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DEMONSTRATION OF 250,000 NEW YORKERS BACKS JEWISH DEMANDS FOR PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) — More than 250,000 Jews, joined by thousands of non-Jews, today voiced their protest against the closing of Palestine to Jewish immigration at a huge open-air mass demonstration--the largest Zionist mass-meeting of all time--held at Madison Square Park. The rally also demanded the "reconstitution of Palestine as a Jewish State."

Jewish shops and factories closed in the early afternoon in order to give their employees an opportunity to participate in the demonstration, which started at 2 p.m., under the auspices of the American Zionist Emergency Council. More than 500 Jewish schools throughout the city closed early in the day, and students and teachers flocked to the scene of the demonstration.

Leading the procession, in which 30,000 Jewish youths participated, were Jewish War Veterans and veterans of the Jewish Legion who fought for Palestine in World War I. Other processions represented religious, civic, women's and labor groups. The marchers carried placards reading: "Is Attlee another Chamberlain?" "England Stop Belching!" "Billions for England? Justice for Jews!" "No American Aid for British Betrayers."

Principal speakers at the rally included Louis Lipsky, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Pierre van Passen and representatives of labor unions. All emphasized the need for Jewish Palestine and called for abrogation of the White Paper and unrestricted admission of Jews from Europe to Palestine. Governor Dewey sent a message to the demonstration urging "the restoration of the Jewish nation in its historic homeland - Palestine." Several speakers condemned the expulsion from Palestine, yesterday, of Overseas News Agency correspondent Constantine Foulos.

American People Will Back Jews in Palestine, Says Declaration

The demonstration adopted a declaration, which was transmitted to President Truman and to Prime Minister Attlee, supporting the Jews in Palestine in their struggle "to rebuild the national life of the Jewish people and to restore dignity and honor to the broken remnants of European Jewry."

Emphasizing that "freedom-loving America will not be silent while men of little vision seek to scrap the solemn international pledges made to the Jewish people," the declaration said: "We will not rest until the present shameful British policy on Palestine is destroyed. Your struggle is our struggle, too. Our demands for justice will grow stronger every day. Our voice will reach the council-chambers of the Powers! It will penetrate the barriers of official indifference; it will arouse the conscience of civilized mankind to action!"

"Jews of Palestine--the American people are with you in this great cause! We send you this expression of our deep affection and unshakable support in our common fight for the opening of Palestine's doors to unrestricted Jewish immigration and its reconstitution as a Jewish State, and are transmitting this declaration to the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain."

NET TRANSPORT OF "ILLEGAL" JEWISH IMMIGRANTS REPORTED TO HAVE LANDED IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Oct. 24. (JTA) — After a six-day voyage from Italy in a 250-ton sailing schooner, 173 Jewish "illegal" immigrants landed by rowboats "somewhere on the coast of Palestine" on Monday according to a report from Jerusalem by Reuters, the British news agency.

The report emphasized that the information comes from Jewish sources. The disembarkation took two hours and was covered by an armed guard of the Hagannah, the Jewish self-defense organization, it stated. The immigrants are alleged to have included Jewish refugees from Austria, Poland, Latvia and Lithuania. Among them were survivors of concentration camps and former partisans.

An unscheduled discussion on Palestine took place in the House of Commons today when several members asked Colonial Secretary George Hall a number of questions concerning the security of Palestine and the deportation of illegal immigrants.

Mr. Hall said that the Palestine Government is doing its utmost to disarm criminals. He denied that the Jews who were being held at the Atlit camp as "illegal immigrants" were to be deported from the country. He also announced that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem is now in French hands, but added that he would make no statement to represent on whether the ex-Mufti was to be treated as a traitor or as a war criminal.

The speaker of the House overruled an objection to remarks made by Lord Winterton which were interpreted as an attempt "to raise serious anti-Jewish prejudices." The objection was raised by William Gallacher, Communist. The Colonial Secretary, replying to Lord Winterton, promised to obtain from the Palestine High Commissioner the comment on a letter alleging that the police must use lethal weapons when lives are endangered by "murderous attacks of Jews."

A meeting of the General Council of the Federation of Synagogues, representing 70,000 Jews, adopted a unanimous resolution urging abrogation of the White Paper and immediate steps to transfer surviving Jews in Europe to Palestine. The resolution pointed out that many thousands will perish this winter unless immediate action is taken. Copies were sent to Prime Minister Attlee, Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin and Colonial Secretary George Hall.

WILL TO PUBLISH EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON PALESTINE BETWEEN ROOSEVELT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- An exchange of correspondence between the late President Roosevelt and President Shukri Kautly of Syria, on the question of Palestine will be published on Friday, it was reported here today from Damascus.

