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ANGLO-AMERICAN PROBES MEETING ON PALESTINE, REFUGEE PROBLEMS ABOARD QUEEN ELIZABETH

ON BOARD THE QUEEN ELIZABETH, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Anglo-American Inquiry Committee on Palestine, which is en route to London where it will hold hearings on Jan. 25 to 31, will divide into four teams, which will fan out across Europe, after the London hearings are completed, a committee spokesman told this correspondent today.

The members of the committee, he said, hope to complete their investigations in Europe by the end of February, when they will assemble in Cairo for five days of hearings, before proceeding to Jerusalem, to complete the taking of testimony. Its report is expected to be in the hands of the British and American governments by May 1.

The problems of Palestine and the displaced Jews in Europe have been discussed at daily meetings of the committee, since the Queen Elizabeth sailed from New York, last Friday. The committee of twelve, assisted by a technical staff of seventeen, which includes research assistants, court reporters, secretaries and stenographers, meets for several hours daily under the chairmanship of British co-chairman Sir John Singleton. The mornings are devoted to meetings of the full committee, while in the afternoons, the sub-committees on Palestine and Europe meet.

The four sub-committees which will investigate conditions in Europe are as follows: Singleton, Judge Joseph Hutcheson, American co-chairman, Frank W. Buxton and Lord Morrison will go to Berlin. Bartley Crum, Frederick Legget and Richard Crossman will carry on their investigations from Frankfurt in the American zone. Dr. Frank Aydellotte, Major Reginald Manningham-Buller and Wilfred Crick will proceed to British zone headquarters at Lubbeck. James MacDonald and William Phillips may possibly go to the French zone, using Paris as their headquarters.

Refugee Spokesmen Will Testify at Hearings in D.P. Camps

When visiting the displaced persons camps, the committee members will be accompanied by military interpreters to assist them in obtaining a first hand impression of the needs and desires of the camps' residents. They will get statistical and other information from UNRRA and the military authorities and take random samplings of individual testimony. Spokesmen for refugee groups within the camps will be heard. After completing their visits to camps in Germany, the probes will assemble in Vienna to pool their findings.

It is not known whether the committee will visit Czechoslovakia, Poland and Rumania, although the JTA learns that visas for these countries are not included in the committee members' passports. However, no one on the committee has anything to say on the subject.

While nothing official has been announced, it seems doubtful that the committee will suggest immediate action on the problems before it, prior to submission of its final report. While the body's terms of reference permit recommendation for an interim handling of the problems, it is still not clear whether the committee will issue an interim report or whether its interim recommendations will form part of the final report.

THOUSANDS OF TROOPS PATROL COASTAL AREA AS RAIDING SQUADS SEARCH JEWISH COLONIES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Thousands of British troops today patrolled the coastal area between Haifa and Waffa, as raiding squads entered Jewish settlements in a hunt for those responsible for the destruction of the Givat Olga coast guard station on Sunday night, which caused the death of one British soldier and injured many others. A 5:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. curfew was still in effect in the area.

This morning a large detachment of troops surrounded Hedera, near the Givat Olga post, and, after imposing a curfew on the entire village, made house-to-house searches. Twenty-five residents were detained for further interrogation. It is reported that similar searches were made in other settlements, but no details are yet available. All traffic along the coastal roads between Haifa and Tel Aviv has been diverted inland, and armored cars and Bren gun carriers have been posted at vantage points. Gages have been set up along the roads for suspects brought in for questioning.

An uneasy quiet prevailed in Jerusalem, but the curfew was eased further. Curfew hours are now between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. Police today identified the Jew killed during Saturday night's attack on the Central Prison here as Abraham Akista, 23. He was buried yesterday.

The Tel Aviv municipal council today added its voice to the demand that the Palestine Government allow a delegation from the Jewish community to visit the internment camp in Eritrea where two Jewish prisoners were killed last week. An official request for such a delegation has been forwarded to the High Commissioner.

Settlers of Kibbutz Evron, near Acre, were attacked today by 50 Arabs, armed with sticks, when they came to plough their fields. Four of the Jews were injured, one seriously. Police who were summoned to the scene declared that the fields, which were purchased by the Jewish National Fund about a year ago, were "disputed land" and prohibited the Jews from continuing to cultivate it.

ARABS REPORTED REJECTING FURTHER IMMIGRATION OF JEWS INTO PALESTINE BECAUSE OF "TERROR"

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Palestine Arab Higher Committee will call on High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham this evening and tender its formal rejection of the High Commissioner's request that it agree to the admission to Palestine of 1,500 Jews monthly, pending the findings of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, it was reported today in a Jerusalem dispatch to the Evening Standard. The report says that the Arabs will give as one of the main reasons for their action, the "recent terror organized by Jews in Palestine."

In an interview here today with a Reuter correspondent, Riad el Solh, former premier of Lebanon and a delegate of that country to the UNO, opposed the idea of a Greater Syria, which would embrace Syria, Lebanon, Transjordan and Palestine, maintaining that the Arab League has guaranteed the independence of its member states. He said that the Arab states were satisfied with their accomplishments, so far, at the UNO meeting, and were now concentrating on obtaining a seat for one of the Arab nations on the Trusteeship Council.

Seven hundred and forty delegates representing 32,000 members are expected to attend the 45th annual conference of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain, which will be held here Jan. 26-28, it was announced today. Speakers will include Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Nahum Goldmann, and Professor Selig Brodetzky.

