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SENATORS TAKE ISSUE WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN ON HIS OPPOSITION TO A JEWISH STATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- President Truman today announced at his press conference that the names of the members of the Anglo-American inquiry commission on Palestine would probably be made public on Monday.

The text of a letter addressed to the President in connection with his reported opposition to the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth was made public here today by Senators Robert F. Wagner and Robert A. Taft, co-sponsors of the Palestine resolution now pending in the Senate, from which Truman has withdrawn his support.

In the letter, the two Senators charged that "misrepresentations and false charges raised with respect to the projected Jewish commonwealth," are intended to "confuse the public." They expressed the belief that the passage of their resolution, which calls for the eventual establishment by Jews of a free and democratic commonwealth in Palestine, is more urgently required now than ever before in view of the projected inquiry by an Anglo-American committee.

"It is clear," their letter said, "that our resolution does no more than give renewed expression to the purposes of the British and American statesmen who framed the politics of the Allied nations." It cited utterances by Winston Churchill, Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, Woodrow Wilson and Lloyd George to prove that at a time was a racial state contemplated in Palestine. At the same time, it pointed out that their resolution is no more than a restatement of the position taken by both major political parties.

The letter reminded Truman that on countless occasions the Zionist Organization of America has made it "crystal clear" that it contemplates a democratic state with complete equality of rights for all citizens irrespective of race or faith.

REPUDIATION OF ANTI-SEMITISM BY FOLLOWERS OF GEN. PERON RIDICULED IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Repudiation of anti-Semitism by the supporters of Col. Juan Peron is only a maneuver, since it has been established that the anti-Jewish mobs who participated in attacks on Jews were all Peronists, the Union of Socialist Women charged today in a statement published in the Argentine press.

The statement charged "clerical and nationalist elements are passively supporting anti-Semitic efforts to implant racial division among the citizens of Argentina." A strongly worded statement condemning anti-Semitic activities in the country was also made public here by more than 1,000 prominent Argentinians representing industrialist, labor and intellectual groups, including leaders of various political parties.

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THE METHODS OF ORGANISING ANTI-SEMITISM IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES REVEALED AT NUREMBERG TRIAL

NUREMBERG, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A report giving details of how agents of Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi racial expert, who is one of the 20 Nazi war criminals on trial here, organized anti-Semitic activities in various countries was presented today by the British prosecuting staff.

The report, which was written by Rosenberg himself, dealt with the organization of anti-Jewish groups in Hungary, Rumania and other East European countries and with merging local anti-Semitic parties.

The report also reveals the activities of Rosenberg's racial office in Arab countries. It discloses the methods used by Rosenberg's agents in spreading anti-Jewish propaganda among Arabs and in winning the support of Arab leaders for Nazi Germany.

UNITED NATIONS DISCUSS PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR REFUGEES

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The question of what international body should deal with refugee problems following the liquidation of UNRRA was discussed today at the meeting here of the steering committees of the United Nations Preparatory Commission.

Commenting on a British suggestion that the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations Organization assume the functions of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, South African delegate Fouries stressed the urgency of the problem, pointing to the fact that UNRRA is scheduled to go out of existence next year, and that the Intergovernmental Committee does not have a sufficiently wide mandate to handle the problem.

A Soviet delegate stressed that the question of the refugees demands agreement among all the governments concerned. He said that without such agreement, the work will be "sterile," and asked that concrete proposals be presented. The delegate from Egypt, on the other hand, said that the British recommendation was superfluous. The debate was adjourned until a concrete resolution is drafted.

At the same time, the steering committee denied a request by the World Jewish Congress that it be given copies of the material prepared by the preparatory commission. British delegate Philip Noel-Baker said that while such material could be made available to governments, such as Sweden and Switzerland, who are not members of the UNO, it could not be given to private organizations.

BRITISH COURT RULES JEWISH ORPHANS MUST BE SURRENDERED BY NON-JEWISH FAMILIES

BRUSSELS, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- In what may be a precedent-setting decision, the First Chamber of the Civil Tribunal here this week ruled that the relatives of a Jewish child whose parents were killed by the Nazis could demand that a non-Jewish family which sheltered the child during the occupation surrender it. The decision has been appealed.

