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BEVIN ANNOUNCES BRITISH INTENTION TO PROCLAIM TRANSJORDAN AN INDEPENDENT STATE

LONDON, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The expected British recommendation that Transjordan become a sovereign independent state was made today by Foreign Secretary Bevin in an address before the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization.

With regard to Palestine which is under the same mandate as Transjordan, the British Foreign Secretary declared: "The Assembly is aware that an Anglo-American inquiry committee is at this very moment examining the question of European Jewry and also the Palestine problem. We think it necessary to await the committee's report before putting forward any proposals concerning the future of Palestine."

Leaders of the Jewish Agency declined to comment on Bevin's announcement, but the world executive of the New Zionist Organization issued a statement expressing opposition to the imminent independence of Transjordan on the grounds that this territory was an integral part of mandated Palestine. "Mr. Bevin's announcement must be fought not only on a purely political level, but also on a legal plane," the statement said.

Masaryk Urges International Solution of Jewish Problem

Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovakian Foreign Minister, who followed Bevin, told the Assembly of the United Nations Organization of the necessity for a speedy international solution of the Jewish problem.

"Although not in this assembly, the Jewish question is at least being considered internationally," he said. "I am glad of that. After what has happened to the Jews, the solution of their problems is the undeniable duty of all decent people."

"I am not suggesting any definite solution of one sort or another," he continued. "For that I am not qualified. But I say as long as anti-Semitism exists, we have no right to call ourselves civilized people. Don't forget that wherever anti-Semitism exists, fascism and nazism are lurking in every bush. The problem of the helpless, hopeless wandering Jews is a horror for us."

Bevin's Announcement Does Not Preclude Partition of Palestine

Bevin's announcement that "His Majesty's Government intends to take steps in the near future for establishing Transjordan as a sovereign and independent state," caused considerable discussion among the delegates, in view of the fact that he emphasized that "under these circumstances, the question of placing Transjordan under trusteeship does not arise."

The announcement was also discussed from the point of view of whether the solution of the Palestine problem on the basis of partition would be facilitated by the independence of Transjordan, since it is considered likely that the Arab part of a partitioned Palestine would be linked with Transjordan in one Arab state. British

circles indicated that "on the whole it would not make a partition solution of the Palestine problem more difficult."

British circles admitted that the granting of independence to Transjordan will affect not only the future of Palestine, but also that of Iraq. The peace and security of Transjordan have been dependent for the past twenty years upon the Transjordan Arab Legion organized and officered by the British. This force, which numbers about 16,000 men, is entirely paid for by the British, and Emir Abdullah, the ruler of Transjordan, has made it clear that his country could not afford to maintain it.

Transjordan's Independence Linked with Future of Country's Military Force

Semi-official British quarters pointed out today that the independence of Transjordan is definitely linked with the future of its armed force which, they said, is essential for the security of the country in view of Transjordan's special dynastic situation in the Middle East. They predicted that when Emir Abdullah comes to London next month, he will raise the question of some kind of joint defense force with Iraq, also a Hashemite country.

The Hashemite dynasty, upon which King Ibn Saud, the "strong man of Arabia," looks with suspicion, might also be discussed when Emir Abdullah reaches London, it was indicated here today. It is obvious that the emergence of an independent Arab state ruled by one of the sons of the Hashemite King of the Hedjaz, whom Ibn Saud drove from his thron, will naturally be watched with keen interest by the Saudi Arabian ruler. Saudi Arabia, as one of the United Nations, will vote on the British proposal which presumably will be referred to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations Organization for final approval.

Jewish Agency Considers Implications of Bevin's Announcement

Meanwhile, the executive of the Jewish Agency was today considering the implications of Bevin's announcement. Some statements may be issued by the Jewish Agency tomorrow after the arrival here of David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Agency's executive, who left Palestine by plane yesterday.