The Palestine Gazette today published an ordinance exempting from the immigration laws all Jewish members of the Royal Army, Navy and Air Force who enlisted voluntarily while they were interned as "illegal" Palestine immigrants on the island of Mauritius. Under today's ordinance, their wives and children under the age of 18 are also permitted to enter Palestine without immigration certificates.

Addressing today's session of the Mizrahi conference which is taking place here, Rabbi Meir Berlin said that there is no other alternative for the executive of the Jewish Agency than to resign. A full session of the Actions Committee, supreme Zionist body next to the World Zionist Congress, should then be held in Washington to elect a new executive and to establish the headquarters of the Jewish Agency in the U.S. capital, he said.

RETURNING PROPERTY TO SURVIVING JEWS, FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Polish Foreign Minister Wincenty Rzymowski, at a press conference here today, emphasized that his government is spending millions of dollars for the economic rehabilitation of the surviving Jews in Poland and that the property confiscated from Jews during the German occupation is being returned.

The Central Jewish Relief Committee in Warsaw, the Minister said, will soon send a delegation to the United States, headed by its president Dr. Emil Sommerstein, for the purpose of bringing the needs of Polish Jewry to the attention of their brethren in America. He estimated that there are about 180,000 Polish Jews in the USSR and declared that their repatriation began recently.

A delegation of the American Federation of Polish Jews, headed by Dr. Joseph Hershman, was received yesterday by Mr. Rzymowski, who informed the delegates that the Polish Government is "ready to welcome 100,000 Jews, who, according to a recent treaty with Moscow, are soon to return to Poland from Soviet Russia." The Minister said that his government "is not permitting the reactionary press to print false and defamatory articles inciting the population against Jews." The delegation included Dr. Joseph Thorn, Dr. Samuel Margoshes and Arnold Grossfield.

R. FILDERMAN RELEASED FROM HOME ARREST; APPEALS FOR AID FOR RUMANIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. William Filderman, president of the Union of Rumanian Jews, who it was reported recently was held under house arrest in Bucharest, is free, according to a cablegram received by the World Jewish Congress from Prime Minister Petru Groza of Rumania.

At the same time a cable was received by the Congress from Dr. Filderman and Chief Rabbi Alexander Safran, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Rumania, appealing for aid in the reconstruction of the ruined Jewish communities in Rumania. In their request for funds, the Rumanian Jewish leaders cited the need for help in the rebuilding of synagogues, Hebrew schools, the support of rabbis, and for the purchase of Holy Scrolls, and Hebrew and Yiddish books.

FRANKFURT GERIANS ORDERED TO VACATE HOMES TO MAKE ROOM FOR 1,000 JEWS

FRANKFURT, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The German occupants of 125 houses in Frankfurt have been given three days to vacate the buildings, in order to make room for 1,000 displaced Jews, who are now housed in camps for displaced persons, it was announced today. The order was issued by American military government authorities.

URGE INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON PALESTINE DEMANDED BY CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- A bi-partisan quartette of Senators and Representatives today demanded that the United States take the initiative "in urging our executive department to take steps for interim international action on Palestine."

Supporting identical resolutions which they introduced several weeks ago in the Senate and House, Senators Charles W. Tobey, Republican of New Hampshire, Francis A. Myers, Democrat of Pennsylvania, Representatives Andrew L. Somers, Democrat of New York and Bertrand W. Gearhart, Republican of California, told a press conference in Senator Tobey's office that the pressure of Arab chieftans is "humiliating" and without parallel in international relations. They stressed that their resolution does not advocate a "Jewish Commonwealth" but "a free and democratic state with full citizenship rights for its inhabitants without discrimination based on racial or religious factors." It was announced that a delegation will leave for Britain shortly to present the viewpoint of the American League for a Free Palestine to the Labor Government.

IMPORT OF RELIEF SUPPLIES SENT FROM SWEDEN TO POLISH JEWS ARRIVES IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- A car load of relief supplies sent by Jewish organizations in Sweden to Jews in Poland arrived here today and was immediately re-packed to Warsaw. It contained mainly cases of condensed milk.

Another freight car, containing clothing, is being held here for a short time until some of the articles can be unloaded for use by Polish Jews in the Soviet Union. The remainder will then be shipped to Warsaw.

A film depicting the tragedy of the Ukrainian Jews during the German occupation is now being shown simultaneously in ten Moscow theatres. Entitled "The Invincibles," it is based on a novel by the young writer I. Gorbатов. It was made at studios in Kiev and stars some of Russia's best known actors and actresses.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN SOFIA TAKES STEPS TO SECURE RETURN OF JEWISH HOSPITAL

SOFIA, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Free medical service is being given all needy Jews, and former Jewish partisans and concentration camp victims, it was reported by Dr. M. Rachmanioff, head of the Jewish Polyclinic here, on the occasion of the institution's first anniversary.

