDIATE DECISIONS ON PALESTINE EXPECTED; SHERTOK CALLS FOR "STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION"

LONDON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Zionist leaders in England were told today that "momentous decisions" with regard to Palestine may soon be taken by the British Government.

"The present situation is one of expectancy," Moshe Shertok, chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency, said, addressing Zionist key men upon his return from Paris where he conferred with the French Foreign Office. "We are on the threshold of momentous decisions. I cannot imagine the Labor Government will not take the opportunity of righting the wrong done not only by the White Paper, but also during the nineteen hundred years when our people were turned into homeless beggars."

Shertok emphasized that "strength and determination" will be needed. He appealed to those present to exert all possible efforts to mobilize their resources for a show of strength. While in Paris, Shertok addressed Zionist leaders there on the same subject. He also conferred with Leon Blum and other prominent personalities on the Palestine question.

Plan to Settle 100,000 Poles in Palestine Amazes Country's Jews

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Reports that the British Government allegedly intends to settle in Palestine 100,000 Christian Poles who refuse to return to Poland have caused amazement among the Jews here, especially since the immigration quota for Jews under the British White Paper is practically exhausted.

"If there is place for scores of thousands of non-Jews in Palestine, then why is there no place for Jewish immigration and colonisation?" Davar, leading Hebrew newspaper, asks in an editorial today. "We constantly hear that Palestine's absorptive capacity is over-limited and that there is no place for all the Jews knocking at the country's doors. From where does this sudden absorptivity for scores of thousands of non-Jews come?"

Enumerating a list of arguments, the paper goes on to ask why Arab opposition to non-Jewish immigration is not considered a decisive factor, whereas the same opposition becomes decisive when it concerns Jewish immigration. "The world which is concerned - and rightly so - for 100,000 Poles must also care for the millions of Jews who have no other choice except to immigrate to Palestine," the article concludes.

More Arrests of Suspected Terrorists Made in Palestine

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- A number of suspected terrorists were arrested during the last few days, it was reported here today. It was also revealed that after one arrest, a packet containing 100 detonators and parts of bombs was found in a post office. The report said that during the last fortnight two caches of explosives were robbed and a Tel Aviv bank was held up.

BRUSSELS HALTS AUCTION OF PROPERTY OF DEPORTED JEWS IN HOPE THEY WILL RETURN

BRUSSELS, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Acting on the request of Jewish leaders, the Government office in charge of the property of Belgian Jews deported during the German occupation to extermination camps today cancelled an order providing for the auction of movable Jewish property, the owners of which have not yet returned to their homes and whose fate is still unknown.

In asking for the revocation of the order, the leaders of the Jewish community pointed out that "it would be utterly unjust," to sell the belongings of deported Jews, many of whom may still be alive, but prevented for the time being from returning to Belgium. The authorities, complying with this request, notified the community leaders that the cost of storage would be charged to the owners of the property since it may be necessary to keep the Jewish belongings in storage for an indefinite period.

A bill providing for the transfer to the Jewish community of property of murdered Jews who left no heirs will soon be introduced by the Belgian Government, Minister of Justice Marcel Gregoire told Leon Kubovitsky, the representative of the World Jewish Congress. The bill will also provide for the surrender of all Jewish orphans to the Jewish community.

M. Gregoire said that the Government is considering granting residential rights to Jewish refugees residing in Belgium. It also intends to issue regulations which would check racial propaganda. Mr. Kubovitsky was also received by the Minister for War Victims and at the Ministry of Health.

JEWS IN MOROCCO LIVING UNDER "APPALLING CONDITIONS" HIAS-ICA DIRECTOR DISCLOSES

PARIS, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The Jews of Morocco are living under "appalling conditions," Dr. James Bernstein, executive director of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association, declared here upon his return from a two-week survey of his organization's activities in North Africa.

Of the 65,000 Jews who live in Casablanca, Dr. Bernstein told the JTA, 35,000 reside in the congested Mellah quarter, of whom about 15,000 to 20,000 "live in indescribable misery under Buchenwald-like conditions of sanitation." Families of twelve, he said, are jammed into single rooms, which are in many cases windowless. There is only one dispensary for children, and the single refugee doctor manning it sometimes treats 150 children in a single morning.

Similar conditions prevail among the Jews in most Moroccan cities, the Hias-Ica director said, with a wealthy minority doing little to help the destitute majority. These conditions, he explained, are partly due to the fact that under the Vichy regime Jews were stripped of their businesses and to the acute housing shortage, but the chief reason is the backwardness of the Moroccan Jewish community, whose foremost need, he asserted, is education.

Both the native and the French authorities in Morocco have indicated a desire to be helpful, and have aided in solution of the refugee problem, Dr. Bernstein said. He disclosed that the Hias-Ica is arranging for the repatriation of the few Jewish refugees remaining in Casablanca and for 1,000 in Tangiers.

The situation in Algeria, he declared, is somewhat better. The UNRRA camp at Philippeville is being liquidated, and all its inmates are being transferred to Italy with the exception of those who may have a possibility of emigrating or returning to their homelands. These latter will remain in Algeria in the custody of the Hias-Ica until transportation can be secured for them.

