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UNO BODY ADOPTS RECOMMENDATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

LONDON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Establishment of a Commission on Human Rights by the Social and Economic Council of the United Nations Organization was recommended today, without dissent, by the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee of the UNO. The vote was on a proposal made by the preparatory commission which laid the groundwork for the present session of the UNO.

The commission, which was first projected at San Francisco, would assist the Council in promoting human rights, as outlined in the UNO charter. Among its objectives would be protection of minorities, prevention of discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, language or sex, and promotion of an international declaration on civil liberties.

The Agudas Israel organization today presented a memorandum to the UNO pointing out that four of its members, including a member of the Security Council--Egypt--have taken economic action against the Jewish population of Palestine through the anti-Zionist boycott proclaimed by the Arab League. The memorandum asked that an appropriate commission of the UNO take cognizance of the boycott, "since economic aggression can only worsen the already difficult position in the Middle East."

RELAX JERUSALEM CURFEW AS NEW BAN IMPOSED ON SECTION OF PALESTINE COAST

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Military authorities today relaxed the 24-hour curfew imposed on Jerusalem after Saturday night's attacks on the Central Prison and the Palestine Broadcasting System studios. The new curfew hours are 8 p.m. to 10 a.m. At the same time, they clamped a 5:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. curfew on a small portion of the coast north of Hadera, scene of last night's bombing of the Givat Olga coast guard station.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Jewish National Council voted today to launch a drive to obtain ships to bring Jews to Palestine, and arrange mass meetings and demonstrations throughout the country next week to protest the stoppage of Jewish immigration. The meeting also decided to send a delegation to Chief Secretary John V. W. Shaw to protest against the killing of two Jews in the British prison camp at Britrea and to demand that the wounded be brought here for treatment and all other deportees returned.

An official communique issued today said that shortly after 8 p.m. last night, a British radar station on Mt. Carmel, near Haifa, received an anonymous telephone call, warning that the Givat Olga station should be evacuated, as it was going to be blown up. Twelve minutes later, a bomb exploded within the station, demolishing several buildings and injuring 16 British soldiers, and one Arab and one British constable.

A number of arrests have been made in connection with the explosion. It is believed that the station, which was attacked once before, on Nov. 25, was bombed this time for informing naval patrols of the presence of the refugee vessel Enzo Sereni, which was captured on Thursday night.

POLISH JEWS CONTINUING TO INFILTRATE INTO U.S. ZONE AGAINST ARMY OPPOSITION

FRANKFURT, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Polish-Jewish refugees from the Berlin area, and from Poland proper, are continuing to infiltrate into the American zone, against strong opposition by U.S. military authorities. The position of the occupation authorities indicates that they have not yet received any new directives from Washington.

(A State Department spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last week that both the State and War Departments are working on the problem of what to do with Jewish refugees fleeing into the U.S. zone, and will eventually send directives.)

JEWS IN POLAND CHARGE ANTI-GOVERNMENT EMIGREES SPREADING EXAGGERATED REPORTS ON POGROMS

WARSAW, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- A meeting here of representatives of provincial Jewish committees, called by the Central Jewish Committee, issued a statement today declaring that the Polish Government was doing everything possible to protect the interests of all citizens, including Jews, and charging that the "press campaign" abroad concerning pogroms in Poland was being fostered by "Polish emigrants in London" to discredit the Government.

The statement revealed that there are now 86,000 Jews in Poland, the bulk of whom live in the following cities and districts: Warsaw, 9,000; Cracow province, 9,800; Lodz province, 17,500; Czeszochowa district, 2,500; Bialystok province, 1,600; Upper Silesia, 20,000; Lower Silesia, 16,500; Lublin, 4,600; Kielce, 1,500; Wloclawak, 800; Rzeszow province, including Przemyśl, 700; and Gdansk, 1,300.

CONFERENCE OF DISPLACED JEWS IN U.S. ZONE WILL OPEN ON SUNDAY IN MUNICH

MUNICH, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The conference of displaced Jews in the American zone of Germany, which was scheduled to open here yesterday, has been postponed until next Sunday, owing to technical difficulties.

The opening session, which will be held in the Munich Town Hall, will be addressed by Dr. Zalman Gruenberg, president of the Central Committee of Displaced Jews; David Ben-Gurion and U.S. Chaplain Abraham Klausner. Welcoming addresses will be given by Bavarian Premier Wilhelm Hoegner and Cardinal Faulhaber.

Attending the conference will be representatives of the United States Army, UNRRA, the Joint Distribution Committee, HIAS, the Jewish Agency and the Jewish Brigade. During a memorial ceremony for Jewish victims of fascism the Jewish orchestra of St. Ottilien Camp will give a concert.

JEWSH COMMUNITIES IN RUMANIA ASK PUBLIC PROSECUTOR TO PUNISH ANTI-JEWISH EDITOR

BUCHAREST, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Union of Jewish Communities today appealed to the public prosecutor to punish the editor of "Ardealul," a publication recently suspended for 15 days for spreading anti-Jewish propaganda.

Declaring that it was not surprised at the "Ardealul" spreading anti-Semitic propaganda, the "Hantuirea," organ of the Jewish Party, pointed out that Rumania is the only country where war criminals, who confessed to murdering thousands of Jews, have not been executed.

Services were held today in memory of the Jewish victims who died in an Iron Guard pogrom on Jan. 21, 1941. After the services, conducted by the Chief Rabbi of Rumania, a Soviet officer spoke on behalf of the Allied commission and Minister of Propaganda Petre Constantinescu spoke for the Rumanian Government.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS TO TESTIFY BEFORE ANGLO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMITTEE

LONDON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews today authorized its executive to testify at the hearings of the Anglo-American inquiry committee in London.

