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PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES SUSPENSION OF JEWISH IMMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- No more entry visas to Palestine will be issued, for the time being, to Jewish immigrants, it was announced at a press conference here today by John V. W. Shaw, Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government. The final decision on Jewish immigration, he said, is up to the British Government in London, which must decide whether further visas are to be issued during the period that the Anglo-American inquiry commission is making its investigations.

WEIZMANN CALLS MORGAN STATEMENT ON POLISH JEWS "PALPABLY ANTI-SEMITIC"

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, leader of the World Zionist Organization, said today that the statement issued in Frankfurt by Lieut. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, UNRRA director in Germany, with regard to Jewish refugees from Poland (see page 3) was "so palpably anti-Semitic that I would not deign to enter into any discussions" with Gen. Morgan.

camp in their occupation zone. However, he was not able to say how many Jews were involved in those daily evacuations, because figures are kept by nationality and not by religion. "There are virtually no Polish nationals left in the American sector in Berlin under the 'displaced persons' classification," he stated, "but the 4,500 Jewish 'illegal entrants' are virtually all Polish nationals and are not eligible for evacuation to a displaced persons' center for the reason outlined above," he concluded.

Number of Polish Jews Arriving in Berlin Dwindles to 60 Daily

BERLIN, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The number of Jewish refugees fleeing from Poland into Berlin has now dwindled to about sixty a day as compared with the 250 who were coming daily several weeks ago. Most of them are trying by whatever means possible, to reach the American zone with the object of ultimately proceeding to Palestine.

The tragedy of these refugees is intensified by the lack of preparations to relieve the crowded facilities set up by the Berlin Jewish community. Approximately 5,000 Polish Jews are quartered in refugee centers in the American sector of Berlin. At one camp where there are thousands of Jews there are only 300 beds. They are living under indescribable conditions, sleeping on the floor and confronted with unbelievable sanitary arrangements.

There are also two camps for displaced Jews in the Russian zone of Berlin, in the Oranienbergerstrasse and in the Rykastrasse, and two more in the French zone, in the Iranischestrasse and in the Wittenhausen.

500 JEWISH STUDENTS FROM EUROPE WILL BE SENT TO THE UNITED STATES TO ATTEND COLLEGE

FRANKFURT, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Arrangements are being completed here for 500 Jewish students from Europe to enter universities in the United States, on temporary student visas, it was announced today.

The students will be carefully selected from among thousands of young men and women who have no opportunity at present to continue their educations. The majority of them will be recruited from France, Belgium, Holland and Czechoslovakia, with some coming from the displaced persons camps in Germany.

In the United States, the students will be cared for by the Hillel Foundation of B'nai B'rith, which will plan their studies and distribute them among various colleges, after consultation with university authorities.

Upon completion of their studies, the students will either return to Europe, or apply for entry into Palestine, where the majority of them desire to settle eventually.

INQUIRY COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE WILL QUERY AMERICAN REPUBLICS ON IMMIGRATION POLICIES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Most of the hearings of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee on Palestine will be open, it was announced here today by Leslie Reed, secretary of the committee.

"No limit has been set on the length of the hearings, since there is no intent to muzzle people," he declared. British members of the committee are arriving in New York on the Queen Mary tomorrow and will immediately come to Washington to prepare for the hearings which are to open on Jan. 7.

Inquiries are being drafted by the inquiry committee for submission to the American republics and to Canada regarding their policies on admission and settlement of refugees and displaced persons, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns. George Warren, State Department advisor on refugee problems, is working with the commission on this project.

UNRRA CHIEF IN GERMANY BLURS POLISH JEWS, SAYS SECRET JEWISH FORCE ORGANIZING FLIGHT

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Jewish circles today expressed indignation at a statement made in Frankfurt by Lt. Gen. Frederick Morgan, chief of the UNRRA in Germany, who asserted that a secret Jewish force is seeking to organize a mass-exodus of Jews from Poland to Palestine.

