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BRITISH BLACKOUT ON PALESTINE POLICY STILL EFFECTIVE; WILL BE LIFTED BY PRIME MINISTER

LONDON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Authoritative quarters today stressed that they "don't believe for a moment" in the truth of a report circulated by Reuters that the British Government has decided to refer the whole issue of Palestine and of Jewish immigration to the United Nations Organization with a statement that this is a responsibility that all the Allies must share in common.

The same quarters told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency officially that there is still a "complete blackout" with regard to the government's policy on Palestine. This blackout will probably be lifted only by an announcement which Prime Minister Attlee himself is expected to make, they emphasized.

(The Reuter report also stated that British Government circles are displeased with President Truman's letter urging the admission of 100,000 displaced Jews from Europe to Palestine. It added that the British Cabinet had proposed to Truman that the United States should share the responsibility with Britain of settling the Palestine problem, but the U.S. authorities turned down the offer; therefore Britain will announce that for the time being Jewish immigration to Palestine will be limited to 1,500 persons a month, and that this is a stop-gap policy until the United Nations Organization makes a decision.)

The Manchester Guardian, one of Britain's leading newspapers, today says that President Truman's request for the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine "cannot honestly be said to be a helpful contribution to the solution of the Palestine problem," because it would mean the repeal of the White Paper.

"This will have to be done sooner or later," the paper writes, "but it cannot be done without substituting something in its place. It is absurd to imagine that the British Government could comply with Truman's request as a temporary expedient which the Arabs would not notice and which would not affect the final decision. Certain modifications might be made and should be made now, but the only solution is a new and final policy which will settle the problem of Palestine for good."

Admitting the urgency of helping displaced European Jews who desire to go to Palestine, the Guardian proposes an alternative emergency measure of separating the Jews from other displaced persons and granting them self-government, and also encouraging vocational training among them. "If they felt that their conditions were tolerable and their life was not entirely wasted, they would be more content to wait with patience for a decision which will safeguard their future in Palestine and elsewhere," the editorial says.

WEIZMANN SAYS PALESTINE ISSUE HAS REACHED CRITICAL STAGE; CRITICIZES LABOR GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Pointing out that a "critical stage" has again been reached in the Palestine issue, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, today emphasized that the Jewish people will never accept a policy which will prevent the rebuilding of Jewish national life in Palestine.

Addressing a closed emergency conference called by the Zionist Federation of

Great Britain in connection with the latest developments concerning Palestine, Dr. Weizmann revealed that the British Government has not yet replied to the demand of the Jewish Agency for 100,000 immigration certificates. He told the 600 delegates, who came from all parts of England, that the Jewish Agency rejected an offer by the British authorities to grant 1,500 Palestine visas to Jews monthly.

Charges Cabinet With Adopting Unilateral Decision on Immigration

Dr. Weizmann severely criticized the Labor Government for continuing the White Paper policy. He sharply protested the fact that the government did not confer with representatives of the Jewish Agency, and adopted its decision unilaterally.

"The Government," he reported, "did not see fit to hold any conference with the Jewish Agency which is the internationally-recognized mouthpiece of the Jewish people. But the Cabinet must realize that it can not decree the fate of a people without consulting its representatives. Unilateral decisions might be imposed by force, but a policy which would refuse the Jews a chance for rebuilding their national life within their historic homeland is not one to which the Jewish people will ever submit."

"No earthly power could make the homeless Jew turn his back to Palestine," Dr. Weizmann continued. "No obstacle will deter him from trying to regain its shores. Adversities cannot stifle, but will only make more intense the urge for freedom."

Warns of Increasing Tension Among Jews in Palestine

The leader of the world Zionist movement pointed out that two months have passed since the Labor Government assumed office, but the White Paper which was condemned by the Labor Party as a breach of faith, is still in force. Jewish emigration to Palestine, he said, is at a standstill, while the restrictions against acquisition of land by Jews are being applied most rigorously.

"The state of affairs with regard to immigration is intolerable," he declared. "While Jews were being killed in the millions, the world stood aghast, but did nothing to save them. Now the so-called liberated remnants are continuing to deteriorate and to go under, but there is still no rescue. Their misery is indescribable. Lives are being lost daily. The vast majority only demand that they be allowed to proceed to Palestine, yet the doors are barred."

Dr. Weizmann revealed that when the Jewish Agency rejected the offer of 1,500 certificates monthly, it informed the British Government that the Agency "could not have dealings on the basis of the immoral and illegal White Paper." He pointed out that at the rate proposed by the Government it would take a year to evacuate only the refugees now assembled in Italy. He concluded by warning Britain of the increasing tension among the Jews in Palestine.

