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106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE REJECTS MOTION ASKING RESIGNATION OF JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The Small Zionist Actions Committee today rejected a motion that Dr. Chaim Weismann, president of the Jewish Agency, and the entire executive of the Agency resign in protest against the new British policy on Palestine. The motion was offered by the Jewish State Party and by the Left Poale-Zion Party.

The Committee, at its final session here, did not adopt any decision on the question of whether or not to cooperate with the Anglo-American Inquiry Commission on Palestine, but voted to leave this decision to the executive of the Jewish Agency.

On the other hand, the Actions Committee approved a statement adopted at the two-day extraordinary session of the Jewish Agency executive, emphasizing opposition to the new British policy on Palestine as outlined recently by Foreign Secretary Bevin. It points out that:

1. The Bevin statement maintains the British White Paper which was condemned by a competent international authority as a violation of the Palestine mandate and which was also repudiated by the British Labor Party as a breach of faith.
2. The document limits Jewish immigration into Palestine for an indefinite period and simultaneously provides for consultation with parties which have no lawful competence in the matter and which have pledged themselves to oppose any Jewish immigration.
3. The Bevin statement leaves intact the land laws under which the greater part of Palestine is closed to Jewish settlement and which represent a measure of racial discrimination against Jews without any parallel in the democratic world.
4. The Bevin statement prejudged the findings of the Anglo-American inquiry commission since Bevin declared that Palestine itself is not capable of even grappling with the solution of the problem of the homelessness of Jews in Europe.
5. The Jewish Agency regards Bevin's statement as irreconcilable with the Balfour Declaration and with the obligations imposed upon the British Government by the Palestine mandate.

The statement of the Jewish Agency reaffirms its "uncompromising opposition" to the White Paper policy, whether in its original or in any modified form. "The Jewish Agency upholds the moral title of every Jew impelled by material or spiritual urge to settle in Palestine as of right," the statement says. "The Agency reiterates its fundamental conviction that the reestablishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine is compatible with the full protection and the promotion of the interests of its Arab inhabitants and with the development of friendly relations with the neighboring states."

"The Jewish people," the statement continues, "must reject any political settlement in Palestine which deprives it of its basic and internationally recognized

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rights, makes the entry of Jews into their homeland contingent on the goodwill of others and condemns them in Palestine to a minority position which has been the cause of Jewish sufferings and degradation in other lands.

"The Jewish Agency calls on men of goodwill in other lands to support the Jewish people in its efforts to rid itself of the curse of homelessness and oppression. The Jewish people will not abandon the struggle for the attainment of its full nationhood and for a new life of national freedom and dignity in its own country. It will spare no effort and sacrifice until the restoration of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine is achieved," the statement concludes.

PALESTINE ARABS INFORM U.S. CONSUL THEY WILL TESTIFY BEFORE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMISSION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee late yesterday called on United States Consul-General Lowell C. Finkerton and informed him that representatives of Palestine Arabs will testify before the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee.

It is learned here, in fact, that intensive preparations for appearance before the committee are already under way, and the necessary materials are being collected and prepared for submission. It is also learned that the various Arab governments will testify if they are asked to do so.

In Cairo, three delegates from Palestine participated for the first time in the deliberations of the council of the Arab League. According to a communique issued there, "practical steps were taken at the meeting to organize, on a rational basis, propaganda for the Arab cause throughout the world, and to prevent the acquisition by Jews of any more Arab-owned land in Palestine."

Meanwhile, the disclosure that the delegate from Transjordan participated in the Arab League's vote to boycott Jewish goods from Palestine has aroused considerable puzzlement here. Under the joint mandate for Palestine and Transjordan, the latter has no right to act on such matters without prior consultation with Britain.

BRITISH, FRENCH SIGN AGREEMENT TO AID EACH OTHER IN MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING PALESTINE

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The British and French Governments have signed an agreement to help one another on all questions affecting the Middle East, including Egypt, Palestine, Transjordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, it was reported here today.

