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PALESTINE IMMIGRATION QUOTA REPORTED EXTENDED TO SIX MONTHS; JERUSALEM CURFEW LIFTED

JERUSALEM Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The four-month 1,500 monthly immigration quota announced last week by High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham will be extended to six months, with the starting date as of last Nov. 1, it was learned today. However, if any of the 9,000 new visas remain unused at the end of April, they will be withdrawn.

The Jewish Agency, it is understood, is attempting to have the starting date advanced to Jan. 1 and is also asking that all the visas be assigned to Jews. According to present plans, a few of the immigration certificates would go to non-Jews.

The visas will not be distributed through the Jewish Agency, as were the bulk of those available under the White Paper, but will be assigned through British diplomatic representatives abroad.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Arab Higher Committee has appealed to the UNO against the decision to admit more Jews to Palestine. In a cable to Paul Henri Spaak, president of UNO's General Assembly, the committee described this decision as "an attack against the rights of small nations and their interests."

"We appeal to the United Nations Organization to stop this infringement of our existence within our homeland and to safeguard our freedom and ensure the attainment of our independence," the cable continued. The committee also asked Arab delegates to the UNO to place the case of the Palestine Arabs before the United Nations stating that the British actions were considered a departure from official pledges.

A police communique issued this morning said that there were no incidents during yesterday's Arab strike to protest the new immigration quota, and the entire country was quiet.

An unconfirmed report received here today said that a British naval patrol operating out of Palestine has detained on the high seas a vessel bearing Jewish refugees, and is not permitting it to proceed here, or to return to its port of departure.

The curfew imposed upon the Jewish district of Jerusalem 15 days ago will be lifted as of 6 a.m. tomorrow, it was officially announced tonight.

SOVIET PUBLICATION SAYS ANGLO-AMERICAN PALESTINE BODY IS WITHOUT LEGAL FOUNDATION

MOSCOW, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The Anglo-American committee on Palestine was declared today to be without "lawful foundation" in an article appearing in the Moscow periodical "New Times," which asked who had given the committee authority to solve the Palestine problem "without the participation of the directly interested parties."

The article quoted Dr. Albert Einstein's statement at the inquiry committee hearings in Washington that the committee was a "smokescreen" covering British policy to excite artificially enmity between Jews and Arabs in Palestine in order to preserve

British domination, and added that the future of the Jews in Europe depends not on immigration to Palestine, but on eradication of fascism and racialism.

The reference to the inquiry committee and Palestine were contained in a section-headed "Mysterious Commission"--of a lengthy article dealing with the problems facing the Arab League. It said in part:

"What are the lawful foundations for the functioning of the Anglo-American Commission on Palestine and who gave it authority to solve the problem without the participation of the directly interested parties? The Arab public is indignant at the attempts made to solve the Palestine problem behind their back. It is hardly possible to justify the necessity for the existence of the Anglo-American Commission, especially at a moment when the mechanism of the United Nations Organization has started to function."

Listing some of the latest developments around the Arab League, the article stated: "Another test for the Arab League is the Palestine question. It is clear that the creation of normal conditions for the life and future of the Jews in Europe does not depend on the quota of Jewish immigration into Palestine but on the energetic extermination of fascism and liquidation of racial fanaticism and its consequences--on real help to the Jewish populations."

"On the other hand the problem of Palestine has acquired such a sharp character because the difference of interests of England and America in the Near East is reflected in it. It must be recognized that during the short time it has existed the Arab League's activities have not yet produced really positive results from the viewpoint of defense of the interests of Arabian countries."

"In the sharp political situation which is forming in these countries the near future will show to what measure the league will justify the hopes of those who wish to see in it active support for the unity and independence of the Arab lands," the article concluded.

EIGHT RAIDERS IN BRITISH UNIFORMS BOLD UP ROYAL AIR FORCE UNIT; ESCAPE WITH ARMS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Eight men wearing British uniforms tonight raided a Royal Air Force medical unit on Jabotinsky Street here, and made off with two sacks of Tommyguns and revolvers.

The armed raiders arrived in a taxi cab, which had been stolen previously. After locking the guards in a side room, they loaded the weapons into a waiting truck, which had also been stolen, and then disappeared. Later, a taxi driver was arrested.

PATTERSON CALLS FOR CONTINUED U.S. UNITY AT AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE MEETING

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Declaring that Jews "are well represented in every military cemetery where American fighting men have been laid to rest after their last battle," Secretary of War Robert H. Patterson said today in an address to the 39th annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee: "We achieved unity in war. We must maintain unity now. Tolerance is its foundation."

Describing his recent visit to the military cemetery in Luxembourg where Gen. George Patton lies buried, Mr. Patterson said: "General Patton lies peacefully among comrades who worshipped a universal God in their separate ways. Among the rows upon rows of simple, white crosses, I noticed the familiar Star of David, the symbol of the Jewish faith. You were well represented among those 8,000 dead in the American cemetery in Luxembourg. You are well represented in every military cemetery where Ameri-

can fighting men have been laid to rest after their last battle. There they rest, equal in death as they were equal in our American life and equal in their devotion to their country's cause.

"Your efforts toward a better world have been described as a counter-offensive to bigotry," Mr. Patterson told the 500 delegates attending the conference, which was held at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria. "They, in fact, are more than a counter-offensive. They are a direct campaign for the eternal principles of our country. Tolerance is the basis of our national unity. Tolerance is the foundation stone of our military structure. Tolerance is vital to our Army's success in battle."