The statement, carried by Reuters, a British news agency, quoted the British general as stating that he had seen "an exodus" of Jews from Poland on Russian trains on a regular route from Lodz to Berlin. All of them were well-dressed, well-fed, healthy and had "pockets bulging with money," the UNRRA chief and former deputy chief of staff to Gen. Eisenhower, is alleged to have said.

"All of them," Reuter reports Gen. Morgan as saying, "told the same monotonous story of threats, pogroms and atrocities in Poland as a reason for their leaving. Morgan reportedly added that a new factor in the U.S. zone - the arrival of a whole carload of Jewish children from Rumania and Hungary - bolstered his belief that "a world organization of Jews was being formed."

"Gen. Morgan did not know who was financing the movement of stuffing Jewish pockets with Russian-printed occupation marks," Reuter continues. "He cited the example of a 'Committee of Liberated Jews in Bavaria' who formerly wrote to him on scraps of paper and were now writing on the finest-engraved stationery."

The Reuter report states that Gen. Morgan believes that the formation of a "Federation of Former Inmates of Concentration Camps" in Germany would bring German Jews into the movement. "As these Jews were not displaced persons, they did not come under UNRRA jurisdiction," the dispatch quotes Gen. Morgan as stating further.

Action on the statement was under consideration here today by the Board of Deputies of British Jews, while A.L. Easternman, executive secretary of the World Jewish Congress, issued a strongly-worded protest to the press terming Gen. Morgan's reported charges "fantastically untrue," and asserting that they "are designed to influence the findings of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee."

UNRRA Asks Gen. Morgan for Full Text of His Statement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The headquarters of UNRRA here today revealed that they have called upon Gen. Morgan for the full text of his statement on Polish Jews which he is reported to have made at Frankfurt. A communique issued by the UNRRA office reads as follows:

"We have called for the full text of General Morgan's statement. Until it is received at headquarters no comment is possible. The administration of UNRRA is aware of the well known fact that many persecuted displaced people, including Jews, desire to settle in other parts of the world, and wherever possible the administration desires to cooperate with the governments concerned in helping these people.

"In the meantime, the administration, mindful of the terrible suffering of these persecuted people, and in accordance with the policy laid down by the council of UNRRA, is doing everything possible to alleviate their distress until the governments concerned can make arrangements which will enable these persecuted people to make homes of their own."

3,000 JEWS DETAINED IN NEW RAID IN JERUSALEM, AUTHORITIES RELAX CURFEW

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- About 3,000 Jews were rounded up here today in a new raid in the area of Jaffa Road, Jerusalem's main street, which was cordoned off by mobile police. Armored cars lined the street as the police herded people into an improvised barbed wire street pen. The detainees were removed for identification to a camp on the outskirts of the city.

While the raid was in progress, the authorities officially announced a relaxation of the curfew period for Jerusalem from sixteen to twelve hours. The new hours are 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Inhabitants of the Shear Chesed and Yemin Moshe quarters of Jerusalem today submitted a formal protest to the authorities against the searches conducted there during the last few days. The protests point out that no suspicious articles were discovered during the raids.

An underground chemical laboratory was discovered last night in a cellar on Disenhoff Street in Tel Aviv following an explosion there. When the police arrived on the scene of the blast, they smelled chemical fumes. A search of the cellar led to the discovery of many bomb parts, solid and fluid explosives, test tubes and tools to prepare bombs, as well as a stock of Sternist propaganda leaflets. No members of the Stern Group were found in the building, but the landlord was detained for interrogation, while his son was arrested.

CONFUSION MARKS INAUGURATION OF ARAB BOYCOTT; ARABS CONTINUING TO BUY IN JEWISH SHOPS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Although the boycott of Jewish-made goods from Palestine proclaimed by the Arab League went into effect yesterday, there was little indication of it here. Arabs are continuing to patronize Jewish shops, and reports from Cairo say that the situation is the same there.