A delicate situation has developed concerning these children, many of whom were placed by their parents or Jewish defense organizations in the homes of non-Jews to save their lives. The temporary foster parents have in many cases become attached to the children and are unwilling to give them up. On the other hand, relatives of the youngsters are demanding that the children be turned over to them in order that they may be reared in Jewish traditions.

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OFFICERS OF JEWISH BRIGADE REPORT ON JEWISH POSITION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

BRUSSELS, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Ten officers of the Jewish Brigade, who have just returned from a three-week survey of the situation of the Jews in Czechoslovakia, today issued a report on the difficulties which Jews are encountering in applying for the restoration of their property and in establishing their legal rights. The group went to Czechoslovakia to secure the names of surviving Jews who have relatives in Palestine and other countries.

The report also disclosed that a number of Czech Jewish soldiers who joined the Czechoslovak Brigade in Palestine were demobilized in Prague despite a Czech army regulation which provides for demobilization in the country of enlistment. The demobilized Jews are now demanding that they be transferred to Palestine.

With regard to the restoration of property, the officers of the Jewish Brigade found that if a Jew returned to Czechoslovakia and claimed his real property, he usually recovered it after some difficulty, provided he registered as a non-German in the census of 1929. If he registered as a German he had to prove his national dependability even though he may have spent years in a concentration camp. Due to the pressure of public opinion, however, the Czech Government is tending to act more leniently now, but Jews who registered as Jews in 1929 are still regarded with suspicion in some districts and encounter difficulties in establishing their civil rights.

If an heir or heirs of a Jew who died in Poland returns, his most difficult problem is to establish his rights of inheritance, because deportees who have not returned are considered missing, and their property cannot be transferred. However, new legislation is pending that provides that if a person does not register within six months after a public order to appear at a given time and date, he will be declared dead. Legislation is also pending excluding inheritance by all but direct descendants. Pending the passage of these new laws, heirs can take the following steps:

1. Have themselves appointed manager of the estate or designate someone else to fill this post.
2. Obtain certificate of liquidation from the liquidation office of the Jewish Council in Prague containing all the known particulars of the fate of the missing persons. (This provision applies only to Western Czechoslovakia.) Try to get statements from eyewitnesses who saw the missing relatives in Poland or in death transports.
3. Obtain a copy of accounts of relatives from banks where they had deposits, showing transfer of money to the "Emigration Fund," in which the Nazis placed monies confiscated from Jews, or obtain certificate from the Jewish Council that the relatives' account had been transferred to the "Emigration Fund."

According to the findings of the Jewish officers, it is possible that a small percentage of these accounts may be paid in the future. At present, there is no possibility of transferring money abroad since the rate of exchange has not yet been set. However, the question of transfer of Jewish property abroad is being considered and future regulations may permit the transfer of capital to Palestine.

SUPERVISOR OF MAIDANEK CREMATORIUMS WILL BE EXECUTED AT CAMP SITE

WARSAW, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Paul Hoffmann, who was in charge of the crematoriums at the Maidanek death camp, will be executed there on Dec. 16, it was announced today. Hoffmann was condemned to death last month by a peoples tribunal in Lublin.

BRITISH OFFICER OF BRITISH ARMY BELIEVED HELD BECAUSE OF SPEECH TO JEWISH ASSEMBLY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Capt. Ben-Ahron, a Palestinian serving with the British Army, who addressed a meeting of the Palestine Jewish National Assembly on Nov. 14, was summoned to police headquarters on Wednesday, and has not yet returned, it was learned today.

It is believed that Ben-Ahron, who, in his address before the Assembly, declared that the Jewish settlers had fired upon British troops during last week's disturbances, has been detained by the military authorities on a charge of having made a public address while still a member of the armed forces. The captain was one of the first volunteers from Palestine to join the British forces. He fought in Crete, where he was captured by the Germans and held prisoner until after V-E Day.

A protest against the arrest of the head of the Bishpon settlement during the disturbances there was registered here today by the Association of Jewish Linksters (settlement heads) of the southern district. Association members threaten to resign unless he is released.

Jewish supernumerary police who were arrested at Givat Haim last week, were released today, but they have been dismissed from their positions.

BRITISH NAZI, WHO BOASTED OF KILLING JEWS IN RUSSIA, FACES TRIAL IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Thomas Heller Cooper, 26, who boasted of killing several Jews in Russia during the Nazi invasion, today stood before a London court to face formal charges of high treason.

