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NEW SAYS HE HAS RECEIVED NO FURTHER COMMUNICATION FROM ATTLEE ON PALESTINE ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- President Truman today told his press conference that he had received no further communication from Prime Minister Attlee with regard to his request that 100,000 Jews be admitted from Europe to Palestine.

Rep. Andrew L. Somers, Democrat of New York, today asked British Ambassador Lord Kilfer to ascertain the facts in the recent arrest and conviction of twenty Palestinian boys and girls for possessing arms.

The Congressman read to the House of Representatives a radiogram received from Tel Aviv October 21, revealing that eighteen boys and two girls between the ages of fifteen to twenty had been arrested on a camping trip and sentenced to a total of 118 years imprisonment after discovery of arms cached near their camp. The radiogram protests that prosecution witnesses failed to establish any connection between the youths and the arms.

ATTLEE REPORTED WILLING TO ADMIT 35,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE; STATEMENT DUE NEXT WEEK

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Diplomatic sources today stated that Prime Minister Attlee proposes to allot 35,000 Palestine immigration permits to Jews immediately - for an unspecified period - providing the United States is prepared to share responsibility for maintaining order in Palestine.

Reliable political circles, at the same time, predicted that Mr. Attlee may be in a position to make a statement on Palestine in the House of Commons next week. A full dress debate may follow his statement, they said.

The Daily Express reports today from Jerusalem that Jews have succeeded in bringing into Palestine recently seven shiploads of "illegal" immigrants without being intercepted. Radar stations are now under construction in Palestine to combat Jewish "illegal" immigration, it was reliably reported from another source.

The report by the London correspondent of an American newspaper that a plan is afoot to transfer 50,000 European Jewish refugees to an UNRRA camp in Phillipville, Algeria, was termed "fantastic" today by officials of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees.

They said that the proposal was "unlikely" even for purely technical reasons, since, although the Phillipville camp is empty at present, it can only accommodate a few thousand persons, apart from tent accommodations, which are not adequate for semi-permanent housing.

Christopher Chancellor, general manager of Reuters, today telegraphed to the Lebanese Prime Minister, Sami Bey Solh, protesting against the recent expulsion of Aris Kallenstein, Reuters correspondent, from Beirut and demanding his reinstatement. Mr. Kallenstein was also the correspondent of the Palestine Hebrew paper Haaretz.

## TRANSPORT OF JEWISH IMMIGRANTS LANDS IN PALESTINE; ANOTHER EXPECTED SOON

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A Turkish ship today landed 156 Jewish immigrants, mostly children from Bulgaria. Another ship with about 1,000 Jewish immigrants is expected to reach Haifa from Rumania within a few days. These two transports are among the last expected to arrive in Palestine under the White Paper restrictions.

A military court in Jerusalem today sentenced a Jewish truck driver to five years imprisonment on the charge of unlawful possession of twenty-three hand grenades found near his truck after it collided with a train at a crossing. An Arab youth who was found guilty of unlawful possession of twenty rounds of rifle ammunition was sentenced by the same court to nine months imprisonment and ten strokes of the birch.

## Syrian Premier Bars Issuing Visas to Jews, Cairo Reports

The Cairo radio today reported that the Syrian Premier has issued an order forbidding the issuance of Syrian visas to Jews. The Jewish underground radio in Palestine today reported that Jews have been attacked in Damascus. They appealed to the British consulate, but were told that the consulate was helpless to intervene with Syrian authorities.

The same broadcast reported that three leaders of the Arab Istiklal party of Palestine, headed by Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, are now holding conferences in Damascus with so-called anti-Jewish and pro-Nazi Arabs who found shelter in Syria, and are plotting Arab outrages in Palestine. The Istiklalists visiting Damascus are known to be pro-British. The Husseini Party leaders, who are pro-Mufti and anti-British, are not participating in the Damascus talks "because they feel that there is British influence behind the sinister preparations," the broadcast said.

The broadcast emphasized that the Jews do not want to drive the British out of Palestine, or weaken their position in the Middle East. "All we want," the broadcast said, "is that Britain fulfil its promises. We do not want to drive a single Arab out of Palestine. We do not want an inch of the neighboring Arab countries. But we want these countries to refrain from interfering in Palestine affairs. We shall resist if the Government insists on carrying out the infamous White Paper. We are not terrorists and we don't want bloodshed and violence. We want British friendship, but not at the price of selling out our people's only hope."

## Hashomer Hatzair Conference Calls for International Control of Palestine

The Hashomer Hatzair, left-wing labor party, concluded a nation-wide conference with a resolution calling for international control of Palestine with full political equality "between the returning Jewish nation and the Arabs residing in Palestine." It also addressed an appeal to the British Labor party "not to place any obstacles in the Jewish nation's path towards redemption and independence in Palestine," to fulfil its pledges to the Jews, and to allow free Jewish immigration.

