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DR. WEIZMANN DISCUSSES PALESTINE QUESTION WITH BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY

LONDON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, was received today by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and discussed the Palestine question with him. Present at the discussion was Colonial Secretary George Hall.

At the same time, Zionist labor leaders, led by Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, were received today by a special sub-committee of the Labor Party executive for a discussion of the Palestine issue.

Although the British Government has never announced that it has decided to refer the Palestine issue to the Council of the United Nations, the London Times today publishes an editorial which reveals that such a step has been decided upon.

The action, the paper says, is right "not only because the Palestine problem has important implications affecting international security, but also because the undoubted debt owed to persecuted Jewry is owed by Western civilization as a whole, and cannot be discharged by vicarious action. It cannot be shifted onto the shoulders of the economically backward Arab world, which has done nothing to incur it," the editorial declares.

Discussing President Truman's request for the admission of 100,000 displaced Jews to Palestine, the editorial states that while no one can fail to share the President's desire to relieve Jewish suffering, his suggestion that Britain assume the responsibility of altering at a stroke the population ratio in Palestine to the disadvantage of the Arabs will find little support. "It overlooked the dangerous contingencies in local tension that such action creates, and the risk of rendering impossible all the cooperation of the Middle East with the western world," the editorial says.

British Decision on Palestine Will Be Announced in Parliament

Anticipating that the Cabinet will announce its decision on the Palestine issue when Parliament reconvenes on Tuesday, the Chief Rabbinate in Palestine today proclaimed Monday as a day of prayer "to avert unfavorable action by Parliament" with regard to the Jewish demands for Palestine.

The London Daily Mail today reports that representatives of the Arab League in London claim that the Arabs have all the weapons they need. One of them is quoted as stating that the Arabs have in their possession "tons of shells, hundreds of guns, hundreds of thousands of rifles and millions of pounds of ammunition left by the British Eighth Army in the desert."

Daniel Auster, former acting mayor of Jerusalem, who is now on a visit in London, today told the News Chronicle that "without a doubt, the reports of hidden arms in Palestine are true. If thousands of refugees try to land in Palestine and there is bloodshed, Palestine Jews will see that the only course open to them is to act and do everything to bring the refugees into the country."

BRITISH TANKS RUMBLE THROUGH TEL AVIV STREETS TO DEMONSTRATE MILITARY MIGHT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 5. (JTA).— Fifty British tanks and armored cars today rumbled through the main streets of Tel Aviv in a demonstration of Britain's military might and its ability to suppress any possible disorders.

At the same time, the Histadruth decided to continue its drive for enlistment of Jews for the Palestine regular police as well as for supernumerary police units. It also decided to continue the enlistment of Jews for the Jewish Brigade.

The Arab newspaper Falastin today publishes a severe attack upon President Truman for his request that Britain admit 100,000 Jews to Palestine. Openly insulting the President, the Arab paper says: "The rawness with which Adon (Mister in Hebrew) Truman tackles the Palestine question is the best example of his boyish mentality."

The paper asserts that "Adon Truman was elected by America's reactionary parties and represents America's capitalistic class. This man Truman has a raw mentality and behaves like a street boy. Such a man will annoy England, but cannot influence her. There is a big difference between boys' joking and the seriousness of mature statesmen."

ZIONIST EMERGENCY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON LAUDS TRUMAN; WARNS BRITAIN ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5. (JTA) — The national Zionist emergency conference held in Washington yesterday adopted a resolution condemning the policy of the British Government in excluding the homeless Jews of Europe from Palestine, the continued application of the White Paper, and "its repudiation of solemn pledges to the Jewish people."

The resolution, which was read to the overflow mass meeting which concluded the conference, applauded President Truman for his action in urging immediate admission by the British Government of 100,000 displaced Jews to Palestine. It urged him to stand firmly and to insist upon this emergency measure as a first step in the solution of the problem of Jewish homelessness.

The resolution warned the British that they are sacrificing American friendship and good will, and called upon "all men of good will, Christian and Jew alike, to give full and articulate support" to President Truman.

JEWS IN PALESTINE CONTINUE THEIR EVERY-DAY PURSUITS DESPITE TENSION

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) — The political tension in the country is not preventing the Jewish community from continuing its every-day pursuits, as evidenced by the following events which have occurred during the last few days:

At a meeting of the Tel Aviv municipality, Mayor Israel Rokach reported that the Palestine Government has approved the city's budget for the current fiscal year, which totals \$6,000,000.

