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TRUMAN-ATTLEE PACT REPORTED TO PROVIDE JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

LONDON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Informed British quarters in London today reported that the Truman-Attlee pact on Palestine is "an agreement upon a new approach to the Palestine problem rather than an agreement upon a policy." The Prime Minister is expected to divulge the terms of the pact in the House of Commons on Thursday.

America has not at this stage committed herself to any out and dried policy with regard to Palestine, these quarters stressed. The concept which Washington and London have been examining within recent weeks is that of a Palestine solution which must fit into the wider patterns of a settlement of the Jewish problem over the whole of Europe, they disclosed.

The Daily Herald, organ of the Labor Party, reports that the Truman-Attlee agreement provides for a joint Anglo-American commission to investigate Palestine immigration and the movement of Jewish refugees in the Anglo-American zones in Europe. The commission will be asked to ascertain how many refugees desire to go to Palestine and what are the prospects of their settlement in other parts of the world.

The diplomatic correspondent of Reynolds News, commenting today on the reported Anglo-American agreement, says that Britain and the United States are anxious to solidify their relations with the Arab states and are determined not to allow the Palestine question to lead to a conflict. "Various oil interests undoubtedly form a part of the picture," he adds. The article warns, however, that omission of the Soviet Union from the U.S.-British discussions would be "a serious matter," since Russia would view with suspicion moves to build up a unilateral alliance between the western and Arab states, especially after the rejection of the Soviet demand for a trusteeship over some of the Italian colonies in North Africa.

A dispatch from the Jerusalem correspondent of the London Times yesterday, said that the Palestine issue "now lies between the Jewish and the British in Palestine." The Arabs have receded from the scene, the dispatch said.

The secretary-general of the Arab League, Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, in a statement issued here before leaving for Cairo, said it was too early for him to comment on suggestions that the Palestine problem be entrusted to the United Nations, but said the Arabs would have no objection if the United Nations discussed the entire Jewish problem, looking towards an international solution. The Arab League, he added, would be willing to join in such an international scheme to help the Jews.

ARAB PARLEY CALLS FOR ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF JEWS; RESERVES HIGH POST FOR MUFTI

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- A conference of Arab political parties held in Jaffa over the week-end, under the auspices of the Arab Front Party, adopted resolutions urging an economic boycott of Jewish goods and requested all Arab countries to enforce the boycott and to impose a high protective tariff on imports of Jewish manufactures.

The conference, which was attended by representatives of neighboring Arab

countries, leaders of five political parties in Palestine, Arab labor organizations and the Arab Villager's Union, also decided to demand a complete stoppage of Jewish immigration, both legal and illegal, failing which, the resolution said, the Arabs "would find themselves obliged to guard their own frontiers." The Palestine Arab Party, which was formerly headed by Haj Amin el Husseini, the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, did not attend the conference, because, it charged, the parley had been organized by pro-British elements. However, the meeting voted to reserve for the ex-Mufti the presidency of the Higher Arab Committee which it was decided must be re-established. This committee was dissolved by the Palestine Government after the riots in Palestine during 1936-37.

The underground Jewish radio, "Voice of Israel," today reports that three delegates left here recently to invite the Mufti to "revert to his former activities." The broadcast said that secret discussions are in progress in Damascus between Syrian Government circles and two former aides of the Mufti, Aklan Zoedar, his one-time chief of staff and Aszak Darnoda, both of whom had been hiding in Turkey until recently. It claimed that plans had been mapped for disturbances in Palestine, "but the Jewish resistance movement is on guard."

Leaflets containing anti-British statements were scattered in the center of Tel Aviv last night, when several "pamphlet bombs" were exploded. They were signed by the "Irgun Zvai Leumi." Meanwhile, units of British troops are re-inforcing all police posts throughout Palestine and barbed wire fences are being erected around police stations in the southern part of the country.

Arabs Quit Government Commission in Protest Against Parity with Jews

All five Arab members of the War Economic Advisory Committee today submitted their resignation. They gave as their reason the Government's maintenance of parity between Arabs and Jews, despite alleged assurances to the contrary, and demanded that the basis of representation on all boards should be two to one in favor of the Arabs according to their proportion of the population.

The president of the Iraqi Chamber of Deputies has addressed a protest to the governments of the United States, Britain and Russia against President Truman's request that 100,000 Jews be admitted to Palestine, it is reported from Bagdad by Reuters. The dispatch says that it has been officially confirmed that in an exchange of correspondence with Iraqi Regent Abul Illah, the late President Roosevelt assured the Regent that no decision affecting Palestine would be reached without full consultation with both Arabs and Jews. The Regent's note to Roosevelt had stated that Zionism was a political movement unrelated to the Jewish religion and its demands were without basis in logic or truth. To ignore the Arab claims, the note stressed, would be incompatible with the principles for which the war was fought.

Routers also reports that in response to an appeal by the Palestino Arab Party that neighboring Arab countries stage sympathy strikes on Friday, the 20th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, in conjunction with a country-wide strike of Arabs in Palestine, the executive of the carpenters' association in Bagdad today voted to convene a meeting on that day to "protest Zionist endeavors to colonize Palestine."

1,500 AUSTRIAN NAZIS CONFINED IN VIENNA CAMPS AWAITING TRIAL FOR ANTI-JEWISH ATROCITIES

VIENNA, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- About 1,500 Nazis, most of whom are charged with atrocities against Austrian Jews and democrats, are confined in eight camps in the Vienna neighborhood awaiting trial, the head of the Vienna State Police, Heinrich Huebner, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

GEN. PATTON DENIES ANTI-JEWISH REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM IN O'DONNELL COLUMN

CHICAGO, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. in a letter made public here today formally denied anti-Jewish remarks attributed to him by John O'Donnell, New York Daily News - Washington Times-Herald columnist.

