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WEISMAN TRAVELING FOR U.S. NEXT MONDAY; BRITAIN SEEKS U.S. CONCURRENCE ON PALESTINE POLICY

LONDON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weismann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, is planning to leave for the United States next Monday, it was learned here today. He hopes to present the Zionist case to important American officials.

The London Economist says in an editorial that the British Government is delaying the issuance of a fresh statement of policy with regard to Palestine presumably because of its anxiety for the concurrence of the United States in steps which, for reasons of security of the commonwealth's lines of communication, cannot go as far as President Truman requested. The paper calls upon the Government "to pluck up courage" and define the size and the shape of the Jewish National Home it is prepared to sponsor.

Lord Beaverbrook's newspapers today suggest that the British Government settle the Palestine problem by partitioning the country into separate Jewish and Arab states. It says the original partition plan of Lord Peel should be modified since this plan was "too favorable for Jews."

This suggestion comes from George Malcolm Thomson, Beaverbrook's political adviser. While admitting that partition is inconvenient from an economic viewpoint, Thomson stresses that with Europe being "a place of horror" for the Jews, it would be - in the present state of opinion of the civilized world - impossible to shut the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration, or to employ British military force to suppress Jewish revolt.

"A Jewish rising," Thomson writes, "would be a match in the Middle East which is like tinder. But an Arab rising would be a torch. The risks which might follow the compromise of partition are probably smaller than those of any other policy, and are, therefore, worth running."

Palestine Arab Leader Submits Memorandum to Soviet Envoy

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The Soviet ambassador to Egypt, Alexei Schiborin, who is visiting Palestine, today received a memorandum submitted by Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, Arab nationalist leader, urging the Russian Government to support the Arab cause and give no aid to the Zionists.

A Cairo dispatch by the correspondent of the French Press Agency says that Schiborin is in Palestine to study the present situation on the spot, since Moscow has had no direct information in recent months on developments here. It points out that Moscow never recognized the British mandate and never appointed diplomatic representatives in Jerusalem.

It is essential for Moscow to follow Palestine events closely, the dispatch continued, because if the Arab-Jewish dispute is placed before the United Nations Organization, the USSR will have to side with one or the other, something which it has carefully refrained from doing so far. Another problem for the Soviet, it adds, is its attitude towards the Arab League.

TWO JEWS WOUNDED IN CLASH WITH POLICE IN PALESTINE, ARABS REPORT, FOUR ARRESTED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Two Jews were wounded today in a clash with police when a group of six Jews tried to enter Palestine "illegally," the Arab News Agency reports. The other four were arrested, the report added, but gave no further details.

Dr. Bernard Joseph, acting head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, today told a press conference that High Commissioner Lord Gort has rejected a plea by the Jewish Agency for clemency for fourteen Jewish youths convicted at recent "arms trials" of illegal possession of weapons. The plea was submitted on the occasion of V-J Day.

CAUTION IN HANDLING PALESTINE PROBLEM URGED BY RETURNING CONGRESSMEN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Two Republican members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee who spent several days in Palestine during a 63-day trip through Europe, Asia and Africa, today warned against "abrupt action" or "stubborn inaction" in the Palestine problem. Rep. Francis Bolton of Ohio and Rep. Karl Mundt of So. Dakota, addressing a press conference here, issued a joint statement reading as follows:

"In troubled Palestine, we found three sides to the controversy eager to present their views instead of only two as we had anticipated. Our committee took transcribed testimony in Jerusalem from the leaders of the Jewish, Arab, and Christian factions.

"We found the situation in Palestine to be tense, strained and dangerously explosive. Conditions are such that it is indicated that bloodshed may easily arise either from hastily considered, abrupt action or from sustained, stubborn inaction through refusal to face up to the basic facts in the perplexing Palestine problem.

"It would be unfair to all concerned - especially to the persecuted Jews who have already suffered so greatly in Europe - to simply dump thousands of defenseless Jewish immigrants into Palestine at this time to run the hazards of new abuses from a new group unless we are willing to send American soldiers along to maintain order by force. Even this action would appear certain to provoke armed attacks and uprisings by the Arabs of the countries of the Near and Middle East.

"The Palestine situation is one which requires careful, unbiased study and a solution which will cure more hardships and heartaches than it creates. We have transcribed notes fully covering the complex and conflicting view-points of all factions in Palestine who actually live in the country and desire to make it their permanent home. We are going to make these hearings available to our committee and to Congress with the hope that they will be helpful in pointing toward a solution to this long standing problem which will avoid bloodshed, eliminate persecution, and promote justice."

