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JEWISH DEMANDS FOR PALESTINE REPORTED REJECTED BY BRITISH CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Jews here are alarmed by a dispatch from Reuter's received tonight, in which the British news agency, which is close to official circles, states that all major Zionist demands have been rejected in a report submitted to the cabinet by a sub-committee appointed by Prime Minister Attlee to draft the Labor Government's policy with regard to Palestine.

The sub-committee, according to Reuter's, makes the following recommendations:

1. Jewish demands for the abolition of the British White Paper should be rejected. The demands for free immigration under Jewish control, as well as for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State are declared to be unacceptable.
2. The future Palestine policy of the British Government should be based on the White Paper, but amended for the time being to permit a maximum of 1,500 Jewish immigrants monthly. Similarly, the restrictions on land acquisition should remain in force and be amended only "by some delimitations of three zones."
3. A Palestine Legislative Council should be established, with limited authority over internal affairs only, while all questions concerning foreign policy, security and defense should continue to be under the control of the British Government.
4. Jews should be compensated for the restricted immigration by offering them representation in the Legislative Council larger than the one-third originally proposed some time ago.

Report Should Not Be Considered Semi-Official, Colonial Office Says

LONDON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The Colonial Office today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it is not in a position at present to comment on Palestine. However, it pointed out that Reuter's cannot be considered a semi-official source.

Well-informed quarters today told the JTA that Prime Minister Attlee is expected to make a statement on Palestine after the parliamentary recess. He will announce, they said, that pending further study of the Palestine problem, the White Paper restrictions will continue, but this does not mean that the government endorses the White Paper.

The diplomatic correspondent of the News-Chronicle today writes that there is no truth to the reports that there will be unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine. "The entire problem is under discussion by the cabinet and until a decision has been reached at top levels, things will go on as present," he declares, adding that there is no intention of making Palestine exclusively Jewish or Arab.

THE JEWS CALLED TO TESTIFY AT TRIAL OF THE "BEAST OF BELSEN" IN BRITISH-HELD GERMANY

MUEBENBURG, Germany, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Ten Jewish women are among the 32 witnesses who will be heard by the court now trying Josef Kramer, the "Beast of Belsen" and 44 of his S.S. colleagues, including 19 women, for atrocities committed at the Bergen-Belsen camp and at Oswiecim, where Kramer also served.

In his opening address, yesterday, Col. T.N. Backhouse, prosecuting attorney, charged that of 45,000 Greek Jews sent to Oswiecim only 60 survived. Although Jews as such have not been mentioned otherwise at the trial, so far, many Jewish names appear among the victims listed in the charges against the various defendants.

Col. Backhouse in listing the defendants mentioned that the prosecution was not interested in crimes by Germans against Germans. Therefore, as far as this trial is concerned, the atrocities committed by any of the accused upon German Jews will not be considered.

Among the observers here are two representing Jewish organizations. They are Herman Bentwich, former Palestine Attorney General and an expert on international law, who is here on behalf of the Joint Committee to Aid Jews in Europe, which is a British organization, and Alec Easterman, executive secretary of the British section of the World Jewish Congress.

Brig. H.J.G. Hughes, the first witness to testify today, said that Jewish children who were found at Bergen-Belsen when the camp was liberated, survived because their mothers had sacrificed themselves to save the youngsters from being executed.

10,000 Still at Belsen; Want to Emigrate to Palestine

Belsen still houses 10,000 Jews, a JTA correspondent found when he visited the camp today. They are living in former barracks, which, although fairly comfortable, are dreadfully overcrowded. A huge sign over the entrance gate says in German and English that "This is the site of the infamous Belsen concentration camp which was liberated by the British forces on April 15, 1945. Ten thousand unburied dead were found here, and another 13,000 died after liberation. All were victims of the German New Order in Europe and were an example of Nazi Kultur."

This past week-end, the Jewish committee succeeded in having the Polish Jews at the camps transferred from the Polish to the Jewish section, where the stateless Jews are quartered. Both the inmates and relief workers denied that any plebiscite had been held on the question of repatriation. They declare that hardly a single Jew does not want to emigrate to Palestine. This is particularly true of the 85 children, all of whom look healthy, although many of the adults are ill and depressed.

The Jewish committee, which is headed by M. Rosensaft, a Left Poale-Zionist, publishes a weekly in Yiddish, while a bi-weekly Yiddish publication, "Unzer Stimme," is issued by another group. A dramatic circle and discussion group are also functioning.

While at Belsen, the correspondent learned that four kibbutzim have already been established in Germany and a fifth will be set up shortly near Hamburg.

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GILLETTE DENIES HE AUTHORIZED ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRUMAN'S LETTER TO ATTLEE ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Former Senator Guy M. Gillette has denied that he issued, or authorized anybody to issue in his name, a statement announcing that President Truman had written a letter to Prime Minister Attlee asking Britain to admit to Palestine 100,000 displaced Jews from Europe, it was learned here today.

The ex-senator took exception to a statement issued last week by the American League for a Free Palestine which said that Gillette, who is president of the League, had been authorized by President Truman to make such an announcement after being received in the White House together with Sen. Ralph Brewster and Sen. Warren Magnusson.