In a letter to Joseph Wilner of Washington, D. C., father of four service men, two of whom died in service, Gen. Patton said: "I am glad to have the opportunity categorically denying that I have ever made any statement contrary to the Jewish or any other religious faith. I am a sincere believer in the Supreme Being and have never interfered with or even examined into the religious or racial antecedence of the men I have the honor to command. My sole effort has been to provide victorious soldiers who can serve their country and defeat the enemy with the minimum loss to themselves."

Wilner, one of whose sons Capt. John Wilner was killed while serving with the Third Army under Gen. Patton, had cabled the General that he was "deeply distressed at the injustice being done your reputation," when the O'Donnell column appeared on Oct. 5, and pointed out that the "whole implication of article is that you are guilty of sentiments contrary to the fair-mindedness which my son's correspondence described." Wilner released the Patton correspondence while attending the annual meeting here of the executive committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, of which he is a member.

FORMER HITLER PRISON CONVERTED INTO FIRST KOSHER SLAUGHTERHOUSE IN GERMANY

PARIS, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The Bavarian fortress of Landsberg, in which Hitler wrote Mein Kampf during his imprisonment following the abortive Nazi putsch of 1923, has been converted into the first slaughterhouse for kosher beef in Germany, Rabbi Alexander S. Rosenberg, of New York, a JDC representative in Germany, reported today.

Rabbi Rosenberg, who has just returned to Paris for a brief visit after a three-week tour of displaced persons camps for Jews in the American occupation zone in Germany, said that the entire cattle supply in the Landsberg district is slaughtered in the fortress and, therefore, the Germans living in the surrounding area are also eating kosher meat.

During his tour of the Feldafing, Ferienwald and Zietshei camps, Rabbi Rosenberg said, he found that the moral and material conditions of the Jews were "difficult," but he expressed the hope that a full-scale relief program for them can be launched shortly. All the Jewish camps now have kosher kitchens, religious schools and synagogues, he disclosed, but there is a great need for religious books and other items.

He reported that several schools for boys and girls have been set up in the Jewish camps, with teachers recruited from members of the rabbinate and former members of the staff of the Beth Jacob schools for girls, which functioned in pre-war Poland. The educational program in the camps, the JDC aide said, is aimed at training the young people for agricultural pursuits.

JES IN POLAND REVIVE CULTURAL LIFE; RE-OPEN SCHOOLS WHICH WERE CLOSED FOR SIX YEARS

WARSAW, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- After an interval of six years, during which the Germans destroyed the entire Jewish educational system, a Jewish school opened this week in Lodz. Three hundred children are enrolled. Schools for Jewish children have also been opened in Cracow, Richbach and in a number of other Polish towns. Since the Germans destroyed all Jewish textbooks, a commission of Jewish teachers and writers was formed in Lodz this week to prepare new text books for the schools. In the meantime, a delegation will proceed to Moscow to secure the necessary texts.

JEWIST GROUPS FORM YOUTH COMMITTEE TO SPEED TRANSFER OF CHILDREN TO PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- With large numbers of homeless and orphaned Jewish children in Europe in urgent need of immediate transfer and resettlement in Palestine, a Youth Immigration Coordinating Committee has been formed to coordinate activities and information in the United States and to act as an advisory and consultative body in the promotion of fund-raising in this country for Jewish youth immigration to Palestine, it was announced today.

The committee was formed at the request of the Youth Aliyah Department of the Jewish Agency, and consists of the United Palestine Appeal, Hadassah, Mizrahi Women's Organization and Pioneer Women's Organization.

In a statement issued jointly by the organizations which constitute the new body it was pointed out that within the past ten years approximately 15,000 children from various lands of oppression have been brought to Palestine under the aegis of Youth Aliyah. Hadassah has contributed more than \$6,000,000 to that program. The Pioneer Women's Organization has raised through the "Child Rescue Fund" \$450,000 since March 1943. The Mizrahi Women have sent \$161,000 to Palestine for similar activities since 1943.

The United Palestine Appeal, as the medium through which American Jewry participates financially in the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home, is responsible for the basic settlement activities in Palestine which have made possible the absorption of the children into the structure of the Jewish homeland.

POLISH GOVERNMENT WILL ABOLISH LAW BARRING RITUAL SLAUGHTER, SAYS FOREIGN MINISTER

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The Polish Government will shortly abolish legislation prohibiting the ritual slaughter of animals for food, Foreign Minister Wincenty Rzymowski assured a delegation of the Agudas Israel World Organization, consisting of Dr. Jacob Rosenheim, president of the organization, and Michael G. Tress, president of the Agudas Israel Youth Council of America.

After a discussion of various points contained in a memorandum submitted by the delegation, the Foreign Minister assured it that: 1 - The Polish Government believes in the same principles of democracy as the Western countries. Poland will not tolerate any anti-Semitism, and is doing all within its power to eradicate this evil. 2 - Poland welcomes all Polish Jews and assures them that they will be given full freedom and treated with full equality, especially the hundred thousand Polish Jews who are now in Soviet territory. 3 - Poland will permit full freedom and practice of the Jewish religion and the rebuilding of religious communal life through the establishment of synagogues, yeshivas, talmud torahs, and Beth Jacob Schools.

POET WRITERS RECEIVE AWARDS FOR BEST WORKS OF THE YEAR IN YIDDISH AND HEBREW

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The Louis Lamed Fund announced yesterday the winners of its annual awards for the best literary works in Hebrew and Yiddish produced during the year.

The Yiddish winners are: I.J. Trunk for his novel "Poland", and I.I. Siegal for a volume of poems. The Hebrew winners are: Zalman Schneour for "Anshe Shklov", and J. Twersky for his "Alfred Dreyfus." Each will receive \$400.

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