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PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE AVOIDS STATEMENT ON PALESTINE AT RE-OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, today addressed a private gathering of 150 members of Parliament on the Palestine issue.

Prime Minister Attlee made no statement on Palestine when Parliament reconvened today. Replying to a question regarding the Government's policy in connection with the White Paper, the Prime Minister said that he had no statement to make at present, but hoped to make one "at an early date." Answering another query, Mr. Attlee said that the statement which he intends to make "will obviously be given before any action is taken."

The London News-Chronicle today expresses the belief that the majority of the Labor Party will not be satisfied with a monthly quota of 1,500 immigration certificates, which the Labor Government has offered to the Jewish Agency.

JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL WARNS YESTERDAY'S GENERAL STRIKE "IS ONLY BEGINNING OF STRUGGLE"

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council today issued a manifesto to the Jews of Palestine thanking them for yesterday's "disciplined expression of protest" against Britain's immigration policy, through the general strike and the mass-meetings which passed without any incidents.

The manifesto warns, however, that "this is only the beginning of the struggle" and that all Jews in Palestine must be prepared for every sacrifice required of them to achieve free immigration, for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State, and against converting the Palestine Jewish community into a permanent minority.

After a careful investigation of the incident at Kfar Giladi, where a unit of the Transjordan Frontier Force wounded seven Jews, the Council today issued a statement challenging the accuracy of the police communique which stated that two shots had been fired by the Jews before they were attacked.

The statement said that the Jews involved, who numbered about 30 settlers from a neighboring colony, fired no shots. It charged that two of the wounded were shot in the back, and three others after they had already fallen to the ground. The command to fire, it discloses, was given by an Arab lieutenant and was immediately countermanded by the British major in command, who rushed to the scene after hearing the shots. The TJFF unit consisted of about 200 men.

Another incident in which the TJFF was involved was revealed today with the disclosure that several of its soldiers had robbed a Jewish couple named Rosenbaum of nine pounds, when they encountered the two hiking near the settlement of Daphne.

A mysterious fire today destroyed several thousand fruit trees on the border of the colony of Hanita. The engineer of the settlement's water works was the first to spot the fire and mounted his horse to give the alarm in Hanita, but he was halted by a group of soldiers, whose identity was not revealed.

POLISH JEWS IN RUSSIA PROTEST TO AMBASSADOR AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH TERROR IN POLAND

MOSCOW, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- A delegation representing the Committee of Polish Jews in the USSR today submitted to Prof. Henryk Raabe, Polish Ambassador in Moscow, a resolution protesting against the anti-Jewish terror in Poland. The resolution demands that:

1. Those inspiring anti-Jewish riots, and participating in them directly or indirectly, be punished severely.
2. A decree should be issued by the Polish Government outlawing anti-Semitism and providing penalties for conducting anti-Jewish propaganda, along the same lines as has been done in Bulgaria.
3. Jews who are being repatriated from the USSR, or from camps in Germany, to Poland should be protected so that they may enjoy full security in all parts of the country, wherever they may choose to settle.
4. A detailed plan should be worked out for the repatriation of Polish Jews from the various sections of the Soviet Union.

The delegation also demanded that a part of the UNRRA relief shipments to Poland should be sent to the approximately 200,000 Polish Jews presently residing as refugees in the USSR. The ambassador displayed keen interest in the fate of these Jews and asked the delegation for frequent reports on their situation. Members of the delegation emphasized that many of the Polish Jews in the Soviet Union are making preparations to return to Poland.

SLOVAKIAN ANTI-SEMITIC RIOTERS WILL BE SEVERELY PUNISHED, SAYS GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

PRAGUE, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic riot in the Slovakian town of Topolcany, during which 68 Jews were injured, will be thoroughly investigated and the perpetrators punished, Karol Schmidke, co-chairman of the Slovak National Council, stated in an interview with the Bratislava newspaper Pravda.

"The events (at Topolcany) were deplorable and completely indefensible," Mr. Schmidke said. "They bring to light the remainders of fascist ideology which will have to be eradicated at all costs. I will do everything in my power to have the occurrences thoroughly investigated, and to punish severely those involved. We will start a systematic campaign against the remainders of fascism, which taught the people to hate their Jewish fellow-citizens. We will prosecute everyone who tries to undermine our democratic republic through acts of racial hatred."

The incident at Topolcany was discussed here today in conversations between Leo Herman, of the Keren Haesyod, who is a leader of Czech Jews abroad, and government officials. Mr. Herman plans to confer with the authorities on problems affecting the Jewish Agency's activities here and the Prague Jewish community council.

