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**SENATE ADOPTS PALESTINE RESOLUTION BY OVERWHELMING VOTE; HOUSE OPENS HEARINGS ON MEASURE**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Senate tonight adopted the Wagner-Taft resolution on Palestine, overriding the protests of Sen. Tom Connally, who asserted that "the President of the United States doesn't want this resolution."

Passage of the resolution by an overwhelming voice vote followed defeat of an amendment by Sen. Thomas Hart, of Connecticut, which had asked that the word "free" be struck from the section of the resolution asking "free immigration into Palestine," and proposed other changes weakening the resolution.

The Senate began consideration of the resolution early today, but interrupted the debate for several hours to act on a bill appropriating funds for UNRRA, for which Sen. Connally secured precedence. Although many Democratic and Republican Senators voiced their support of the bill, the opposition was confined mainly to Connally, who cast the sole vote against the measure in the Foreign Relations Committee last week.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the Capitol, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives began hearings today on an identical resolution, which was introduced last week by Rep. Daniel Flood of Pennsylvania.

Wagner, Taft Say Resolution Needed As Guide to Inquiry Committee

Opening the debate in the Senate, both Wagner and Taft said immediate adoption of the resolution was imperative so that the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine would know that the traditional American policy with regard to Palestine had been reaffirmed.

Wagner said: "We do not want the committee to have the discretion to make its own decisions on matters of fundamental policy. We do not want the committee to recast promises or reformulate objectives. We do not want the committee to substitute the judgment of a few men, however worthy, for the intent and determination of the American Congress and the American people. We should, by this resolution, let the committee know what we want it to do, and we expect it to do just that without delay."

Taft added: "We intend this resolution to be a reaffirmation of the Balfour Declaration. We are clearly committed by promise and obligation as solemnly as possible to carry this through." Sen. Abdon Barkley, of Kentucky, majority leader, also spoke in favor of the resolution.

Lessing J. Rosenwald, chairman of the American Council for Judaism, told the Foreign Affairs Committee that he opposed passage of the resolution and objected to its use of the phrases "Jewish National Homeland" and "free entry." Committee Chairman Sol Bloom asked what alternatives Rosenwald could suggest and Rosenwald replied that while not advocating any alternatives, he would suggest that Russia take many Jews

and that the United States, by using its unused immigration quotas, also receive many. Rosenwald urged that the resolution not be passed, and that the findings of the Anglo-American Committee be awaited.

Rep. Flood called Rosenwald's proposals "dangerous and inimical." He added that the existence of the inquiry committee made the passage of the resolution more important than ever.

Rep. John W. McCormack, majority leader and Joseph W. Martin, Jr., minority leader, both of Massachusetts, urged the immediate adoption of the Flood resolution. Rep. Everett Dirksen, of Illinois, the first witness at the hearing, made a strong plea in its favor, saying he had visited Palestine a few months ago and that the industrial potentialities of the land had been hardly scratched, and that its agricultural production was of the highest quality. "The Jews in Palestine have showed a positive genius for building up and cultivating the land," he said, urging that the Jews should have the right to buy land and expand their operations.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, acting president of the Zionist Organization of America, protested against the length of time--40 minutes--given Rosenwald by the committee, and was assured that he would be heard by the committee in executive session as the sole witness tomorrow morning.

(Britain has no intention of evading its obligations under the Balfour Declaration, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said in London yesterday, in a letter to Samuel Silverman, Laborite Member of Parliament, in which Bevin explained that he used the phrase "Jewish Home" in his statement of Palestine policy on Nov. 13, rather than the phrase "Jewish National Home," only as an abbreviation.)

#### AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT DROPS ONE ANTI-SEMITIC AFTER ALLIED PROTEST, BUT RETAINS ANOTHER

VIENNA, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The disapproval of the Allied Control Commission has resulted in the dropping of one prominent anti-Semite from the cabinet of the new Austrian government, but another, who is even more prominent, remains.

Premier Leopold Figl announced that Julius Raab, Minister of Reconstruction, has been removed from the cabinet, although he remains a member of Parliament. However, Leopold Kunschak, whom Figl named to the key post of president of the National Assembly, will retain that position. On Dec. 8, Figl defended the appointment of Kunschak, stating that he was "not anti-Semitic on racial grounds, but on economic grounds."