Dr. Paul Rebenfeld, chairman of the New Zionist Organization, in a statement criticizing Bevin's announcement said: "The Jewish people might not yet be represented at the United Nations Organization. This will come. But in regard to the Palestine Mandate, it is in possession of an international status which gives it the right to raise officially the question of the legality of Britain's proposed action in regard to the Transjordan part of the mandated territory of Palestine. That article 22 of the Mandate permits the mandatory power to withhold or to postpone the application of those of its stipulations that refer to the Jewish National Home, does not entitle her to render forever impossible the application of those measures by unilateral action, nor does it give her the right to break off part of the territory which she holds in trust."

Charging that Bevin's announcement had "flouted" the authority of the United Nations Organization, Rebenfeld declared that termination of the Mandate, which had been a matter for the League of Nations to decide, will in the future be the concern of the trusteeship council. "Mr. Bevin's statement, coming as it does when the League is defunct, and when its functions with regard to the mandate system have not yet been properly taken over by United Nations Organization, disregards this fact," he asserted.

AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT SAYS JEWS WILL BE COMPENSATED FOR LOSSES WITHIN POSSIBLE LIMITS

VIENNA, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government will compensate the country's Jews for financial losses incurred during the war, according to an announcement issued by President Karl Renner.

The announcement added that claims are expected to be so large that rules will be laid down ensuring that every person will receive his proper share within the limits possible.

NAZIS' RACIAL DOCTRINES LED TO DESTRUCTION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY, FRENCH PROSECUTOR CHARGES

NUREMBERG, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Nazis' "monstrous doctrine of racism" led to the destruction of the largest part of the Jewish communities of occupied European countries, Prosecutor Francois de Menthon charged today, as the French opened their case against the 20 top Nazis being tried here.

De Menthon, a former concentration camp inmate and, later, a leader of the resistance, said that according to official French statistics, only 35,000 of the 250,000 persons deported from France by the Germans have returned. Of the deportees about 120,000 were Jews.

He described the barbarous medical, surgical and other experiments conducted on men and women at the Oswiecim, Struthoff, Ravensbrueck and other camps, including artificial insemination of women, sterilization of men, women and children and inoculations of prisoners with fatal diseases.

The chief French prosecutor pointed out that the atrocities were committed after the Allied declaration of Dec. 17, 1942, warning that Germans engaged in persecuting Jews would be punished.

Jewish Council in France Asked to Submit Data to Nuremberg Trial

PARIS, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- French prosecutors at the Nuremberg trials have requested that the Representative Council of Jews of France aid in the collection of documents proving the persecution of Jews in France, it was announced here today.

Judge Leon Meiss and Robert Kiefe, representing the Council, will leave for Nuremberg to assist Francois de Menthon, leader of the French prosecution.

HAGANAH SECRET RADIO DENOUNCES TRAIN ROBBERY AS DISTORTION OF NATIONAL STRUGGLE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The seizure of \$140,000 from a train near Hadera, last Saturday, by a group of armed Jews was denounced today by the secret "Voice of Israel" transmitter, operated by the Haganah. The broadcast said that the robbery was probably the work of terrorist organizations, and charged that it "distorted the national character" of the Jewish struggle in Palestine.

Police announced today that in a search of buses, taxis and other vehicles, yesterday, during which Jewish passengers were forced to produce identity papers, a small quantity of gunpowder was found in a bus at Petach Tikvah, and parcels containing illegal pamphlets and several British uniforms were discovered at the baggage office of a bus company in Tel Aviv.

POLISH PREMIER DISCUSSES RESTORATION OF PROPERTY WITH AMERICAN JEWISH LABOR LEADER

WARSAW, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The question of the restoration of property to Jews returning from German camps or from the Soviet Union was discussed today by Jacob Pat, secretary of the Jewish Labor Committee in the United States, during a conference with Premier Eduard Osubka-Morawski.

Replying to a question by Pat as to why the Government has not acted to return homes and property to Jews, the Premier said that the Government treats all repatriates alike, and is endeavoring to integrate them into economic and social life.