He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the authorities were aware of the unfavorable impression created abroad by the anti-Jewish disturbances in Slovakia, and hoped that the recent condemnation of such activities by the Cabinet would put a stop to them. Mr. Herman participated in conferences between various ministries and leaders of the Jewish community, and said that he had found sympathetic understanding of Jewish needs.

Mr. Herman also met with Zionist leaders, whom he assured, on the basis of his talks with various officials, that no obstacles would be placed in the way of the Czechoslovak Zionists resuming their activities.

CONFERENCE OF DISPLACED JEWS THANKS TRUMAN FOR HIS ORDER IMPROVING THEIR POSITION

LINZ, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The first conference of representatives of displaced Jews in the American zone in Austria concluded here today after two days of deliberations in the presence of American military authorities, UNRRA officials, and members of the Jewish Brigade. Thirty-one delegates representing over 7,000 Jews from various camps participated.

The conference sent a message of thanks to President Truman for the sympathy he has displayed for the displaced Jews. After adopting a number of resolutions dealing with welfare work and with emigration to Palestine, it elected a central committee which will be located in Salzburg. A memorial service commemorating the Jews exterminated by the Nazis was held.

GEN. EISENHOWER EXPECTS TO SETTLE THE PROBLEMS OF DISPLACED JEWS WITHIN THREE MONTHS

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Judge Simon H. Rifkind, of the U.S. Southern District Court in New York, whose appointment as civilian adviser to Gen. Eisenhower on Jewish affairs was officially announced yesterday by the War Department, will sail for Europe by October 18, it was learned here today.

Gen. Eisenhower, who personally invited Judge Rifkind to act as his adviser, is of the opinion that Judge Rifkind's mission "could be completed in about three months," it was revealed today by Secretary of War Robert Patterson.

(Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters last night reported that displaced persons in the American zone in Germany will get food from the stocks of the military government and from indigenous German food resources, and that their rations have been raised from 2,000 to 2,300 calories as compared with a ration of 1,350 calories for Germans.)

Walter Lichtenstein, a Chicago banker who has served the Government in diplomatic capacities before, will accompany Judge Rifkind, it was reported here today. Mr. Lichtenstein, who was born in Germany, will have a rank equal to that of a major general, and will act as an assistant to Judge Rifkind in solving problems concerning the welfare of displaced Jews in the American-held zone in Germany.

Judge Rifkind told reporters today that he was happy to accept the assignment. "I am sure that the problem will be exceedingly difficult," he said. "I hope to do the best I know how to try to meet the situation." He emphasized that he would wait until he knew more about the situation before he expressed any opinions about what should be done.

Secretary of War Robert Patterson made public the letter in which he asked Judge Rifkind to serve. "I am glad to join with General Eisenhower in inviting you to accept this position," Mr. Patterson said in his letter. "Your broad knowledge of Jewish affairs and your high reputation and ability place you in a unique position to render invaluable service to our Government in discharging its responsibilities to these unfortunate people. General Eisenhower has estimated that your mission could be completed in three months."

Eight Joint Distribution Committee welfare workers, seven of them scheduled to work in the displaced persons camps in Germany and Austria, sailed from New York for France today. Forty-three other J.D.C. welfare workers are already stationed in fourteen camp areas in the American and British zones, and the new recruits will bring the total to fifty. Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C., revealed today that over \$500,000 in food and other supplies had been ordered for the camps in the past few months. The supplies are intended to supplement those furnished by the military authorities.

JEWISH LEADERS DISCUSS CAMPAIGN FOR \$100,000,000 FOR OVERSEAS REHABILITATION WORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) — A campaign to raise \$100,000,000 for the United Jewish Appeal has been under discussion during the past week, it was learned today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in reliable quarters. It is understood that the United Palestine Appeal has already approved of such a goal and that the Joint Distribution Committee, the other partner in the U.J.A., is considering the matter.

The problem of raising much larger funds from American Jews for needs abroad was first projected at a private meeting the Joint Distribution Committee called on September 20th. After a review of its requirements, the JDC told community leaders assembled in New York that it would need an additional \$14,000,000 for the last three months of 1945, beyond the amount it could expect from the United Jewish Appeal. A committee of ten persons appointed at that time suggested that an emergency campaign be launched for the JDC exclusively. In view of the fact that the UJA agreement requires the compliance of the members of the UJA for any such campaign, the committee approached the UJA.

To sound opinion on the feasibility of the enterprise, the UJA called a meeting of hundreds of welfare fund leaders in New York on October 2. About eighty are said to have responded. The meeting featured reviews of the situation in Europe and of the problems in Palestine.