JEWISH LEADERS IN PALESTINE CALL URGENT MEETING TO DISCUSS BRITISH POLICY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- An urgent meeting of Zionist leaders will be held here on Thursday to discuss the latest developments in connection with the reports from London on the attitude of the British Government with regard to Palestine. Members of the Jewish National Council and of the Zionist Actions Committee will participate.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE TO ACT ON BRITISH STAND ON PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Conference today announced that its interim committee will meet October 4 in the Biltmore Hotel in New York to act on reports that the British Government is unwilling to relax curbs on Jewish immigration into Palestine.

HEAD OF U.S. DELEGATION TO PALESTINE FAVORS RETURN OF DISPLACED JEWS TO NATIVE LANDS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Rep. Victor Wickersham of Oklahoma, who has just returned from a visit to Palestine as the head of an eleven-man Congressional delegation, today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he would recommend to the House of Representatives the return to their former homes of such Jews as could be returned from the displaced persons camps in Europe.

For those who cannot be returned to their homes, Rep. Wickersham will urge immigration to the United States and other countries which are members of the United Nations. Only as a last alternative will he propose the sending of such Jews to Palestine, which he believes should be placed under an international trusteeship.

"My group," he said, "feels that Palestine should be an international religious center available to all religions. I don't think Jews should be sent without the full approval of the people in Palestine, Arabs and Jews."

Urging "less agitation" on the Palestine issue in the United States, Rep. Wickersham said: "It is not the Jews of the United States who want to go to Palestine. If the Jews of the United States did not subsidize those who want to proceed to Palestine, they would be returning to their countries, whence they came. If more Jews are sent in, I fear there will be trouble with the Arabs."

Asked if he favored removing immigration restrictions in the United States in order to accommodate the displaced Jews now in the camps in Germany who could not be returned to their former homes, Wickersham said: "Yes, if the other United Nations will take their proportion." He emphasized that "those of us who are anxious to force the displaced Jews into Palestine, should be willing to divide the others up among ourselves." With 56 United Nations, that would not make a great number for any nation he pointed out, adding that he thought that most of his eleven-man delegation agrees with his viewpoint.

JEWISH WOMAN COLLAPSES WHILE TESTIFYING AT NAZI CRIMINALS TRIAL; RECOGNIZES HER TORMENTOR

LUENEBERG, Germany, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Sophia Litwinski, one of the Jewish women who survived Nazi torture at the Oswiecim extermination camp, today collapsed while testifying before a British military court here, when she recognized among the 45 Nazi criminals on trial one of the S.S. guards who forced her and 3,000 other women to parade naked, before sending them to the gas chambers.

The guard, whose name is Hoessler, was one of the deputies of Josef Kramer, the "Beast of Belsen," who is on trial with 44 of his assistants, for atrocities committed upon the inmates of the Oswiecim and Bergen-Belsen camps. Mrs. Litwinski was able to resume after she was given first aid by a British Army nurse.

Facing the 45 Nazis responsible for the extermination of hundreds of thousands of Jews and others -- among whom there are nineteen women -- Mrs. Litwinski wept as she told of her horrible experiences in the Oswiecim gas chamber, where she and other Jewish women were driven under showers that sprayed poison gas instead of water. She described the frantic cries of the victims and the dense, choking fumes.

Mrs. Litwinski was taken from the gas chamber while still alive, because the camp administration decided at the last minute that she could still be used for forced labor. She was put to cleaning latrines with her bare hands, she told the court, emphasizing that she was arrested in Lublin by the Nazis only because she was a Jewess, and was sent to the Oswiecim camp immediately after her arrest in May, 1940.

JEWISH FUND-RAISING WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY END OF WAR, WELFARE LEADERS REPORT

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A confident and generally optimistic outlook for fall fund-raising is held by campaign leaders of philanthropic agencies throughout the country, according to analyses and opinions submitted by them to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

In analyzing the effects of cutbacks and reconversion from war to peace as unsettling factors in future giving capacity, leaders in the welfare field stated that:

1. The immediate general outlook is favorable and a continued optimism is warranted.
2. Cutbacks are temporary factors which may reduce contributions from employees, but other classes of givers are expected to take up the slack.
3. Business people, especially those in manufacturing, have substantial accumulated profits to more than offset any possible losses.
4. Tax exemptions continue as an incentive to philanthropic giving.
5. Basic factor is psychological attitude. This is the year of liberation and the opportunities for constructive aid abroad are unsurpassed. At home we can plan with courage and imagination for the needs of today and tomorrow.
6. While war chests are on their way back to peace time community chest levels, Jews are still acutely aware of pressing and unsolved Jewish problems.
7. Well organized communities have the experience and competence to put over effective fall campaigns.