The main portion of the agreement deals with settlement of Anglo-French differences in Syria and Lebanon, and provides for the simultaneous evacuation of Syria by British and French troops. The British troops will regroup in Palestine, which has become the center of British military might in the Middle East.

ROAMING BANDS KILL FIFTEEN JEWS IN SLOVAKIAN VILLAGES; POPULATION FLEES IN PANIC

PRAGUE, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Jews in villages on the Slovak-Ruthenian frontier are fleeing in panic to the town of Kosice as a result of pogroms carried out by bands of Russian and Polish deserters from the disbanded anti-Soviet Vlasov and Bender armies.

Jewish leaders today reported that 15 Jews -- four men and eleven women -- were killed in attacks on two frontier villages. The remaining Jews fled.

"JEWISH CASE" PRESENTED AT NUREMBERG TRIAL; COURT SEES FILM OF NAZI ANTI-JEWISH BRUTALITIES

NUREMBERG, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The frightful story of how the Germans and pro-Germans exterminated 540,000 Hungarian Jews in little more than a year was presented today by American prosecutors to the Allied War Crimes Tribunal, which is trying the leaders of the Nazi Government.

At the same time, a film was shown depicting the torture, humiliation and degradation inflicted by the Nazis upon Jews in occupied territories. The picture showed, among other scenes, how young Jewish girls were forced to parade naked through the streets, how German soldiers dragged old Jews by their hands along the streets and how Jewish women tried to shelter their infants from brutal blows of uniformed Nazis.

Major Walsh, who presented the "Jewish case," told the court that no crime in history was as cruel as the Nazi persecution of Jews. He presented a huge volume of evidence, including a diary of Hans Frank, Nazi Governor of Poland, in which the annihilation of all Jews was urged. One entry in the diary revealed that in December, 1941, Frank sent a memorandum to Hitler asking his permission to seize all Jewish home furnishings in Paris and in all occupied western countries.

The horror endured by the Jews of Hungary was disclosed in detail in a statement obtained from Dr. Reszoe Kastner, a leader of the Zionist organization in Budapest, and head of the Jewish Agency's relief committee there.

450,000 Hungarian Jews Killed By Germans; 80,000 Jews Exterminated by Hungarians

Dr. Kastner, who is now in London, was in communication during the occupation with Jewish representatives in Istanbul, and conveyed to them, at one point, a Nazi offer to spare the Hungarian Jews in return for military supplies from the Allies. His statement charges the Germans with direct responsibility for the annihilation of 450,000 Hungarian Jews, and Hungarian pro-Nazi elements with killing 80,000 Jews. In addition, thousands of Jews committed suicide or died of illness, he points out in his statement.

Before the German occupation of Hungary, Dr. Kastner reported, about 17,000 Jews, mainly from Ruthenia, were deported to Poland in August 1941. They were turned over to German military authorities and executed during the succeeding three months. Later Hungarian military authorities killed 1,500 Jews in Novi Sad and other Yugoslav towns. They also starved 50,000 Hungarian Jews to death as slave laborers and deported another 20,000 Jews to German labor camps.

But the real mass extermination of Jews in Hungary started in March, 1944, the report of the Budapest Jewish leader disclosed. As soon as Hungary was occupied by the Germans, special Gestapo units arrived in Budapest for the purpose of liquidating the Jews. The unit was headed by Adolph Eichmann, the Gestapo "specialist" on Jewish affairs, who was born in the German settlement of Sarona, near Tel Aviv, in Palestine.

Jewish leaders in political, cultural and commercial life were immediately deported to the Marthausen camp. A month later 320,000 Jews were rounded up and driven into ghettos in Upper Hungary and in Northern Transylvania. They were confined in brick factories or in open fields. This was followed by an agreement between Germany and Hungary under which 300,000 Hungarian Jews were deported to Germany, allegedly for "suitable labor." The first deportation took place on April 28 and the transport was sent to the notorious Oswiecim extermination camp in Poland.

