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U.S. ZIONIST LEADERS MEET TO DEFINE ATTITUDE ON AMERICA'S POLICY ON PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) — American Zionist leaders will meet here tomorrow to define their attitude towards the policy of the United States Government with regard to Palestine as announced last night by Secretary of State Byrnes, and on the exchange of letters on this subject between the late President Roosevelt and King Ibn Saud.

The full text of the letters — made public last night by Secretary Byrnes in Washington and by the Saudi Arabian legations in the Middle East — revealed that on April 10, the ruler of Saudi Arabia sent a communication to President Roosevelt asserting that the Jews in Palestine have for centuries been "merely aliens" who had come to the country at intervals, that Palestine is an Arab country in which the Arabs have lived continuously for about 5,500 years. He warned that if the Allied Governments "wish to see the fires of war break out, and bloodshed between Arabs and Jews, their support of the Zionists will surely lead to this result."

Zionist leaders here were studying today the text of the reply which Roosevelt sent to King Ibn Saud on April 5, (reported in the JTA bulletin yesterday), in which the late President assured the Arab ruler that he would take no action "which might prove hostile to the Arab people" and emphasized that it is the desire of the U.S. Government that no decision be taken with respect to the basic situation in Palestine "without full consultation with both Arabs and Jews."

In the meantime, it was announced today by the American Zionist Emergency Council that an unprecedented open-air demonstration "to support Palestine's fight for freedom" will be held next Wednesday at Madison Square Park. A call was issued to all Jews in New York to participate in this demonstration which will start at 4 p.m. The call also urges the Jews in the city to close their places of business and stop work on Wednesday afternoon, so that workers may be able to march en masse to Madison Square Park from their places of employment.

TRANSJORDAN FORCE ORDERED TO LEAVE INTERIOR OF PALESTINE; BRITISH OFFICERS ARMED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19. (JTA) — The Transjordan Frontier Force, which has been involved in several clashes with Jews, the most serious of which occurred on Oct. 6, at the colony of Kfar Giladi, when seven Jews were wounded, has been ordered to return to its bases on the Palestine-Transjordan border, it was announced today.

At the same time, military authorities disclosed that Army and R.A.F. officers in Southern Palestine have been instructed to carry arms at all times, and to limit the number of soldiers in their commands. Civilian employees of the War Department, meanwhile, were issued curfew passes as a precaution against the imposition of a curfew at any time.

The Palestine police force, which, together with the military, is responsible for maintaining order in Palestine, is to have an air arm, the Arab newspaper Falastin reports.

LABOR PARTY NEWSPAPER SAYS ATTLEE WILL PROPOSE UNITED NATIONS SETTLE PALESTINE ISSUE

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The Daily Herald, official organ of the Labor Party, says today that it understands that a statement on Palestine will be made by the Government within the next ten days. The paper's political correspondent predicts that Prime Minister Attlee will suggest that the problem is one that the United Nations will have to solve as part of the general peace settlement.

The London Jewish Chronicle reports that Attlee will be asked in Commons on Tuesday whether he will agree to the appointment of a Parliamentary commission to go to Palestine immediately and report back to the House on the situation there.

The Daily Herald yesterday devoted five columns to a debate on Palestine between Labor members of Parliament Barbara Gould and Richard Stokes, with Miss Gould supporting the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews and Stokes opposing immigration. Asserting that bloodshed seems inevitable whatever decision is taken, Miss Gould said that there will be far more bloodshed if the infamous White Paper is pursued than if the Government honors Labor's pledges to the Jews. She urged that the Jewish Brigade be brought back to Palestine to police the country.

New Partition Plan For Palestine Outlined

Dr. Godfrey Driver, professor of Hebrew at Oxford, writing today in the Spectator, proposes a partition plan for Palestine which would allocate the plains to the Jews, the hill country to the Arabs and leave Jerusalem and other reserved areas under the authority of the High Commissioner. The Jews would also be allowed to develop the Negev, the arid southern section of Palestine, and other state lands, while the ports of Jaffa, Haifa and Tel Aviv would be made available to both Jews and Arabs.

Prof. Driver also proposes the establishment of a "Federated Syria," to include Syria, Lebanon plus the Galilee section of Palestine, Transjordan plus the Arab portion of Palestine, and a Jewish Palestine. He points out that his plan would allow increased Jewish immigration, but not the admission of all of the European Jewish refugees, since, he says, Palestine is not able to absorb all of them. He recommends Madagascar and Eritrea as additional areas for Jewish settlement, and asserts that if Zionist leaders refuse to agree to settlement outside of Palestine, they will be "responsible for the victims of future pogroms in Europe."

A pronouncement today by the Beth Din, the rabbinical court, signed by Chief Rabbi Joseph Horzog and other prominent British rabbis, takes issue with a recent letter sent to constituents of the United Synagogue by Sir Robert Waley-Cohen, president, in which congregations were urged to request their rabbis not to inject the Palestine issue into the Synagogue. The rabbis say that the Palestine problem is definitely a religious issue since the White Paper is in conflict with the divine promise and the development of Palestine is a fundamental religious duty of Jews.

At the same time, Rabbi Horzog notified the secretary of the United Synagogue, who also signed the letter sent by Sir Robert, that he considered it a flagrant interference with the authority and jurisdiction of the Chief Rabbinate.