REINTEGRATION OF JEWS INTO ECONOMIC LIFE OF POLAND REPORTED AT WARSAW CONFERENCE

WARSAW, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A report on the reintegration of surviving Jews, including repatriates from camps and the Soviet Union, into the economic life of Poland was given here today at a conference of the resettlement department of the Central Jewish Committee.

It was reported that twenty cooperatives have been established in Jewish communities, and that in Lower Silesia Jews are employed in industry, handicrafts, and coal mining. Over 1,000 Jews were engaged in harvesting on 65 farms covering more than 2,500 acres, and several hundred of them are remaining on the farms for spring planting, the report said.

Pointing out that Jewish farms were the first to deliver their prescribed quotas of produce to the authorities, the report also stated that the Polish Government has allocated an additional 3,500 to 4,000 acres to Jewish repatriates from Russia. The conference, which was attended by representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and the ORT, made plans for the further economic rehabilitation of the repatriates.

SOVIET TRIALS BARE MURDER OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS; 18 NAZI OFFICERS AND MEN EXECUTED

MOSCOW, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- An official report of three trials of high German officers and men for the torture and murder of thousands of Jews and other Soviet citizens, held recently in Smolensk, Bryansk, and Leningrad, reveals that 18 Nazis, including several generals, have been executed for their crimes.

At the Smolensk trial of ten Nazis it was revealed that the Germans in that area had forced all the Jews into a ghetto near the village of Verkhni Sadki, where they were confined for a period of a year, and hundreds perished daily. Witnesses stated that on the night of July 15, 1942 the last 1,500 men, women, and children were taken from the camp and gassed, and their bodies thrown into prepared pits near the village of Mogilyanshina.

Evidence at the other trials established the fact that some 20,000 Jews were murdered in the city of Bobruisk alone in November 1941. Here the burial pits were filled, then covered and levelled off by rolling heavy tanks across them. In Orel, the massacres started on the very first day of the invasion, and continued until no Jews were left in the city, witnesses reported.

Reports from Kiev, where 15 Germans are on trial for deporting, torturing, and murdering Jews and Ukrainians, state that one of the defendants, George Reinisch, a early Nazi party member, approved the slaughter of 3,000 Jewish children at Melitopol. Another Nazi, Hans Isenman, a member of the SS Viking Division has confessed to personally shooting hundreds of Jews in the back, and then toppling them into prepared mass graves.)

FEPC FILIBUSTER CONTINUES; RUTHELL CHARGES BILL DISCRIMINATES IN FAVOR OF JEWS, NEGROES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The anti-FEPC filibuster continued in the Senate today amid reports that Republican Senators will meet tomorrow morning to decide whether to initiate a continuous session when the upper house reconvenes at noon. Up to now the senators have agreed to recess each day at 6 p.m. and resume the session the following afternoon which allows the filibusterers an opportunity to rest.

Senator Richard Russell, of Georgia, who held the floor most of today, read a letter charging that the FEPC bill discriminates against Gentiles, and white women in favor of Jews and Negroes.

UNRRA ATTITUDE TOWARD DISPLACED JEWS MUST CHANGE, AGUDAS ISRAEL LEADER SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The attitude of UNRRA and the occupation authorities in the British and American zones in Germany toward the displaced Jews must be changed from that of "giving alms" to one of providing them with an opportunity to rehabilitate their lives, Michael G. Tress, national president of the Agudas Israel Youth Council of America, who has just returned from a two-month tour of Jewish camps, said at a press conference today.

Mr. Tress, who was accredited to UNRRA as an observer for the Agudah, maintained that the problem for the displaced Jews is as much mental as physical, and that they are disillusioned with having to stay in Germany, where they are constantly reminded of their murdered families. He also said that while conditions have improved somewhat, the sanitary and general health standards in the camps are still too low.

He asserted that Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, UNRRA chief in Germany, would not have made his statement concerning the "conspiracy" to move the Jews out of Europe if he had personally observed their condition. Mr. Tress said he believed that "a group of advisors" to the General had misinformed him, and that his personal observation of Morgan convinced him that the UNRRA chief was a "fair" man, who was doing a "positive job."

DR. JOSEPH J. SCHWARTZ RETURNS TO EUROPE TO RESUME DIRECTION OF JDC RELIEF ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, chairman of the European executive council of the Joint Distribution Committee left today by air from LaGuardia Field for London and Paris where he will resume direction of the JDC's relief and rehabilitation activities for distressed Jews in nearly every country on the continent.

Edward M. M. Warburg, national chairman of the JDC, announced today that 500,000 women, members of 15 national Jewish organizations, have volunteered to serve as collectors during the "SCS Collection for Supplies for Overseas Survivors," by means of which it is hoped to obtain 20,000,000 pounds of food, medical supplies and other necessities for surviving European Jews. Mrs. Nathan Straus of New York will head the drive.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF UAHC ESTABLISHED AT ATLANTA MEETING

ATLANTA, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A Southeastern Regional Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations was established here today at the conclusion of a three-day meeting of delegates from Georgia, Florida and Alabama, who represented 35 congregations. A conference of the Tri-State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was held simultaneously. The role of Liberal Judaism today was outlined in an address Sunday night by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, executive director of the UAHC.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE PROPERTY IN JERUSALEM TRANSFERRED TO JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The site and building of the United Synagogue in Jerusalem was yesterday transferred to the Jewish National Fund when title to the land and the structure, which now houses the Yeshurun Synagogue, was turned over to Dr. Abraham Granovsky, chairman of the JNF board of directors. Judge Morris Rothenberg, head of the American JNF and Elias Epstein, head of the overseas department of JNF central headquarters, were present. The property is valued at about \$65,000.

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