MEMBERS OF BULGARIAN CABINET ADDRESS JEWS IN SOFIA SYNAGOGUE; PROMISE THEM ASSISTANCE

SOBIA, Sept. 9. (Delayed) (JTA) -- Sofia Jews were highly gratified at the presence in the Sephardic synagogue today of high Government officials, who delivered brief addresses during an intermission in the Rosh Hashonah services.

Minister Without Portfolio Dobri Terpecheff expressed the gratitude of all the Bulgarian people for the manner in which the country's Jewish citizens aided in the struggle to overthrow fascism here. He said that with few exceptions Bulgarians remained friends of the Jews, and that their blood which was spilt in the common struggle against the Nazis and their followers in Bulgaria had cemented brotherhood.

M. Terpecheff appealed to the Jews to bear patiently the temporary sufferings they are undergoing. He assured them that the Government would do its utmost to improve their position once the severe economic crisis has been weathered. General Stoytsoff, former commander of the Bulgarian First Army, speaking on behalf of the armed forces, said that the persecution of Jews had been something imposed on Bulgaria by its fascist rulers.

Other officials attending the Rosh Hashonah services included Regent Pavloff, Deputy War Minister Gen. Lekarski, and a representative of the Soviet minister.

SOVIET RED CROSS WELCOMES INQUIRIES FROM ABROAD CONCERNING MISSING RELATIVES IN USSR

MOSCOW, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The Soviet Red Cross has set up a central information bureau to assist persons trying to locate relatives and friends in Russian territory, the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee announced today.

Although designed primarily to assist Soviet citizens to find their family and friends deported by the Germans, the bureau will answer inquiries from nationals of all the United Nations, and will bear all the expenses of the investigations, the announcement said. It advised that persons abroad seeking information follow these instructions:

File requests through welfare organizations or local Red Cross offices and furnish the following information: 1 - Name of person sought; 2 - His or her year and place of birth; 3 - Nationality and citizenship; 4 - Former profession and home and business address; 5 - Date of last contact and any information received at that time. Senders should give their full names and addresses, and indicate their relationship to the person sought. A separate request should be filed for every individual about whom information is desired. The address of the information bureau is Klimtovsky. Pereulok, 1, Moscow.

The bureau already has information concerning persons sent to the Dachau, Maidanek and Oswiecim camps, according to the announcement. Records from other camps in Germany are being obtained, but in many cases it will be impossible to secure any data because the Nazis destroyed all records.

J.D.C. OPENS OFFICE IN PRAGUE; WILL CONDUCT RELIEF WORK THROUGHOUT CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PARIS, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Harold Trobe, a representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, left here today for Prague to open a J.D.C. office there to direct relief activities for Jews in Czechoslovakia. He will work with a local staff which will be supplemented by Jewish social workers from the United States.

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PETER BERGSON INTENDS TO LEAVE U.S.; WILL RE-APPLY IN LONDON FOR AN AMERICAN VISA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Peter Bergson, chairman of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, who was ordered by the Board of Immigration Appeals to leave the United States by November 1, or face deportation to Palestine, today declared that he intends to proceed to London, and while there re-apply for a U.S. visa.

Mr. Bergson entered this country on a six-months visitor's visa which was later extended, but in April of this year he was refused permission by the State Department to remain on a permanent status.

At a press conference today Mr. Bergson reported that he had sent a letter to President Truman asking his intervention for the opening of Palestine to Jewish survivors in Europe, especially to the "Hebrews of Europe who still find themselves in the sordid and violent surroundings of the concentration camps into which they were placed by German barbarians."

REPRESENTATIVES OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS WILL VISIT EAST EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Representatives of the World Jewish Congress will soon visit Jewish communities in the liberated Eastern European countries, it was announced today by the Congress following a meeting of its executive.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Baruch Zukerman reported on the decisions of the European conference of the World Jewish Congress in London which they attended. They said that the problems of rebuilding the organization of the World Jewish Congress in liberated territories were discussed at the conference and with various delegations. The next full session of the World Jewish Congress--the second since the founding of the organization--may be held in the near future, they reported.

REPRESENTATIVES OF FEPC LOCAL COUNCILS IN 30 STATES OPEN CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- A two-day conference of FEPC local councils from 30 states opened in Washington today to develop nationwide political strategy for early enactment of the permanent Fair Employment Practices Bill now pending in the House and Senate.

A. Philip Randolph, co-chairman of the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, opened the conference, urging minority peoples in the United States to work for fair employment as well as full employment. The 150 local council leaders met in executive session and then visited their respective Congressmen.

FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL BIDDLE APPOINTED U.S. MEMBER OF WAR CRIMES COURT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Former Attorney General Francis Biddle has been appointed the American member of the international court to try war crimes, with Judge John J. Parker of North Carolina as alternate, President Truman today announced at his press conference.

During his Attorney Generalship, Biddle opposed discrimination on grounds of race and creed and championed the full rights of minorities in a democracy.

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