Cooper, who joined Mosley's British Union of Fascists in 1938, enlisted in the Hitler Division of the Waffen SS in 1939. After being wounded in Russia, he turned his talents towards recruiting British prisoners of war for the British Free Corps, a group of Britons fighting as volunteers for the Nazis.

TRANSFER OF YESHIVOTH FROM SHANGHAI, ROME, BELSEN TO PALESTINE DISCUSSED IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The transfer of refugee yeshivoh in Rome, Stockholm, Belsen and Shanghai to Palestine was discussed today at the Keren Hatorah conference here, which is meeting as part of the world Agudas Israel conference.

Rabbis from these cities who urged the move also asked that the schools be allowed to carry on their educational activity and that priority be given the students in obtaining certificates for immigration into Palestine. The establishment of yeshivoh in South America was also called for and rabbis were asked to volunteer for the work of creating a Jewish religious life there.

FRENCH AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN TURN OVER APARTMENTS TO J.D.C. FOR HOUSING OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- French authorities in Berlin have turned over six apartment buildings to the Joint Distribution Committee to house displaced Jews, it was announced today by the J.D.C. The apartments are all in excellent condition and will house between 600 and 800 persons, the announcement said.

HEBREW, MILITARY AND NAVAL LEADERS HAIL HEBREW UNION COLLEGE ON 70th ANNIVERSARY

CINCINNATI, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Messages from President Truman, Admiral of the Navy Ernest J. King, and Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, hailing the contribution of the Hebrew Union College in war and peace, were made public today on the eve of the celebration tomorrow of the institution's 70th anniversary.

"The seventieth anniversary of the Hebrew Union College is a significant event in the annals of a people that has a continuous history of law and learning," Mr. Truman said. "In our land of freedom, where liberty of conscience and freedom of worship are paramount, American life has received notable contributions from the theological, intellectual and social thought of your college."

"It is now the oldest rabbinic institution on this continent. From it have gone forward hundreds of men who have devoted themselves to the best interests of our country, and to the ideals of their faith. They have pioneered in many social and progressive movements and have been in the vanguard when the country called for service and sacrifice - showing the essential unity of high religion and noble Americanism. We are celebrating the seventieth anniversary after the free nations of the world have achieved a great victory for freedom and humanity. You have played an important role in the advancement of the great ideals of our country."

Admiral King and Mr. Patterson cited the work performed by chaplains in the armed forces, and the Secretary of War declared that the graduates of the Hebrew Union College have "served and are serving with distinction in all the theatres of war."

R. LEO BAECK, LEADER OF GERMAN JEWRY, COMING TO U.S. TO ADDRESS UJA CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Leo Baeck, 72-year-old former Chief Rabbi of Berlin, who spent 26 months in the notorious Nazi concentration camp at Theresienstadt, will be one of the principal speakers at the three-day national conference of the United Jewish Appeal, which opens at the Hotel Chelsea in Atlantic City on Dec. 15. Leaders from Europe and Palestine will confer with delegates from Jewish communities throughout the United States on a program of world-wide aid to the survivors of the Hitler era of destruction.

Dr. Baeck is one of several Jewish leaders who are arranging to fly to the United States from Europe and Palestine next week to submit first-hand reports to the Atlantic City parley on the plight of Jews overseas. The United Jewish Appeal has announced the forthcoming conference to afford American Jewish leaders from every section of the United States an opportunity to hear the reports and to formulate a nationwide program to aid in the reconstruction of Jewish life in Europe and Palestine in 1946.

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTES AGAINST NATIONAL ADVISORY BUDGETING

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The board of directors of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council has voted 36 to 3 against the pending proposal for national advisory budgeting. It instructed its delegates to the general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to be bound by this decision.

The resolution adopted by the board says that the council reaffirms the principle that each community determine by itself, on the basis of factual data which may be available, the manner in which the funds it raises shall be budgeted and allocated.

(Similar decisions were adopted by the Jewish Community Council of Cleveland, the Maine Jewish Council, the Oregon Jewish Welfare Fund and the Jewish Welfare Federation of Hartford, Conn., it was announced today in New York by the Committee to Oppose National Budgeting.)