Mrs. Bolton related enthusiastic accounts of her reception by Ibn Saud, and the hospitality he extended her, both in his palace and at a dinner for the Congressional representatives.

1,497 JEWISH REFUGEES DIED OF STARVATION IN SHANGHAI DURING JAPANESE OCCUPATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Malnutrition and starvation caused the deaths of 1,497 German-Jewish refugees who were marooned in Shanghai in 1942 and 1943, according to a report received by the HIAS from its Shanghai office, Isaac L. Asofsky, executive director, disclosed today.

ATHLIT CAMP EMPTIED AS GOVERNMENT TURNS OVER LAST NINE INTERNEES TO JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Nine internees in the Athlit clearance camp, all that remained following the escape of 208 "illegal immigrants" last week, were placed in the custody of the Jewish Agency today by the Palestine Government, emptying the camp.

At the same time, the Government notified the colonies of Yagur and Beth Oren that they would be summoned shortly to appear before an administrative court because of their defiance of an ultimatum to surrender organizers of the Athlit break, and some of the fugitives, who are believed to be hiding in the two settlements. The ultimatum, which expired last night, warned the colonists of collective punishment, if they persisted in their refusal to surrender the fugitives.

The Hebrew paper Hamashkiff, commenting today on the measures being taken by the authorities to prevent Jewish immigration, published statistics, based on Government data, showing that in the past 25 years 260,000 Arabs have illegally entered Palestine.

As an aftermath of last Monday's general strike, 15 Jews in Jerusalem's central prison were notified today that they will have three days added to their terms for refusing to work while the strike was in progress.

Iraq Jews Form Anti-Zionist League; Believed Coerced by Govt.

The Arab News Agency reports today from Baghdad that a group of Iraqi Jews have formed an anti-Zionist league, and sent a delegation to Premier Nuri Pasha to voice their opposition to Zionism. Informed observers here, who have been watching the steady deterioration of the position of the Jews in Iraq in recent years, point out that the formation of the anti-Zionist group is undoubtedly a result of government pressure.

The anti-Jewish sentiment among Iraq's ruling group, which reached its height in the massacres in Baghdad during the pro-Nazi revolt led by Rashid Ali el Gailani in 1942, manifests itself in various ways, including the refusal to allow transit across Iraq, even by plane, to Jews of any nationality, and its rigid regulations designed to keep native Jews from emigrating to Palestine. When an Iraqi Jew leaves the country, he must deposit with the Government several thousand pounds as a guarantee that he will return. If he should fail to do so, all his property is confiscated and his relatives penalized.

The Jaffa Arabic daily Al Difaa, repeating the story that the late President Roosevelt pledged Ibn Saud that he would not support the Zionists, reports today from Cairo that the ruler of Saudi Arabia has sent a note to the American minister there, declaring that he will make public the minutes of the conversations between him and Mr. Roosevelt, if the U.S. "persists in supporting Zionism." The note, which the report says has already been dispatched to Washington, is also understood to contain a warning that Saudi Arabia will break off relations with the U.S., if it continues to antagonize the Arabs.

GERMAN OFFICIALS ORDERED TO DELETE COMPULSORY FIRST NAMES NAZIS FORCED ON JEWS

FRANKFURT, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The Bavarian Ministry of the Interior announced today that in conformity with a decree of the military government the Nazi regulation that all Jews must assume the additional first name of Sarah or Israel, depending on their sex, has been rescinded. Reporting the decree, the Munich radio adds that registrars have been instructed to delete the compulsory names from all birth and marriage registers.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND GROUP OPPOSING NATIONAL BUDGETING DISAGREE ON REFERENDUM

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The charge that the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds "has refused to permit a referendum among the Jewish communities of America on the subject of national budgeting, but prefers to leave the decision to the haphazard voting processes of the General Assembly" was made here today in a statement issued by the Committee to Oppose National Budgeting.

Replying to this charge, Sidney Hollander, president of the Council, declared that "the opposition propaganda apparently is based on a misinterpretation of the procedures being used by the Council in submitting to its member agencies the national advisory budgeting proposal which has the overwhelming endorsement of the officers and members of the board of directors."

"There is no justification," Mr. Hollander stated, "for the criticism levelled against the officers of the Council who are carrying out a mandate from the General Assembly of member agency delegates. The question of national advisory budgeting was submitted in 1941 in a referendum to member agencies of the Council. The referendum resulted in a vote of 135 in favor of the proposal and 119 opposed."