U.S. ARMY LIFTS RESTRICTIONS ON SOLDIERS VISITING PALESTINE ON LEAVE

CAIRO, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- United States Army Headquarters here today removed restrictions on American personnel desiring to proceed to Palestine on leave.

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ANTI-JEWISH ATTACKS MARK PERON'S RETURN TO POWER IN ARGENTINA; SYNAGOGUES STONED

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish attacks marked the political demonstrations here yesterday which signalled the return to power of Col. Juan Peron. Eggs were thrown at an orthodox synagogue in the Jewish section of the city and anti-Jewish slogans were shouted by demonstrators. In a suburb of Buenos Aires windows were smashed in several Jewish factories.

The liberal daily "Nacional" reports today from Cordoba that windows were smashed there in the new building of a local Jewish bank and damage was inflicted on the building where the bank is now housed. The local synagogue was also attacked, the paper reports.

(A National Broadcasting Company report from Buenos Aires today said that Peron's followers are roaming the city plastering up posters reading: "Death to the Jews and Russians." The New York Post reports that several persons and shops were attacked in the Jewish quarters of Buenos Aires during the pro-Peron demonstrations.)

CONNELL, "DAILY NEWS" COLUMNIST, APOLOGIZES TO JEWS; SAYS HIS CHARGES WERE UNTRUE

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- John O'Donnell, Washington columnist of the New York Daily News, today publicly admitted that there was no truth in his column of Oct. 8, in which he asserted that Jews were responsible for the removal of Gen. Patton from his post as military administrator of Bavaria. He expressed regret for having made the anti-Jewish statements against which leading Jewish organizations in America had protested.

O'Donnell's apology, published in the Daily News today as part of his column "Capitol Stuff," is given the same prominence as his anti-Jewish remarks. It reads as follows:

"On Oct. 8 this column attributed the removal of Gen. George S. Patton Jr. from his command of the U.S. 3d Army and as military administrator of Bavaria to pressure applied by influential members whose racial background was Jewish. Their antagonism to Patton, it was stated, came from the slapping by Patton of a soldier hospitalized in Sicily during the Summer campaign of 1943. The slapping was described as accompanied by derogatory references to the victim's Jewish origin.

"After careful investigation we have determined that the one identified soldier whom Patton slapped is Charles E. Kuhl of Mishawaka, Ind. He is not a Jew, but of German extraction. He is a member of the Nazarene Church, akin to the Methodist.

"Named among those who pressed for Patton's removal were Henry Morgenthau, former Secretary of the Treasury; Felix Frankfurter, Supreme Court associate justice; David L. Miles, administrative assistant to the President, and Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and chairman of the CIO-Political Action Committee. Each of these gentlemen except Justice Frankfurter has categorically denied any participation in the Patton removal. Justice Frankfurter, because of his judicial position, does not issue statements for publication.

"On the evidence, our statements in Capitol Stuff were untrue. We regret having made them."

MEMOR URGED TO ADMIT 500 JEWISH CHILDREN; HICEM REQUESTED TO POST \$100,000 BOND

QUITO, Ecuador, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Attorney General Alfredo Perez Guerrero has recommended to the Ecuadorean Government that it admit 500 Jewish children from Europe, provided that the Hias-Ioa Emigration Association, which has requested the admission of the young refugees, posts a bond of \$100,000 to guarantee that the children will not become public charges.

This sum would be returned at such time as the youngsters have learned a trade and become self-supporting. In the event that a child dies, or leaves the country, \$4,000 would be returned to the Hias-Ioa. The Attorney General also recommends that the Jewish organization pay \$20 per month to the Ministry of Education for the maintenance of each young immigrant.

It is pointed out here that Dr. Guerrero's suggestions should not be interpreted as indicating opposition to Jewish immigration, but are motivated only by the legal and financial problems involved in admitting the children. He has frequently expressed sympathy with Jewish causes, and last year forestalled a ban on the Zionist Organization here, over the opposition of the Foreign Office.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY AND MILWAUKEE WELFARE FUND OPPOSE NATIONAL ADVISORY BUDGETING

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Assembly of America, representative body of Conservative rabbis, has adopted a resolution opposing national advisory budgeting for Jewish federations and welfare funds, it was announced today by the Committee to Oppose National Budgeting. A similar resolution was adopted by the Jewish Welfare Fund in Milwaukee, the Committee reported.

The resolution of the rabbinical organization says that "the Rabbinical Assembly of America believes that in this formative stage of Jewish community life, it would be very unwise and even detrimental to the full development of Jewish life in America to hamper the free and democratic decision of each community to determine for itself its allocations to local, national and overseas causes." This statement, the resolution declares, is "a reaffirmation of our position which was taken in 1941. Our study of the situation leads us to endorse that attitude wholeheartedly. We further affirm that intelligent allocations can be made in the local communities."

The resolution of the Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Fund expresses appreciation of the service that the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds has rendered in the accumulation of factual data on agencies appealing for funds and urges that these functions be continued and enlarged. At the same time, it emphasizes that the leaders of the Jewish Welfare Fund in Milwaukee wish to reserve for their community the right, on the basis of full information, to determine how the funds raised by the community shall be distributed.

"We believe that the establishment of a national advisory budgeting committee will retard the progress of the movement for more intelligent local action with respect to Jewish causes, since it will divert from the local to national level decisions on the distribution of funds for purposes affecting Jewish life here and tend to eliminate the desire for wider local education on Jewish needs," the resolution says. "We believe that we are qualified in our own community to allocate funds with greater understanding of local conditions and desires."