While not denying that he was received by the President, Gillette said that he has "issued or authorized no announcement and no statement" and that any report citing him as a source of the announcement that Truman sent a letter to Attlee is "absolutely unfounded."

BLUM CONVINCED THAT ANTI-SEMITISM WILL SOON DISAPPEAR IN FRANCE

LONDON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Former Premier Leon Blum of France today told a press conference here that he is certain that "what is left of the anti-Semitic virus in France will soon be eliminated completely."

Blum denied a report in the Jewish press that he had conferred privately with members of the British cabinet and received from them an unsatisfactory reply to questions on Palestine.

Asked how public life in France has been affected by anti-Semitism, Blum reported that it was very difficult to answer that question as he returned to France only recently and has been living among friends "who certainly are not affected." He added that, theoretically speaking, there is no doubt that the anti-Jewish agitation conducted by the Germans during the occupation of France left some traces which, he added, he is convinced, will disappear completely in a very short time.

MONUMENT TO JEWS MURDERED BY NAZIS TO BE ERECTED IN BERLIN JEWISH CEMETERY

BERLIN, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The foundation stone for a monument to the Jewish victims of the Nazis was laid on Sunday at the conclusion of memorial services in the Jewish cemetery in the Weissensee section of Berlin.

The services, which were held almost 10 years to the day that the Nuremberg Laws were proclaimed, were attended by all sections of the Jewish community, representatives of the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and France, and of the various political parties.

After the head of the Jewish community, M. Nisland, welcomed the guests, a wreath commemorating the 6,000,000 Jewish victims of the Nazis was laid upon the site of the projected monument. A letter from Lord Mayor Dr. Arthur Werner was read, and Dr. Leo Lowenstein, a former leader of the Central Committee of German Jews, who recently returned from Theresienstadt, spoke.

SHOFAR BLOWN AT WALLING WALL AT CONCLUSION OF YOM KIPPUR SERVICES DESPITE POLICE BAN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- The shofar was blown before the Walling Wall last night at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services, despite an increased police guard which was there to enforce the ban on blowing of the shofar. One youth was arrested.

JOINT DELEGATION OF JEWS AND NON-JEWS ASKS TRUMAN TO SEND FOOD TO EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Leading Jewish organizations were among 47 groups represented in "Food for Freedom" whose president, Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, led a delegation which appealed to President Truman to send as much food as possible from America to avert threatened starvation in Europe.

The appeal to Truman asked that food rationing be continued here, that he direct the Secretary of Agriculture to set aside the maximum amount of food to be sent overseas, that essential foods released by army cut-backs be allocated for relief and that the President continue his support of UNRRA appropriations.

Those signing for Jewish organizations included Judge Joseph M. Froskauer for the American Jewish Committee; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress; I. L. Kennen, executive secretary of the American Jewish Conference; Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, president of the National Council of Jewish Women and Dr. Samuel Nirenstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. Marcus Kahn, local American Jewish Committee representative, was in the delegation of 26.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION ISSUES REPORT ON ITS ACTIVITIES; WILL BUILD LOW-COST HOMES

NEW YORK, Sept. 18. (JTA) -- Palestine's economic structure is being strengthened by the steady development of industry and agriculture, it is indicated in the 19th Annual report of the Palestine Economic Corporation, made public today by Albert Szold, chairman of the board of directors.

The consolidated balance sheet of the Corporation for the year 1944 shows a net profit of \$78,392.71 or \$7.56 per share of common stock outstanding on December 31, 1944. The reports submitted to stockholders are prepared on an accrual basis and include undistributed profits of wholly-owned Palestine subsidiaries.

To provide increased capital "to expand and implement its program," the report explains, a prospectus for the sale of \$1,500,000 additional common stock, consisting of 15,000 shares priced at \$100 per share, has been issued; subscriptions to this stock reached \$676,693.98 par value by June 30, 1945.

Reflecting the Corporation's policy of assisting in the sound growth of the country along approved social and economic lines, the report outlines the long-range projects of its subsidiary companies, with particular emphasis on plans for the construction and financing of low-cost homes to meet the housing shortage.

During the past two decades, the report adds, approximately 1,200 homes, 500 in urban and suburban areas and 700 in rural towns and villages, have been erected and financed for immigrants and residents of limited means by the Palestine Mortgage and Credit Bank, Ltd., a subsidiary of the Palestine Economic Corporation.

The Central Bank of Cooperative Institutions in Palestine, Ltd., an affiliate of the Palestine Economic Corporation, closed the year with undistributed profits amounting to \$36,000 and a general reserve of \$130,000. The bank grants loans to cooperative societies of all types, urban and rural. Seasonal loans are mainly for the purchase of agricultural requisites, while intermediate and long-term loans often are for expansion of mixed-farming, dairy-breeding and irrigation.

The Palestine Water Company, Ltd., another subsidiary of the Palestine Economic Corporation, sold a total of 2,850,000 gallons of water in 1944, an increase of 10 per cent over the previous year. "Palestine Potash, Ltd., in which the Palestine Economic Corporation is a substantial stockholder, maintained heavy production of potash and other chemicals in 1944," the report states.