Prof. Selig Brodetsky in his summation at the end of the Board's monthly meeting, pointed out that testimony at the hearings will make clear the fact that the Board speaks for the majority of British Jewry. "We are not going to drop our demand for a Jewish state because certain societies disagree," he said, adding "we are trying to achieve unity but cannot sacrifice our principles to satisfy a small minority."

Prof. Brodetsky declared that the Board of Deputies would continue its activities to change the status of German Jews, who are being treated, he said, as German subjects under the regulations of the occupying authorities, except in Berlin where the Jews are given preferential treatment.

He also disclosed that several displaced Jews arrested and convicted last November for demonstrating in Hanover against the Bevin policy in Palestine have had their sentences suspended.

JEWISH AGENCY OFFICE IN LONDON DECIDES NOT TO ISSUE STATEMENT ON BEVIN'S TRANSJORDAN MOVE

LONDON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- A meeting of the leading members of the Jewish Agency here, under the chairmanship of David Ben Gurion, decided not to issue any statement concerning Foreign Minister Bevin's announcement that Britain favored independence for Transjordan, it was learned today. If any statement is issued by the Agency, it will be made by its political department in Jerusalem.

The British Mizrahi Federation, meanwhile, has announced that "the Jewish people can never acquiesce to the partition of Palestine by the severance of Transjordan." It charged that the Bevin announcement has weakened the status of the Anglo-American inquiry committee.

LOST OF 8,000 JEWS IN BERLIN RE OVER 50; FEW YOUTHS AMONG SURVIVORS

BERLIN, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Sixty percent of the 8,000 members of the Jewish community here are over the age of 50 and only five percent are under 18, Erich Nelhans, president of the Jewish Council, revealed today. He added that there were 25 doctors and 15 lawyers among the members.

Nelhans said that the community has provided 10,000 meals, given clothing to thousands of Jews returning home, and distributed grants of from 500 to 2,000 marks among the destitute who were unable to earn a living. The community, he added, runs a hospital of 350 beds and a nursery for 60 orphans. These two institutions care for Jews and non-Jews.

Expenses thus far have been covered by a loan of 100,000 marks as well as a non-recurrent contribution by the city council of 150,000 marks, Nelhans said. The city also has four prayer houses, including three reconstructed synagogues, Nelhans concluded.

STRABOIGI HITS BEVIN PALESTINE POLICY; SAYS USSR SHOULD BE ON INQUIRY COMMITTEE

JOHANNESBURG, S. Africa, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Lord Straboigi, pro-Zionist Laborite peer, now on a visit here, said today that he is not completely satisfied with the Bevin policy on Palestine, but added: "We must suspend judgment until the findings of the joint committee are published." He also stated that he felt the Soviet Union should have been invited to participate in the inquiry committee.

TRUMAN MESSAGE TO CONGRESS WARNS OF HATE HONGERING; SENATORS RESUME FEPC FILIBUSTER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- President Truman's State of the Union message, delivered today to Congress, called attention to his recommendation for the enactment of a permanent FEPC, warning that fomenters of hatred were "busy again." Following his message Southern senators resumed their filibuster against the FEPC.

He commented on the "great progress" made in the repatriation of displaced persons and expressed the hope that the Nuremberg war criminal trials "will bring wholesale and permanent revulsion on the part of the masses of our former enemies against war, militarism, aggression and notions of race superiority."

APPOINTMENT OF LAZARUS AS BRITISH ACTING CHIEF RABBI AROUSES PROTESTS

LONDON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The appointment of Rabbi Harris Lazarus as Acting Chief Rabbi, following the death of Chief Rabbi Joseph Herts, has aroused some opposition here.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Federation of Synagogues issued a statement today declaring that Rabbi Lazarus cannot speak for all British Jews, since the Federation, representing 70,000 persons, was not consulted concerning his appointment, and, therefore, cannot accept him as the spiritual leader of the country's Jews. Rank and file members of the United Synagogue have also questioned the authority of its officers to name a new chief rabbi.

Addressing a meeting of the Board of Deputies, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president, said that the announcement of Rabbi Lazarus' appointment referred only to functions connected with the United Synagogue, adding that the executive committee of the Board will meet shortly to deal with the question.

HALF-JEWISH NAZI SHOT THREE JEWISH WOMEN TO SAVE JEWISH FATHER; SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS

BUDAPEST, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The story of a half-Jewish Nazi, who encountered his Jewish father, while on a "Jew hunt," was told today at the trial of Rudolph Kramer, a Nazi whose mother was German.

Kramer's commander agreed to spare his father's life, if Kramer would shoot three Jewish women, which he did, the evidence revealed. Kramer was sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

500 DELEGATES EXPECTED TO ATTEND 26TH CONVENTION OF CANADIAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

MONTREAL, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- More than 500 delegates are expected to attend the 26th convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada, which will be held in Toronto on Jan. 26 and 27, it was announced here today.

Delegates will hear addresses by Dr. Abraham Granovsky, director of the Jewish National Fund in Palestine, Miss Freda Kirchway, editor of the Nation, and Rabbi James G. Heller of Cincinnati. A financial report of the organization reveals that its income for the past two years has totalled more than \$2,600,000.

SPECIAL OVERSEAS EDITION OF YIDDISH DAILY AIMS AT REUNITING JEWS WITH RELATIVES ABROAD

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- A special overseas edition of "The Day," local Yiddish daily, has been published, containing the names of over 1,200 individuals and organizations, mostly in the United States and Canada, who are looking for relatives abroad, as well as the names of those being sought. Ten thousand copies of the edition are being sent to Jews in displaced persons camps in Germany, and to Jewish communities in Eastern Europe and other parts of the world where there are surviving Jewish communities or refugee groups.

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