The opening this week of its own theatre by the famed Habimah theatrical troupe was an occasion of festivity. The theatre, which has been under construction for several years, was flood-lit, and an orchestra played the Hebrew and British national anthems. The official presentation of the building was made by Mayor Rokach, while leaders of the Jewish Agency participated in the ceremony. It was Tel Aviv's biggest artistic event in a decade.

The Jewish National Fund announced that Dr. Harry Friedenwald, famed Baltimore ophthalmologist, and author of "Jews and Medicine," has donated 122 dunams of orange groves to the JNF on the occasion of his 80th birthday. At the same time, the Hadassah announced that it was planting a grove of 10,000 trees to honor Dr. Friedenwald.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE THANKS TRUMAN; APPEALS TO ATTLEE TO ADMIT JEWS TO PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Conference, at the conclusion of a two-day session of its interim committee, today addressed an appeal to President Truman to secure a definite solution of the Palestine problem. Simultaneously, it staged a protest to Prime Minister Attlee "against the reported intention of the British Government to continue unbearable and illegal restrictions on Jewish immigration and colonization in Palestine."

Pointing out that the Jews in Europe "have waited long enough and they can wait no longer," the cable to Attlee says: "Tomorrow may be another thousand lives too late. Tomorrow there will be more Jewish dead in Europe, the victims not of Hitlerism but of broken pledges. We appeal to you to act favorably on President Truman's request for the immediate admission of one hundred thousand Jews into Palestine and plead with you to fulfil England's historic pledge to the Jewish people."

In the message to President Truman, the Conference emphasizes its appreciation of his proposal that 100,000 certificates be made available to permit European Jews to enter Palestine, and pleads for the President's support "in securing a definite solution of the Palestine issue which recognizes fully the historic rights of the Jewish people to build Palestine as a Jewish National Home and which is in accord with overwhelming American public opinion."

"We urgently bespeak your assistance and leadership to this end," the message concludes. "You, more than any other man in the world today, have it in your power to rectify a great wrong and to restore a people long oppressed to their rightful place and status in the world."

SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER TELLS UNITED NATIONS TO IGNORE ARAB SABRE RATTLING IN PALESTINE

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Urging Britain to do justice to the Jews in Palestine, Minister of Justice Colin Steyn last night urged the United Nations not to be intimidated by "Arab sabre rattling."

Doing justice to the Jews, said Dr. Steyn, is the acid test of whether it is possible for the world to solve the problems of mankind. The Jewish right to settle on the land of their fathers is unquestioned, he added. If the obligations to the Jews are not kept, the Minister stressed, all of the Allies must share the blame.

Canadian Socialist Leader Urges Attlee to Revise White Paper

MONTREAL, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The national chairman of the CCF, H.J. Coldwell, has cabled Prime Minister Attlee, urging that the British Government give every consideration to proposals for revision of the White Paper, thus allowing European Jews to immigrate to Palestine. A similar cable was sent to the executive committee of the Labor Party.

DR. FILDERMAN REPORTED UNDER HOUSE ARREST; CUT OFF FROM OUTSIDE COMMUNICATION

GENEVA, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The office of the World Jewish Congress here today reported that William Filderman, leader of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Rumania, is under house arrest in Bucharest. He has been cut off from outside communication for several weeks, the announcement said.

U.S. TROOPS CONTINUING TO BAR FLEEING POLISH JEWS FROM REACHING AMERICAN ZONE IN REICH

PRAGUE, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- American troops stationed on the demarcation line between the American-occupied section of Czechoslovakia and the rest of the country are turning back Polish Jews seeking to reach the U.S. zone in Germany, hundreds of whom pass through here daily.

The action of the American military authorities has caused untold anguish among the refugees and presented the Jewish welfare groups in this city with almost insurmountable difficulties despite the cooperation of the Czech authorities. The refugees, fearful of returning to Poland, remain in Prague, destitute and homeless.

These exhausted, miserable people do not know where to turn, and their only idea is to get to Palestine. They are bitter about the British refusal to open the doors of that country. One of them said: "The British had better send us to gas chambers, too, instead of leaving us to languish and starve in camps."

SLOVAK COUNCIL GRANTS FULL AUTONOMY TO ORGANIZATION OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES

BRATISLAVA, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Legal status is granted the Jewish communities of Slovakia in a decree of the Slovak National Council appearing in the Official Gazette.

The recently formed Association of Jewish Religious Communities is given supervision over the various communities and Bratislava Chief Rabbi Arman Frieder is empowered to deal with all problems affecting the association or the individual communities.