#### CONDITIONS IN LANDSBERG CAMP IMPROVED FOLLOWING PROTEST BY UNRRA DIRECTOR

MUNICH, Germany, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Conditions of overcrowding, undernourishment and lack of heat at the Landsberg camp for displaced persons, brought to public attention two weeks ago with the temporary resignation of Dr. Leo Srole, camp welfare director, have been ameliorated, according to a report received today from A.C. Glassgold, camp director. While denying that conditions at their worst could be compared with those of former Nazi slave labor camps, Glassgold did affirm that improvements are being made.

Friday and Saturday 1,000 inmates were taken from Landsberg to Munich, where a settlement built by the German Labor Service has been turned into a D.P. family center. Additional relief camps are being planned and the population at Landsberg will be kept to the 4,200 for which there is adequate room, said Glassgold. The army is replacing wood burning stoves with central oil heating and improving sanitation facilities and other comforts. Following a survey of the food situation, the Medical Corps has promised an improvement in nutritional standards--which will be expedited by greater transportation facilities.

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## CONFERENCE CLOSES; DEMANDS JEWS RECEIVE AID COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR SUFFERINGS

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 17. (JTA) — The three-day conference of the United Jewish Appeal concluded today after adopting a resolution asking that surviving Jews in Europe, regardless of their present citizenship status, "should have equal access to all facilities provided by governmental and intergovernmental bodies for the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of the victims of war and oppression."

The resolution emphasized that Jews must receive from these agencies "aid commensurate with their abnormal misery and their exceptional hardships." "We are resolved," the resolution continued, "that insofar as it lies within the range of our moral support, and our material resources, the Jews who have survived this time of unparalleled destruction shall be enabled to live again as free, and equal human beings. In the lands in which they live they must be granted the civil and religious status of all other citizens."

A sharp attack on UNRRA was voiced last night by Joseph Rosenzaff, the chairman of the committee of displaced Jews in the British zone in Germany. Mr. Rosenzaff charged the UNRRA with replacing Jewish doctors and nurses in the Belsen hospital with German physicians and nurses, wearing Nazi uniforms.

Rosenzaff praised the JDC for its work at the Belsen camp, but severely criticized the Vaad Haatzala, declaring that the latter organization has done nothing for the Jews in camps in the British zone.

Capt. Robert Gamzon of Paris, the president of the Jewish Scout organization of France, and a leader of a Jewish Maquis unit, addressing the conference, stressed that the survival of 150,000 Jews in France is due primarily to the efforts of the French people to protect their Jewish neighbors, "We can say without any exaggeration that at one time or another during the Nazi occupation every Jew who is alive today was saved by a non-Jew," he declared. "The French people, at great risks, shielded the Jews in their midst from Nazi oppression and took special pains to save Jewish children."

Capt. Gamzon, who is the grandson of the late Chief Rabbi Alfred Levi of France, expressed the gratitude of the Jews of France for the assistance extended to them by American Jews through the JDC during the dark period of the occupation. He appealed for further aid, emphasizing that if American Jews continue sending help to the surviving Jews of France, they will bring about the emergence of a new and vigorous Judaism that will be the answer of French Jewry to Hitler's destruction.

### Communities Urged to Give Priority to UJA Allocations

Today's session of the conference was devoted primarily to discussion of elaborate plans for assuring the success of the \$100,000,000 United Jewish Appeal campaign for 1946, which the conference proclaimed yesterday. Among the measures suggested was a resolution urging local welfare funds and federations throughout the country to give priority to the UJA over all other allocations.

A graphic account of the situation of the Jews in Czechoslovakia was given last night by Leo Hermann, secretary-general of the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem, who was among the first Jewish leaders to visit liberated Prague, and to discuss Jewish problems with high government officials. Mr. Hermann reported that of the surviving Jews in Czechoslovakia a great percentage are elderly people, mostly widows who are un-

able to work. "Very few children," he said, have returned from concentration camps. In all of Prague there are no more than two school-classes of Jewish children. Virtually the entire Jewish population of Prague is in need of assistance, and is dependent upon the JDC for food and clothing."

The Jews of Prague, he added, are waiting and ready to emigrate to Palestine, which they regard as their major hope for permanent survival. "The Czechoslovakian Government, Mr. Hermann said, "will certainly not raise any objections to their emigration to Palestine." He confirmed that anti-Semitism is very strong in Slovakia, and that the central government in Prague is taking all possible measures to control the situation there.