Among the activities conducted by the polyclinic, he said, was a home visiting service for needy patients, a diabetic center and a health education program among the Jewish population. Dr. Rachmanioff said that steps have been taken to secure return of the Jewish Hospital here, which was temporarily requisitioned by the military authorities.

The polyclinic is financed by the Jewish community, which, however, is not able to provide all the required assistance. It is hoped, therefore, that Jewish groups abroad, especially the Joint Distribution Committee, will send aid.

Col. Avram Radjer, chairman of the local JDC committee, informed the mayor of Sofia today that 500 of the pairs of shoes provided for the Jewish children of Bulgaria will be distributed to non-Jewish youngsters. The Mayor expressed his thanks on behalf of the community.

ANTI-JEW SLUR ON JETTS BRINGS DEMAND FOR END OF "JEW-BAITING" IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- A clash on the floor of the House of Representatives today between Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi and Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York, during which the Mississippi Congressman referred to Celler as the "Jewish gentleman from New York," brought a demand from Rep. Vito Marcantonio of New York that "this Jew-baiting in the House must stop." He expressed the hope that for the sake of a "united America" such a discussion would never again occur on the floor of the House.

The exchange between Celler and Rankin arose when the latter objected to suggestions by Celler and five other Congressmen that the House Committee on Un-American Activities probe nationalist and anti-Semitic groups. Rankin described Celler's demands as the "most unmitigated procedure ever seen in Congress from the Jewish gentleman from New York," and after Celler objected asked whether he was protesting being called "Jewish" or "gentleman." The other Congressmen were Reps. Delacy, Jackson and Coffee of Washington and Patterson and Doyle of California.

DEMOCRACY WILL PROTECT RIGHTS OF ALL GROUPS, SAYS PRESIDENT RIOS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Assurance that world Jewry can rely on the principles of democracy to maintain "the equality of rights and opportunities of all nations without regard to race or creed," was given to a delegation of the World Jewish Congress yesterday by President Juan Antonio Rios of Chile.

The delegation said that President Rios praised the loyalty of the 30,000 Jews in Chile and stated Chile has played a vital part in Pan-America in strengthening democratic ideas. The delegation was composed of Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Dr. Eliezer L. Perlzweig, and Isadore Dimant of Santiago, Chile.

CHRISTIAN MINISTERS DEMAND "DAILY NEWS" APOLOGIZE FOR O'DONNELL COLUMN

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- A group representing 5,000 Christian ministers affiliated with the Textbook Commission of "The Protestant" today demanded that the "Daily News" management apologize for the charges by its Washington columnist John F. O'Donnell that Gen. Patton was dismissed from command of the Third Army as a result of intervention by influential Jews. They said that O'Donnell's retraction of the charges was unsatisfactory and insufficient.

"O'Donnell admitted that he was in error concerning the nationality of the soldier slapped by Patton and he admitted further that the Jewish leaders mentioned seemed having anything to do with the dismissal of Gen. Patton," a statement by the ministers said. "For these errors O'Donnell expresses his regret, but he does not apologize for the anti-Semitic implications in his statements concerning Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, David Niles and Sidney Hillman. O'Donnell's description of these leaders as 'foreign born' and his reference to Niles with an alias and his description of Hillman as 'the Latvian ex-rabbinical student' constitute inexcusable abuse on the Jewish people of America. For this offense O'Donnell has not apologized."

AGUDAS ISRAEL YOUTH PARLEY ASKS U.S., OTHER ALLIES TO ADMIT JEWISH IMMIGRANTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- An appeal to the United States and other Allied countries to allow immigration, under their existing quotas, of Jews from Europe, coupled with an appeal to Prime Minister Attlee for the opening of Palestine, were heard here following the 23rd annual convention of the Agudas Israel Youth Council of America.

The convention also asked that the refugees presently held at Fort Ontario be allowed to become permanent citizens of the United States. The formation of the "Kibbutz Haganudati," which will train orthodox youth here for settlement in Palestine was announced.

Michael G. Tress was re-elected national president of the Agudas Israel Youth Council, and Rabbi Morris Sherer, executive director. Speakers at the convention included Dr. Jacob Rosenheim, president of the Agudas Israel World Organization; Rabbi Isaac M. Lewin of Palestine; Rabbi Dr. Herbert S. Goldstein, president of the Synagogue Council; Rabbi E. M. Bloch of Cleveland; Rabbi Simon Schwab of Baltimore; and Rabbi Aaron Paperman, Jewish chaplain attached to the American Fifty Army Headquarters.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES LEAVE FOR GERMANY TO WORK WITH UNRRA

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Paul L. Goldman and William Wolpert, two representatives of the Jewish Labor Committee, left today for Europe to work with the United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration for the rehabilitation of displaced Jews in the American zone of occupation in Germany and in Austria, it was announced by Ralph Held, chairman of the Committee.