WORLD TRADE UNION BODY SEATS ARAB AS SOLE MIDDLE EAST DELEGATE; HISTADRUTH PROTESTS

PARIS, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The World Trade Union Federation today overrode a protest by the Histadruth, the Palestine federation of labor, and seated an Arab delegate from Lebanon as the representative of all the Middle East nations on the federation's general council.

Leading the opposition to this move was Sir Walter Citrine, head of the British delegation, who supported a protest by the Histadruth that it was the largest and oldest trade union body in the Middle East and had been a member of the defunct International Federation of Trade Unions.

When the delegates refused to vote on the issue by a show of hands, Citrine forced a closed ballot, which resulted in a vote of 36 to 16 for seating the Lebanese representatives. It is understood that Sidney Hillman, who heads the American delegation, voted with Citrine.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM WILL BE HELD IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The Council of Christians and Jews, meeting here today for the first time under the chairmanship of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, decided to take preparatory steps for the convocation of an international conference of Christian and Jewish leaders to be held in England during the Summer of 1946.

The conference will be devoted chiefly to questions connected with combatting anti-Semitism. Rev. Henry Carter, chairman of the executive committee, reported to the Council that interested groups in France, Switzerland and other countries in Europe have suggested that the parley should concentrate on the future of the displaced Jews and on the problem of fighting anti-Semitism.

HEBREW INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN HAIFA APPROVED FOR U.S. VETERANS UNDER G.I. BILL

NEW YORK, Oct. 5, (JTA) -- The Hebrew Institute of Technology at Haifa has been approved by the Veterans Administration for the education and training of American veterans under the G.I. Bill of Rights, it was announced today by the American Society for the Palestine Institute of Technology.

The approval of the institute was made known in a letter to the society from H.V. Stirling, director of the vocational rehabilitation and educational service of the Veterans Administration. Under this ruling, qualified and eligible veterans will be able to study engineering and industrial arts at the Institute in Haifa, and while pursuing their studies will be entitled to the full benefits of the G.I. Bill of Rights, which, among other things, provides for monthly subsistence allowances of \$50 to \$75 a month to the veteran during his enrollment at an approved institution, and for payments up to \$500 a year for each veteran to the institution to cover tuition fees and other expenses.

JEWISH GROUPS WILLING TO PROVIDE \$1,000,000 BOND IF OSWEGO REFUGEES FREED, SAYS DICKSTEIN

NEW YORK, Oct. 5, (JTA) -- Various Jewish groups are prepared to provide a \$1,000,000 bond if the over 900 refugees in Fort Oswego are released and allowed to proceed to Canada from where they could legally re-enter this country, Rep. Samuel Dickstein said yesterday, revealing that he had sent a telegram to President Truman urging him to provide "a permanent refuge for the few hundred here."

Rep. Dickstein said that a subcommittee of the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, which he heads, found during a hearing at the camp last summer that under the existing law, means can be found to allow the Fort Ontario residents to enter under existing immigration quotas.

EIGHTY PERCENT OF U.S. JEWS SUPPORT ZIONISM, SAYS ZOA OFFICIAL IN REPLY TO ROSENWALD

NEW YORK, Oct. 5, (JTA) -- Eighty percent of the American Jewish community is actively in favor of the Zionist program, and a greater part of the remaining twenty percent are either indifferent or uninformed, Dr. Felix A. Levy of Chicago, chairman of the Committee on Unity for Palestine of the ZOA, said yesterday in a statement replying to the one issued this week by Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism. Mr. Rosenwald had declared that "an overwhelming body of American Jews" opposed Zionism.

"There is absolutely no factual basis for statements such as that made by Mr. Rosenwald," Dr. Levy said. "The organization which he represents has, in the course of three years of high-pressure public relations effort, been able to muster, even according to its own claims, only eight thousand members. 'This is certainly not an overwhelming body,' - a fact which becomes even more apparent when it is compared with the enrolled Zionist membership in the United States which stands today at more than 400,000."

MONTREAL JEWS LIVE LONGER THAN REST OF POPULATION; JEWISH BIRTHRATE IS HIGH

MONTREAL, Oct. 5, (JTA) -- Jewish people live longer and have the lowest death rate of any in Montreal, according to statistics just released by Dr. Adelard Groulx, of the city health department.

The death rates per 1,000 of the population are: English, 11.8; French Canadians, 10.8; Jewish, 8.3. Jewish residents have also the lowest infant death rate in Montreal - 18.1 per thousand compared with 75.7 per thousand for the French Canadians. The Jewish community has the second highest birth rate, but stands at the bottom of