The long range outlook is somewhat more uncertain and will depend on economic and political factors which are now in the making and on which there is disagreement among experts and in Congress, the leaders believe.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE NAMES THREE TO WORK WITH UNRRA AMONG DISPLACED JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Three representatives of the American Jewish Conference will go abroad to work with UNRRA for the rehabilitation of displaced Jews in the American zone of occupation in Germany and Austria, the conference announced today. Herbert H. Lehman, UNRRA director general, in a letter to the conference gave the go-ahead signal on the project, which was originally broached to the War Department by the conference early in May, soon after V-E day, and later submitted to UNRRA.

In addition to three already named, the conference will appoint three other representatives, two of whom are now in Europe engaged in similar work, as soon as they can be released from their present assignments. The three persons accredited today are: Major Alfred Fleishman of St. Louis, Mo., who has relinquished his post as Chief of the Special Projects Branch, Office of the Air Surgeon, in Washington; Hans Lamm of New York, who is now assistant to the director of the American Zionist Emergency Council; and Dean Samuel L. Sar of Yeshiva College in New York City, who did extensive work in Europe to promote and revitalize Jewish religious and educational institutions after the last World War.

The primary objective of the conference representatives in Germany will be to restore the morale of Jewish displaced persons, who are reportedly in despair at the prospect of continued residence in camps where their friends and relatives perished, the announcement said.

URGENT JEWISH DELEGATION BE INVITED TO FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN RIO DE JANEIRO

MONTevideo, Sept. 24. (JTA) — A request that a Jewish delegation be invited to attend the meeting of foreign ministers of the American republics, which is scheduled to open in Rio de Janeiro next month, was submitted to Uruguayan Foreign Minister Serrate today by a delegation headed by Zwi Kolitz, leader of the New Zionist Organization.

Mr. Kolitz also proposed that all the South American governments send statements expressing their sympathy with Jewish aspirations for Palestine to the foreign ministers' meeting. He reported that Serrate received this suggestion favorably.

Salomon Resnick, a member of the staff of the Joint Distribution Committee in Buenos Aires, left yesterday for Brazil where he will organize JDC activities. Before leaving, he announced that the JDC collected \$350,000 in South America this year.

PERU GRANTS JEWISH COMMUNITY PERMISSION TO OPEN ITS OWN SCHOOL

LIMA, Sept. 24. (JTA) — The Peruvian Government has granted the Jewish community here permission to open a Jewish school, the first in Peru, it was learned today.

The government's decision was made known by Dr. George Basadre, Minister of Public Instruction, when he received a Jewish delegation headed by Walter Markus, president of the central Jewish organization. Dr. Basadre expressed great interest in the plans for the new school.

FRANCE FASCISTS UTILIZED ELECTIONS TO SPREAD ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

PARIS, Sept. 24. (JTA) — France Tireur, leftist daily, reports today that there was a sharp increase in anti-Semitic propaganda in France in connection with the cantonal elections, which were held yesterday. Some voters, the paper says, received chain letters containing anti-Jewish statements with a request that they make twelve copies of it and forward it to friends.

BRAVERY OF JEWS IN STRUGGLE AGAINST NAZIS LAUDED ON ALL FRONTS, SAYS EHRENBURG

BUCHAREST, Sept. 24. (JTA) — Ilya Ehrenburg, well known Soviet war correspondent, said here today that he had been greatly impressed during his tours of many battlefronts by the tributes paid to Jews for "their heroic fight against the hated murderers of their brethren." He stated that exact statistics on the numbers of Jews in Russia killed by the Nazis are not yet available as families are still scattered.

PRIVATE FUNERAL SERVICES HELD AT PORT CHESTER HOME FOR JUDGE IRVING LEHMAN

PORT CHESTER, N.Y., Sept. 24. (JTA) — Private funeral services were held today for Chief Judge Irving Lehman at his home here. Judge Lehman died on Saturday.

Among those attending were his brother Herbert, director-general of UNRRA, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, associates of Judge Lehman and other prominent persons. The services were conducted by Rabbi Nathan A. Perilman, associate rabbi of Congregation Emanu-El in New York City.

Burial was in the family plot in Cypress Hills Cemetery in Queens.