A report on the surviving Jews of Belgium was given last night by Paul Philpison of Brussels, the vice chairman of the Association of Jewish War Victims in Belgium. He said that there are no more than 35,000 Jews in Belgium, and that they require assistance to help them survive the winter. He praised the Belgian Government for its sympathetic attitude towards the Jews, but indicated that relief must be forthcoming from the Jews of the United States, if Belgian Jewry is to be enabled to regain its former strength and status.

Dr. Abraham Granovsky, chairman of the board of directors of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem, reported to the conference on the accomplishments of the JNF, emphasizing that the organization is in great need of large amounts of money, because it is faced by a persistent and acute rise in the cost of land in Palestine. He expressed the conviction that Palestine can solve the problem of the homeless Jews of Europe.

Major Judah Naidich, former adviser to Gen. Eisenhower on Jewish affairs, who recently returned home after 40 months of service overseas, reported on the conditions of Jews in the camps for displaced persons. He said that although their position improved after the issuance of the Harrison report, it has not improved sufficiently.

#### MONTGOMERY DENIES BEATING OF DISPLACED JEWS WHO PROTESTED AGAINST BEVIN POLICY

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A statement by Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery's headquarters denying that displaced Jews in the British zone in Germany were beaten by military police when they attempted to demonstrate against the Bevin statement on Palestine was published here today. Montgomery confirmed that hunger strikes had taken place in several Jewish D.P. camps, but said that in no cases were the Jews mistreated.

(Joseph Rosenzaf, chairman of the Jewish Committee in the British zone, who is in Atlantic City attending the UJA conference, told the JTA today that eight Jews were arrested in Hanover following an anti-White Paper demonstration. He said that they were held for two days, and released on 500 marks bail only after protests by the Jewish Committee.

(Typewriters taken from the offices of the Jewish committee at the Finnhorst camp in Hanover were returned, he said, as was the Zionist flag, which had been thrown on a garbage heap. Apologizing for their desecration of the banner, a spokesman for the British troops said that the soldiers had not known it was "a Jewish flag." Rosenzaf corrected the original report concerning the incident, which said that it had occurred at the Bergen-Belsen camp.)

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END OF FUNDS MAY FORCE FEPC TO QUIT; DIRECTOR SAYS JOB DISCRIMINATION MOUNTING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Fair Employment Practices Commission may be asked to retire in a few months when its present funds of \$63,000 have come to an end, the director Malcolm Ross told newsmen today after a White House conference with President Truman.

Ross said the President reiterated the hope that Congress would act on legislation now before it, calling for a permanent FEPC but Ross added that, in the meantime, its reduced staff of 35 made it impossible for FEPC to investigate and follow through on complaints of discrimination in employment both in Washington Government agencies and elsewhere in the country on grounds of race, creed and color. Ross stated that job specifications of "white Gentile only" were being reported and that minority group workers laid off by the Government and other employers are having difficulty finding new jobs.

BRITISH HOME SECRETARY SAYS HE WILL NOT TAKE ACTION AGAINST MOSLEY FOLLOWERS

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Despite public indignation aroused by the meeting on Saturday night at which British pro-Nazi "hailed" fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley, and shouted "Perish Judah," Home Secretary Chamberlain Ede is reported to have said that he does not contemplate taking any action against the organizers of the demonstration.

"If these people use violence against anybody during their meetings," the "Daily Express" reported Ede as saying, "then they will be dealt with by the police in the ordinary way. There is nothing to prevent them holding meetings, but they must follow the rules the same as everyone else."

CALIFORNIA CITY BANS ANONYMOUS RACE HATRED LITERATURE

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Oakland City Council has passed an ordinance, prohibiting the printing or distributing of literature which would "expose any individual or any racial or religious group to hatred, contempt, ridicule or obloquy" unless the name and address of the person responsible for its issuance is clearly printed on it.

VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY ISSUES NEWSPAPER; WILL FIGHT FOR RESTORATION OF RIGHTS

VIENNA, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The "Neuer Wag," a new Jewish periodical, which will be issued twice monthly by the Jewish Community Council here, made its first appearance today.

The new publication, according to an editorial by David Brill, president of the Council, will fight for reparations for the losses suffered by the Jews as a result of Nazi persecution. Edited by Bernhard Braver, the "Neuer Wag" will have many former inmates of concentration camps among its contributors.

REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATIONS URGED TO GIVE YEAR'S FREE MEMBERSHIP TO VETERANS

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A year's free membership for returning veterans in all congregations affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations was recommended in a resolution adopted by the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Congregations were also urged to freely extend their facilities to veterans and veterans' groups.

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