Mr. Osubka-Morawski said that the Government had guaranteed Jews equal rights, and pointed to the presence of Jews in important public posts. He disclosed that it has spent proportionately more to assist Jews, because it felt that Jews were the worst sufferers during the occupation. In this connection, he said that the authorities have taken steps to have the famous Medem sanatorium for children returned to Jewish groups.

Informed by Mr. Pat that American public opinion had been shocked by the reports of anti-Semitism in Poland, the Premier said that his government is fighting the fascist remnants who are behind the attacks on Jews, and cited the recent decree providing death for anti-Jewish activities. He stated that there have been very few assaults on Jews recently.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF HASHOMER HATZAIR HEARS REPORTS ON JEWS IN EUROPE

PARIS, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The first post-war international conference of the Hashomer Hatzair, left-wing labor Zionist group, closed today at Fontainebleau, after adopting resolutions pledging to continue immigration into Palestine, by force, if necessary. Delegates from France, Belgium, England, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Bavaria, Italy and Tunisia attended the conference.

Mordechai Orenstein, a leader of the Histadruth and a member of the Jewish National Council of Palestine, who has just returned from a visit to Eastern Europe, told the meeting that the Jews who are fleeing Poland are, in most cases, fleeing in security, rather than actual danger, although, he added, there is no doubt that some Jews have been murdered. The westward drive of these refugees, he said, was spontaneous and needed no organization.

Orenstein revealed that joint efforts to rebuild Jewish life in Poland are being made by members of the Communist Party and the Jewish Socialist Bund, who were bitterly opposed to each other's program in pre-war days. Cooperative enterprises have been established and schools set up. He reviewed the situation in other Eastern and Central European nations, stating that in Czechoslovakia Jews still hope to resume their place in the country's economic life, despite the strong anti-Semitism in Slovakia.

JEWISH CLINICS IN POLISH CITIES RECEIVE SHIPMENT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES

GENEVA, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The arrival of medical supplies and equipment for Jewish clinics maintained by the TOZ, Polish affiliate of the GSE, in the cities of Lodz, Warsaw, Cracow, Lublin, Bialystok and Katowice was announced here today by the GSE Union, whose central committee in cooperation with the TOZ had organized the transport.

SENATE VOTES TO TAKE UP FEPC BILL; SPONSOR CITES WAR CONTRIBUTIONS OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- A motion to consider the FEPC bill was passed by the Senate today, on proposal of Senator Denis Chavez, Democrat of New Mexico, by a vote of 55 to 14.

In the debate which followed, the bill was bitterly attacked by Senators Eastland of Mississippi, George of Georgia, and Johnson of South Carolina. Senator George assailed the Democratic Party for bringing up such "highly controversial" legislation before the President's message to Congress had been submitted. He said that "free men" on the Democratic side will not follow the party will. "If this is all Harry Truman has to offer, God help the Democratic Party in 1946 and 1948," he said.

Senator Chavez reminded the handful of senators present in the chamber that the bill had been reported out of the Senate Education and Labor Committee on May 24, 1945, and that the President in a recent message had called attention to the need for such legislation. Answering Senator George, Chavez said:

"God pity the Democratic Senators who are chairmen of committees unless the Democratic Party keeps liberal and passes such legislation as FEPC." He asked if it is fair to employ a white girl and not to employ one "with a Jewish name." He said during the war "the Levines, the Gallaghers, the Negroes and the Mexicans rallied round for their country" and were included in the casualty list, and FEPC legislation is designed to provide justice for their relatives.

Senator Johnson declared that passage of the bill would cause riots in Washington and other cities. Senator Eastland asked if the bill were not designed to give a certain number of jobs "to people who are Jews." He said neither the Jews nor other minority groups should want the bill "if we have authority to say they cannot be discriminated against," the Senator declared, "we have authority to say they can be."