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THIRTY-SIX OF FORTY DACHAU DEFENDANTS SENTENCED TO DEATH; FOUR GET PRISON TERMS

DACHAU, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- An American military court here today sentenced to death thirty-six of the forty officials of Dachau concentration camp found guilty yesterday of "violations of the usages of war."

Of the other four, one received a sentence of life imprisonment and three imprisonment for ten years. Among those to die are 74-year-old Dr. Klaus Schilling, accused of killing hundreds of people with malaria experiments, and four other doctors.

VIENNA JEWS THANK GEN. CLARK FOR HIS INTEREST IN BETTERING CONDITIONS OF JEWS

VIENNA, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A letter thanking Gen. Mark Clark, U.S. member of the Allied Control Commission for Austria, for his interest in Jewish matters was sent today by the Jewish Community Council of Vienna.

The Jewish community, which is fighting for the restitution of the rights and properties seized from Jews by the Nazis, appreciates Gen. Clark's "unparalleled kindness" and "his judicious insight and respect for human rights and dignity," the letter said.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ASKS ADMISSION OF STATELESS JEWS TO U.S. WITHIN QUOTAS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today announced that it has sent a letter to Secretary of State Byrnes asking that unused U.S. immigration quotas should be utilized for the admission of stateless and unrepatriable European Jews.

The letter was sent to the State Department following a recent visit to Mr. Byrnes by Jacob Blaustein, chairman of the executive committee of the organization, and John Slawson, executive vice-president, the announcement said, adding that during the visit, the Secretary of State had invited the Committee to submit information on the question.

Mr. Blaustein pointed out in the letter that not more than six percent of the available U.S. immigration quotas for the European area were filled during the fiscal year 1944, and estimated that the figure for the fiscal year 1945 will be equally low if not lower. The number of Jews in the American and British occupation zones exceeds 100,000, the letter pointed out, adding that the majority are unrepatriable to their countries of origin. Under the United States National Origins Law, the Committee stated, approximately 42,000 visas are available yearly to German, Czechoslovakian, Polish and Rumanian nationals.

Regarding possible transportation difficulties, the letter suggested to Mr. Byrnes that the shipping shortage will end soon, and that issuance of visas against the time when transportation is again available would go a long way toward sustaining the bettered morale of the displaced persons.

TRUMAN AWARDS FIRST CIVILIAN MEDAL OF MERIT TO HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The first civilian Medal of Merit was awarded yesterday by President Truman to Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

SENATE GETS PALESTINE RESOLUTION FROM FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE; QUICK ACTION URGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) — Senator Robert F. Wagner late yesterday filed a report in behalf of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in which he stated that the Palestine resolution, which the committee passed, reflects, in its opinion, "a long series of authoritative expressions of American policy and the views of the American people on the subject of Palestine."

"Passage of this resolution," the report said, "will also furnish the occasion for Congress to express itself forthrightly on the horrible plight of the Jews of Europe, 5,700,000 of whom were victims of Hitler and his madmen, according to the indictment presented by the Allied War Crimes Commission."

"The war is over and the need for a Jewish Homeland where the Jewish survivors of these persecutions can live and breathe as free men and women, and where they can establish a free and democratic commonwealth, is greater than ever. Your committee feels therefore that the time is at hand when the long standing pledges to the Jewish people should be fulfilled."

Senator Connally Says He Opposed Resolution at Truman's Request

In a statement issued last night, Sen. Tom Connally, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and the only member to oppose passage of the resolution, said he did so at the request of President Truman. "President Truman made it quite clear to me and to the Foreign Relations Committee that he did not desire the passage of any resolution on the subject at this time," Sen. Connally said. "He reported that it would be inadvisable. He stated that the passage of any resolution would greatly embarrass him in his international conferences seeking a solution. He stated that the passage of a resolution might tie his hands. These views of the President were concurred in by Secretary of State Byrnes, who opposes the passage of any resolution at this time."