Other resolutions adopted at the conference emphasized that the Jews in Palestine do not want war with England, but "will defend to the last our hope for the future." One resolution urged the Jews in Palestine "to stand like a rock" and strengthen their self-defence organization. Another resolution warned against provocations and declared that the Hashomer Hatzair "will combat fascist terrorist gangs."

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TRUMAN IS ASKED TO INTERVENE WITH ARGENTINA TO PREVENT FURTHER ANTI-JEWISH ACTS

MELBOURNE, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Sir Isaac Isaacs, former Governor General of Australia and prominent Jewish leader, and Alex Masel, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, today cabled to President Truman urging him to intervene to prevent further anti-Semitic acts in Argentina.

The cable said: "We respectfully request your powerful and gracious intervention with Argentina, a signatory of the San Francisco Charter, to prevent, in the spirit of the inscription on the Liberty Bell, a recurrence of the anti-Semitic, anti-democratic outrages reported in the public press. This request is in the name of the Jewish community of Australia."

(The New York Herald-Tribune today reported from Buenos Aires that the DAIA, the federation of all major Jewish organizations in Argentina, delivered a "strong note" yesterday to President Edelmiro Farrell protesting against the anti-Semitic campaign which began there last week. The note pointed out that anti-Semitic gangs were permitted to invade the Jewish section of Buenos Aires last Thursday and attacked members of the Jewish community who were obliged to defend themselves.)

HADASSAH CONVENTION PROCLAIMS \$3,010,000 DRIVE; RE-ELECTS ALL OFFICERS

CHICAGO, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A national goal of \$3,010,000 for the coming year was proclaimed here today at the closing session of the four-day Hadassah convention, which re-elected all its top officers, headed by Mrs. Moses F. Epstein, president.

Addressing a dinner session, last night, Sen. Owen Brewster of Maine told the 1,000 delegates that Arab threats in Palestine were "a myth" since no Arab armies exist. He urged the United States to support a Jewish Palestine as "a periscope and listening post" in "a desert of backward primitive Arab countries."

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, who also addressed the dinner, warned that although the Jewish Agency does not advocate violence, "resistance with firmness, whatever the consequences, is the watchword. We know the consequences are bound to be grave," he continued, "especially since Jewish resistance may provoke counter measures by the British. But a people that will not resort to self-defense is not fit to survive."

In an address delivered today, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, representing the Jewish Agency, said that the Jews in Palestine want self-government immediately and "will not accept a foreign regime be it British or any other." He pointed out that if Arab states such as Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and "medieval Saudi Arabia" deserve to rule themselves, "why not democratic Palestine?"

WITNESS DETAINED AT BELSEN TRIAL WHEN RECOGNIZED AS DOCTOR WHO TORTURED JEWS

MUNICH, Germany, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Ernst Schmidt, a former Nazi doctor who appeared as a defense witness at the Belsen trial here today, was detained, pending investigation, by the British security police after he was recognized as one of the Gestapo doctors who tortured Jews in the notorious Majdanek Camp in Poland.

The Nazi doctor denied the charge of the prosecution that he worked at the Majdanek camp. He said he had served as a doctor in a Lithuanian guard unit stationed in Lublin and was "doctor for the troops in barracks in the town."

## MR. ROOSEVELT CLARIFIES RUMORS SURROUNDING THE ROOSEVELT-IBN SAUD CORRESPONDENCE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt today revealed what the President told her about his conversation on Palestine with King Ibn Saud, and emphasized that she considers it "not only unfair but very unwise" to use past utterances to influence new decisions.

The statement, made in her syndicated column, was prompted by Mrs. Roosevelt's desire to clarify the rumors surrounding the exchange of correspondence between her husband and the ruler of Saudi Arabia which was made public by Secretary of State James H. Duggan. Pointing out that one "can really never tell what a man who has been a winner and a leader, in either public or private life, would think or do if he were alive and facing new circumstances," Mrs. Roosevelt writes:

"I had heard my husband, on a number of occasions after his return from Yalta, give an account of the visit paid him by King Ibn Saud. My husband stated that he felt his conversations with the Arab King had been a failure, since the King had told him that as long as he lived he did not wish any change. An influx into Palestine of Jewish people from the big cities of the world--like London, Paris, Berlin, New York--would meet resistance because it tended to change the way of life of the whole land.

"The Arabs, said King Saud, are of the same Semitic race as the Jews, and get well when their backgrounds were similar. My husband said that King Ibn Saud asserted that he had been a warrior all of his life; he was not interested either in farming or forestry; his people were herdsmen and nomads, and he wished no change.