Eastland said that if the FEPC bill is constitutional, then legislation limiting the number of Jews engaged in interstate commerce would likewise be constitutional. He declared that "clouds of anti-Semitism" and anti-Negro prejudice are rising in this country. Denying that he is "anti-Semitic or prejudiced against any race," he asserted that "Jews in this country who think, are the very last ones to support such a measure." Senator Aiken, Republican of Vermont, spoke briefly for the bill.

HUMAN ASKED TO PREVENT DEPORTATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES WHO ENTERED U.S. AS STOWAWAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- An appeal to President Truman to give "special consideration" to the case of two young Jewish refugees, who stowed away on American ships in an effort to reach this country and are now facing return to Europe, was today made public by Abram Green, executive secretary of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

In the case of one of the stowaways, Ghidu Davidescu, the Committee pointed out that his entire family was murdered by the Nazis in the Birkenau concentration camp, while the second refugee, Jehuda Rubinfeld, lost all his family except his mother at the Buchenwald camp. Both the young men have relatives living in the United States.

GREEK CONSUL URGES ALL CITIZENS TO FILE CLAIMS FOR PROPERTY SEIZED BY NAZIS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Greek Consul General today urged all Greek citizens, whose property had been seized during the German occupation, to register their claims with the consulate.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT LEADERS SEND CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF CHIEF RABBI HERTZ

LONDON, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- On behalf of the British Government, Prime Minister Clement Attlee sent condolences to the family of the late Dr. Joseph H. Hertz, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, who died earlier this week.

In a message to the Chief Rabbi's Religious Emergency Council, which Rabbi Hertz headed, Foreign Minister Bevin said, "Dr. Hertz will be missed not only by the Jews whom he served so faithfully, but by millions of others for whose liberty he strove hard." He also stressed that Britain would miss "his wise counsel which he was always ready to give freely to His Majesty's Government."

Speaking before a special meeting of representatives of the United Synagogues of Great Britain, Sir Robert Waley-Cohen, its president, declared that Rabbi Hertz was "profoundly moved by the frustrations which our people suffered in regard to Palestine." Sir Robert emphasized that the Chief Rabbi's death will be felt throughout the world by those "trying to share the exacting tasks" confronting the Jews.

At an emergency meeting of the Mizrahi Organization of Great Britain, it was decided to establish a memorial wing in the Kfar Etzion Convalescent Home for Rabbits in honor of Rabbi Hertz. The Poale Mizrahi in Palestine will establish a Hertz memorial settlement for religious chalutzim, the meeting was informed by cable.

FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS CONVENTION HEARS OF NAZI HORRORS

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The hardships and degradation suffered by the Jews imprisoned in the Belsen concentration camp were described yesterday at the fiftieth anniversary convention of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations held at the Astor Hotel here.

The effects of starvation on the Nazi victims were described by Maurice Eigen, JDC representative, who recently returned from a four-month tour of Germany. He quoted an eyewitness account of the burning alive of four truckloads of women, who were poured into a roaring pyre."

Mayor William O'Dwyer praised the women for spearheading a drive for collection of food and medical supplies for the surviving Jews in Europe. Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of Barnard College and an American delegate to the San Francisco United Nations Conference, and other speakers urged the American mothers to show a "sense of responsibility" and to cease from "hysterical propaganda" to bring their boys home lest the results of the war be lost.

WARBURG MEMORIAL FUND WILL AWARD THREE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JEWISH STUDY

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Three research scholarships for Jewish scholars under the age of 30, engaged in any branch of Jewish study, will be awarded by the Moritz and Charlotte Warburg Memorial Fund Committee, it was announced here today.

The \$1,200 a year grants will be given usually to holders of a Ph.D. degree from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, but those who hold degrees from similar institutions will also be considered. Although the scholarships will normally be granted for two years, certain exceptions may be granted for continuation of the award, while in other cases exceptions may be made in the educational background required of the recipient. The granting of scholarships will be started in April, 1946.