"In this situation I could not obtain my consent as chairman of the committee to vote for a resolution which would embarrass the President in the performance of his international duties, and would be a hindrance in bringing about an understanding with Great Britain. In my view, the passage of the resolution is not in the interest of the Jewish people. My belief is that the resolution will injure the cause of the Jewish people and that it will bring about a situation making it very difficult for the President to make any progress whatever in the solution of the matter."

The Mizrahi Organization and the Poale-Zion Organization, meanwhile, made public statements welcoming the committee's action on the resolution, and expressing the hope that both the Senate and the House would adopt it without delay.

American Jewish Conference Asks Senate to Act on Resolution

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) — The Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference, meeting in all-day session at the Hotel Biltmore today, called upon Congress to act without delay upon the Wagner-Taft resolution on Palestine.

"We hope that the Senate will vote promptly and favorably upon this resolution," the Interim Committee declared. "It reflects the oft-reiterated sentiment of the American people in support of unrestricted Jewish immigration to Palestine and of Jewish aspirations in relation to that land. Through this resolution, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee again asserts the overwhelming American belief in the validity of the principles of the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate, and its disapproval of the British White Paper."

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REPRESENTATIVES OF DISPLACED JEWS RECEIVED BY BRITISH COLONIAL MINISTER

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Colonial Minister George Hall today heard for the first time the demands of displaced Jews directly from their representatives, who asked for the opening of Palestine to Jewish survivors.

Rabbi Meisels from the Bergen-Belsen camp and Rabbi Halberstam, representing the displaced Jews in Italy, were in an Agudas Israel delegation received by Hall. The delegation submitted the resolutions adopted at the Agudas Israel conference, which just concluded in London, and stressed particularly the fact that all Jewish organizations are united in demanding maximum immigration of displaced Jews to Palestine.

JEWISH AGENCY, KEREN HAYESOD AND J.N.F. SPENT \$31,000,000 IN 1945, REPORT REVEALS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The expenditures of the Jewish Agency, the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund -- the agencies deriving their American support from the United Palestine Appeal -- totalled \$31,104,146 in the year ending Sept. 30, 1945, it was announced today by Dr. James G. Heller, national U.P.A. chairman.

"The paramount goal of the U.P.A. agencies during recent years has been the rescue, rehabilitation and absorption of a maximum number of refugees from lands of oppression," Dr. Heller declared. "Toward this end it has been necessary to expand every aspect of the work performed by these agencies. In addition, during the war years, Jewish Palestine mobilized manpower, industrial and agricultural production to meet wartime needs."

TEMPLE SISTERHOODS DECIDE TO SEND RELIEF TO JEWISH CHILDREN IN EUROPE

CINCINNATI, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Institutes for Jewish and Christian women as part of an interfaith program "to build better understanding" are among the new projects that were approved at the annual meeting of the executive board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods held here.

The meeting also decided to participate in the relief work for displaced persons in Europe, especially Jewish children, to whom they will send packages of food, clothing and toys.

WASHINGTON JEWS START DRIVE FOR CHILDREN'S VILLAGE HONORING GEORGE WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A national campaign to establish a Jewish children's village in Palestine, honoring the memory of George Washington, was underway today, led by the "Washington Colony in the Holy Land, Inc.," organization. When completed the village will provide homes and schooling for several hundred Jewish orphans from Europe, who will be trained as farmers or craftsmen, in modern agricultural and trades schools.

The Washington Children's Village will be located near Yavneh, about 25 miles due south of Tel Aviv and operations of the project are scheduled to begin on Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, 1946, with the laying of the cornerstone of the first building. The first remittance of \$50,000 will go to Jerusalem next week to begin building operations. Rabbi Zomach Green of the Ohav Sholem Congregation in Washington, D.C., is the founder and president of the organization.

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