"My husband felt that a later generation might feel differently, but at present there was very little hope of a changed attitude on the part of the Arabs where Palestine was concerned."

## LEADERS OF CANADIAN SOCIALIST PARTY APPEAL FOR OPENING OF PALESTINE TO JEWS

MONTREAL, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Continued support in the fight against the Palestine White Paper has been promised by the parliamentary representatives of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation--the Socialist party of Canada and the only political party in the Dominion which, at a national convention, adopted a resolution asking for a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

Speaking in the House of Commons Alistair Stewart (C.C.F. Winnipeg North) urged that Palestine be opened to the Jews and said that opposition to Jewish aspirations came from Arab kings and princes who exploited the people. The Arab worker and the Arab peasant had no objection to opening the gates of Palestine to the Jews, he added.

David Lewis, National Secretary of the C.C.F., stated that it is the duty of the British Labor Government to abrogate the White Paper without delay. Cables to Prime Minister Attlee asking for the abrogation of the White Paper have been sent by A. R. Mosher, president of the Canadian Congress of Labor and Percy Bengough, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

## LARGE PROTEST MEETING IN BRAZIL DEMANDS FREE ADMISSION OF JEWS TO PALESTINE

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- More than 3,000 persons attended a protest meeting here last night to demand the abrogation of the White Paper and the unrestricted admission of Jews to Palestine. The meeting was addressed by Dr. Mauricio de Lacerda, noted jurist and a member of parliament; Prof. Azevedo de Amaral, director of the Polytechnical College; Dr. S. Yuris and others.

## PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER LAND ACQUISITIONS UNDER WHITE PAPER GLOOMY, SAYS JNF HEAD

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The prospects for further acquisition of land by the Jewish National Fund are very bad unless the present restrictions on land sales are removed, Dr. Abraham Granovsky, managing director of the Jewish National Fund, declared here.

Addressing a press conference on the eve of his departure for the United States, Dr. Granovsky said that despite the many hindrances, the JNF succeeded in purchasing 340,000 dunams (approximately 85,000 acres) during the war. Citing some of the obstacles placed in its path by the Government, the JNF director said that in "Zone B," where land sales are permitted with the approval of the authorities, the Government rejected 95 percent of the JNF's applications, although the prospective Arab sellers pleaded that they needed the money to develop the balance of their holdings.

Discussing Arab efforts to hamper the sale of land to Jews, Granovsky stated that the "El Umma" fund, which was established as a sort of Arab JNF, has only purchased 10,000 dunams. However, he stressed that ultra-nationalist groups are using terror in an attempt to prevent Arabs from selling their land, and one Arab middleman was recently murdered.

The JNF board of directors have drawn up a budget totalling \$37,500,000 for the current year, he said. Most, but not all of this, is expected to come from contributions raised abroad, of which the Jews in the United States furnish 60 percent. Granovsky praised the JNF in America for constantly increasing its collections. He said that one of the chief reasons he is going to the United States is to discuss a plan to raise a great sum of money in cooperation with private enterprises.

## MEXICAN JEWS MAKE LARGEST PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTION TO ZIONIST FUND, SAYS JNF LEADER

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The per capita contribution of Mexican Jewry to the Jewish National Fund exceeds that of any other country in the world, according to Mendel Resnikoff, president of the JNF of Mexico, who is in New York to confer with leaders of the JNF here before assuming his new post as president of the Jewish National Fund of Central America.

The contributions of the 20,000 Mexican Jews to the JNF exceed that of the more than 340,000 Jews of Argentina. Mr. Resnikoff stated, adding that Jewish cultural life in Mexico as a whole has reached a high stage of development. Eighty percent of the Jewish children of Mexico attend Jewish schools, provided by the Jewish community. The reputation of these schools is such that even a considerable number of non-Jewish children attend them. The schools give instruction in Hebrew and Yiddish in addition to regular academic subjects.

Mr. Resnikoff is also vice-chairman of the campaign to raise 3,000,000 pesos for the aid of European Jewry, which will be dispensed through the J.D.C., the World Jewish Congress and similar agencies.

## JEKS IN BELGIUM DEMAND ABROGATION OF WHITE PAPER; ASK FOR PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

BRUSSELS, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The abrogation of the White Paper and the opening of Palestine for Jews from liberated Europe was demanded here at a large meeting addressed by H. Zerubavel, leader of the left-wing Poale-Zion Party, who arrived here from Palestine. Mr. Zerubavel also held a conference with representatives of Belgian newspapers at which he appealed to the press to enlighten public opinion in the country on the rights of the Jews to Palestine.

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