"The procedures being used," Mr. Hollander continued, "are also based on an agreement with the 1942 predecessors of the current handful of individual opponents. All of the member agencies of the Council will have at least four months time previous to the Assembly to consider carefully the pros and cons of a measure which is designed to meet their needs and to improve cooperative relationships between local Jewish fund raising agencies and the national and overseas agencies which they support."

Ezra Shapiro, chairman of the Committee to Oppose National Budgeting, made public an exchange of letters with Mr. Hollander, revealing that the Committee had urged the Council "to take account of the fact that national budgeting involves vast social changes and extraordinary transformation of American Jewry." The Committee therefore requested that "the Council conduct a referendum among its member agencies, so that the decision reached would be fully representative of American Jewish public opinion."

Mr. Shapiro charged that "the board of directors of the Council had originally voted that such a referendum should be conducted, but this decision was subsequently overturned by the small group of the executive committee, which stated that since ODT restrictions had been lifted and a General Assembly was feasible, no referendum was necessary."

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS PLANNING TO SEND DELEGATION TO POLAND TO DISCUSS RELIEF PROBLEMS

MONTREAL, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has decided to send a delegation to Poland, where it will study local conditions and discuss the relief problems of the Polish Jews, it was announced here today. The delegation will also attempt to locate the relatives of Canadian Jews.

The Congress also announced that it will publish shortly a history of the Jewish contributions to Canada's war effort.

PALESTINE FIRM WILL PRODUCE PENICILLIN LOCALLY AT LOWER PRICE THAN U.S. MANUFACTURERS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- A newly-organized local firm will produce 18,000,000 units of penicillin yearly, at a price forty percent cheaper than the wonder drug is sold in the United States, it was announced here today.

THREE-DAY CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIAN MINISTERS DEMANDS OPENING OF PALESTINE FOR JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- A demand that the British Government open the doors of Palestine to displaced Jews from Europe and that it fulfil its pledge to establish a Jewish Palestine immediately, were voiced at today's session of a three-day conference on Palestine held under the auspices of the American Christian Palestine Committee at the Hotel Commodore.

Approximately 300 leading Christian clergymen of the Greater New York area heard addresses by Senator Owen Brewster, Republican of Maine, Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, co-director of the American Christian Palestine Committee, and Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, executive director of the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board. Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, general secretary of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, was chairman of the session.

FORD IS URGED TO PREVENT DISTRIBUTION OF HIS REFUDIATED ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Pointing out that anti-Semitic publications in the United States are still distributing anti-Jewish material once published by Henry Ford and later repudiated by him, the Friends of Democracy today made public the text of a letter addressed to Mr. Ford appealing to him to take the following steps:

1. Stop the further publication and circulation of pamphlets and books containing copies of extracts from the Dearborn Independent articles.
2. Repudiate the further publication and circulation of pamphlets and books quoting your endorsement of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" or quoting other anti-Semitic statements of yours which presumably no longer represent your true beliefs.
3. Make periodic statements to the press, giving the fullest publicity to the action you are taking.
4. Proceed immediately to dissociate yourself completely from W.J. Cameron.
5. After you have taken the steps outlined above, you can prosecute for libel anyone who states you are anti-Semitic.

"Up to this date, we can find not a single move made by you to counteract the effect of an international propaganda technique by which your name continues to be exploited as symbolic of an elite leadership which is determined to create a society similar to that which Hitler attempted to build," the letter said. "Wherever men of ill-will attempt to stir the fires of racism, as a spark to such a society, they call upon the crowd to witness what Henry Ford had to say."

NEW YORK B'NAI B'RITH GROUP DEMANDS "DAILY NEWS" RECTIFY WRONG DONE BY O'DONNELL

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic column by John O'Donnell, Washington correspondent of the New York Daily News, which the News tried to explain away Saturday in an editorial declaring that it gave its columnists "full loaway," came in for further attack last night.

A meeting of 1,000 delegates to the Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith demanded that the News take steps "to rectify the wrong done" by O'Donnell, when he charged that Gen. Patton was dismissed from his command as a result of a Jewish conspiracy. In a resolution adopted at the meeting O'Donnell was denounced for having made "flagrantly anti-Semitic and completely unfounded charges, which constituted a serious reflection on the patriotism of all Americans of Jewish faith," and which constituted "an attack on the integrity of the President. Gen. Eisenhower and a rank injustice to Gen. Patton."

The New York Hotel Association, meanwhile, was urged by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to bar meetings of "dangerous subversive groups which adopt a camouflage of religious or patriotic terminology."