There appears to be a great deal of confusion in Arab circles concerning the boycott, while the Jewish community is, for the time being, ignoring it. A break in the Arab front has already been indicated by the Jaffa chamber of commerce, which decided that if the Palestine Government does not grant them licenses within a week to import from neighboring countries goods which they have been buying from Jews, they will continue to make purchases from Jewish enterprises. Even if the licenses are granted, the Jaffa merchants said, they will observe the boycott only if the imports arrive within a fortnight.

The president of the Jewish Industrialists Association, Arish Shenkar, said today that his group plans to take no anti-boycott measures, because they feel the ban on Jewish goods is primarily a political, rather than an economic, move. The Jewish press, however, publishes editorials today reiterating its criticism of the Palestine Government for failing to act against the boycott.

One of the first victims of the boycott was the Palestine Telegraphic Agency, local subsidiary of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The editors of the Arab newspapers Falastin and Adiffan called the Tel Aviv offices of the PTA today to ask that services to them be discontinued immediately. The Arab papers have been taking the PTA service for many years.

A report from Damascus said that the Syrian Department of Supply has ruled that merchants desiring to import goods from Palestine must obtain a certificate from the Palestine Arab Chamber of Commerce stating that the imports are of Arab origin.

NUREMBERG TRIAL RESUMED; COURT HEARS ACCOUNT OF SLAYING OF 5,000 JEWS IN DUBNO

NUREMBERG, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The trial of the top Nazi war criminals was resumed today with Lt. Whitney Harris, U.S. associate prosecutor, producing evidence of Nazi massacres of Jews by order of Ernst Kaltenbrunner, former chief of the Security Police, who is one of the defendants.

Associate prosecutor Col. Robert G. Storey read an affidavit of a German engineer, Herman Friedrich Graebbe, giving an eye-witness account of how 5,000 Jews were murdered in the city of Dubno, in Wolhynia. It described how they were forced by Gestapo units to dig their own graves, and how some of the victims were buried while still alive, after being machine-gunned before a huge ditch which was used as a mass-grave.

Vividly describing the mass-execution in all its details, the German eye-witness said in his affidavit that the Gestapo officer who directed the shootings sat at the edge of the pit smoking a cigarette and coolly issuing orders. Later he walked back and forth over a row of Jews who were lying on the ground.

TASK OF AMERICAN CHALUTZIM OUTLINED BY DR. WEIZMANN, 5,000 MEET AT CARNEGIE HALL

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Expressing confidence in the fulfillment of Zionist aspirations in Palestine, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, leader of the world Zionist movement, tonight hailed the role played by American Jewish youth in strengthening the link between America and Palestine.

In a message to a farewell demonstration for young American Jews who are leaving for Palestine at Carnegie Hall, attended by about 3,000 persons, Dr. Weizmann said that "American Jewish chalutzim have a task of singular significance" in the historic process of securing for the Jews "a new birth of freedom upon the firm and unshakable foundations that have already been laid in Eretz Israel."

The meeting was addressed by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Louis Lipsky and Hayim Greenberg. The latter spoke on the strategic role of American shalutzim in the upbuilding of Palestine. The mass-meeting was arranged by the League for Labor Palestine and the Hechalutz Organization of America.

IMMIGRATION INTERVIEWS WILL BEGIN AT OSWEGO ON MONDAY; REFUGEES TO BE ROUTED VIA CANADA

OSWEGO, N.Y., Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The 932 refugees in Fort Ontario will start on the path to American citizenship on Monday, it was learned today. Interviews by agents of the Immigration, State and Justice Departments will begin then.

Some time later this month, the refugees will be taken to Canada, a short distance from here, where they will file formal requests for immigration into the United States, and will then be allowed to enter. The legal procedures will be facilitated in accordance with President Truman's recent order making the Oswego internees eligible to apply for American citizenship.

DICKSTEIN AND WEISS RESIGN CONGRESSIONAL SEATS; ASSUMING JUDICIAL POSTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Congressman Samuel Dickstein of New York and Samuel Weiss of Pennsylvania announced today that they are resigning from the House of Representatives to assume judicial posts. Dickstein was elected last November to the New York State Supreme Court bench, while Weiss won a seat on the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County.