The meeting culminated with the adoption of a two-point resolution. It urged that, on the one hand, American Jews form a united committee to press governments for more effective assistance to Jewish refugees in Europe and also in connection with Palestine developments. It also declared that it was essential for American Jews themselves to meet their responsibilities to the overseas situation on a far greater scale. It was proposed that the JDC and UJA be urged to agree to the launching forthwith of a campaign through the United Jewish Appeal of \$100,000,000. It was urged that American Jewish community leaders be promptly called together in a national conference to act upon such a resolution.

CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY DENIES REPORT OF MASS SUICIDES OF REPATRIATED JEWS IN IRAQUE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. (JTA) — The Czechoslovak Embassy today issued a denial of a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report—reprinted in an open letter to Prime Minister Attlee by the American Zionist Emergency Council—that 7,000 Jews committed suicide in Iraque after their repatriation from German camps.

The Embassy said it had received word today from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Prague that the report has "no foundation."

(The JTA dispatch from Iraque did not state that all the 7,000 who committed suicide were Jews. It said that they were repatriates, the majority of whom were Jews.)

HIAS-ICA OFFICIAL LEAVES FOR EUROPE TO SPEED OVERSEAS EMIGRATION OF DISPLACED JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) — Ilya Dijour, executive secretary of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association, left today for Europe where he will help to facilitate the emigration of displaced Jews in the American zones in Germany and Austria. He will be working under the supervision of the UNRRA and in cooperation with American military authorities.

Prior to leaving, Mr. Dijour conferred with military officials and with UNRRA executives in Washington. He believes that about 10,000 displaced Jews can secure visas for various countries on the American continent, including the United States, under the existing quota regulations, providing that the proper affidavits are arranged for them by relatives in those countries.

ANTI-SEMITISM DECLINING IN LIBERATED WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES; 15,000 JEWS ENTER ITALY

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism is now on the decline in the liberated countries of Western Europe, and the non-Jewish population there is displaying more sympathy for the Jews than in the early months of liberation, it was reported here yesterday by Dr. Leon Kubovitsky, general secretary of the World Jewish Congress, who has just returned from Europe.

At the same time, Dr. Kubovitsky emphasized, that the economic position of many Jews in France, Belgium and Italy is gradually improving, they find it difficult to adjust themselves to life in an atmosphere where they lost members of their families and their most intimate friends. He revealed that there are, at present, 15,000 new Jewish refugees in Italy, who entered the country during the last six months. They are being well treated by the Italian authorities, he said.

REINTEGRATION OF JEWISH VETERAN DISCUSSED AT MEETING OF JWB JEWISH CENTER DIVISION

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Reintegration of the returning Jewish war veteran into community life is the "number one" problem confronting the Jewish Center movement, Lt. Col. Julius Schreiber, former chief of the program section of the army orientation branch of the War Department's information and education division, told the annual meeting of the Jewish Center Division Committee of the National Jewish Welfare Board held here.

Referring to the special problems of the Jewish veteran, Col. Schreiber said that the Jewish community center, in addition to providing the ex-service man with such information as he seeks and with a well-rounded social and entertainment program, must also offer a "positive, pro-democratic educational program, with opportunities for learning about Jewish life and participation in Jewish activities."

CROWDED MASS-MEETINGS IN MONTREAL AND TORONTO DEMAND OPENING OF PALESTINE TO JEWS

MONTREAL, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Crowded mass-meetings here and in Toronto, last night, cabled appeals to Prime Minister MacKenzie King, who is now in London, urging him to intervene with the British Government to secure abrogation of the White Paper. They also wired Prime Minister Attlee, pointing out the plight of the European Jews who desire to emigrate to Palestine.

The meeting here, which was addressed by Dean Howard Le Sourd, of the American Christian Palestine Committee and the Very Rev. Kenneth C. Evans, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Montreal, was attended by 1,500 persons and hundreds more were turned away for lack of space.

In Toronto, the featured speakers were Sir Ellsworth Flavelle, national chairman of the Canadian Palestine Committee, Lieut. Col. David Croll, M.P., E.J. Jolliffe, who spoke on behalf of M.J. Coldwell, leader of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation and several other members of Parliament and public figures. The resolution adopted was read by Mayor Saunders of Toronto.

FELIX SALTEN, CREATOR OF "BAMBI", DIES IN SWITZERLAND; FORCED BY NAZIS TO FLEE VIENNA

ZURICH, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Felix Salten, Viennese author who was best known in the United States for "Bambi", the story of a deer, which was made into a motion picture by Walt Disney, died here yesterday after a long illness. He was 76. Salten, who was one of the most famous writers and literary critics in Austria, was forced to flee the country after the Anschluss because of his Jewish origin. He was a friend of Theodor Herzl and frequently evinced a deep interest in Jewish matters.

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