O. John Rogge, special assistant to the United States Attorney General, who served as prosecutor at the recent sedition trial, which is slated to be resumed shortly, warned the meeting that fascism in America is not dead, but has been reborn under the name of nationalism.

"International fascism," he added, "though defeated in battle, is not dead. Fascism is not dead in England nor is it dead in the United States. It has merely been hibernating for the 'duration.' No, fascism is not dead in the United States. It is simply reconverting."

Calls for Vigilance to Prevent Resumption of Anti-Semitic Activities

Stressing that we must "be on the alert to keep the pre-war fomenters of religious and racial hatred from becoming active again," John Slavson, executive vice-president of the Committee, pointed out that the forces of democracy have "held the line" during the past year and that there has been no rise in group friction in the United States.

Discussing the need for unity of action in fighting subversive forces, Dr. Slavson said that "there is one group that has as yet done perhaps less than others in movements to strengthen and preserve democracy and to fight off corruptive and weakening influences in the American body structure. I refer," he continued, "to the industrialists and leaders of big business. It would appear that they, as well as the other economic and social groups in our American society, should come forth and assume leadership in the struggle for preservation of our democratic way of life, if for no other reason, than purely on the basis of enlightened self-interest."

Jacob Blaustein, chairman of the Committee's executive committee, in his annual report, emphasized that "it is our job to alert the public at large to the threat of anti-Semitism to American institutions. It is also necessary to impress the fact that anti-Semitism is a direct threat to the self-interest of the individual members of the various class groups that make up our population."

Reporting on the overseas activities of the American Jewish Committee, Mr. Blaustein pointed out that "the diabolical plan of the Nazis to completely exterminate the Jews of Europe was almost carried out," and reiterated the "request of the American Jewish Committee that Great Britain permit large immigration to Palestine by the issuance of 100,000 emergency visas." Mr. Blaustein also reported that during the year twenty-eight local chapters of the American Jewish Committee were established in the most important communities of the country.

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David Eber, chairman of the administrative committee, in discussing the plight of Jews throughout the world, voiced strong objections to the concept of a "Jewish problem." He said: "The forces which operate against Jews, against their normal life,

are the same forces confronting the world, and these problems are not the problems of Jews alone, but the problems of all civilization."

Former Supreme Court Justice Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, who was unable to attend the meeting, sent a message expressing hope that the United States would continue as a land "that is democratic in life and action as it is in constitution," and that in other parts of the world there would be created a new life, in which Jews, as all others, might abide in peace and in honor.

The immediate removal to Palestine, under the auspices of UNRRA, of the Jewish population now interned in camps in Germany was advocated at a dinner session last night by Dr. Isador Lubin, former associate member of the United States Reparation Commission. Discussing the reason why a considerable number of occupation troops think Germany had some justification for going to war and that Hitler served his country constructively up to 1939, Dr. Lubin said it was because United States Army officials failed to orient the soldiers ideologically.

Judge Proskauer was re-elected president of the Committee for a fourth term. Two new honorary vice-presidents were elected: former Governor Herbert H. Lehman and Honorable George Z. Medalie, associate justice of the New York State Court of Appeals. Hon. Abram I. Elkus was also renamed an honorary vice-president. Other officers elected were: Mr. Blaustein, chairman, executive committee; Alan M. Stroock, vice-chairman, executive committee; Mr. Sher, chairman, administrative committee; Judge Jacob J. Kaplan of Boston, Judge Edward Lazansky of Brooklyn, Fred Lazarus, Jr., of Cincinnati, Judge M.C. Sloss of San Francisco, Judge Horace Stern of Philadelphia, and Henry Weinman of Detroit, vice-presidents; Nathan M. Ohrbach, treasurer; Albert H. Lieberman, Philadelphia, associate treasurer; Victor S. Riesenfeld, secretary; and Dr. Slawson, executive vice-president.

TRIAL OF NAZI LESSER CRIMINALS MAY BE TURNED OVER TO REESTABLISHED GERMAN COURTS

NUREMBERG, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The trial of thousands of lesser Nazi criminals in the American zone of Germany may be turned over to the reestablished German courts, according to an agreement reached between the offices of the U.S. chief war crimes counsel and the Judge Advocate General of the Army, it is reported here today. The agreement has been turned over to the American Military Government for final action.

Observers here believe that this may mean that tens of thousands of German war criminals would escape prosecution, but it is pointed out that two German cities have already taken the lead in punishing their own criminals. Aschaffenburg has decided to bring its Nazis to trial as responsible for the destruction of the Jewish community, while the city of Bamberg will bring action against at least six Nazis for the looting and firing of the Jewish synagogue in that community and for atrocities committed against Jews.

In Nuremberg the city itself will indict the Nazi Party district leader, Zalmelson, and other Nazi leaders accused of organizing, on orders from Bayreuth, "spontaneous public action" against the Jews following the slaying in Paris of von Rath, a Nazi diplomat, by a Jewish refugee. On the night of Nov. 9, 1938, they led a group to the local synagogue, removed the silver ritual pieces and set fire to the structure. They also beat up a number of Jews.

In Bamberg the Jews were forced at that time to pay for the removal of the stones from the site where the synagogue had stood, but the removal was only partially completed. Frau Betty Wagner, a Bamberg jeweler, saved the ritual pieces which she had been ordered to smelt down. They have now been returned to the six Jews surviving of the Bamberg community. The Nazis responsible, who are now in American custody, will be brought to trial in about three months.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT SUBMITS PLAN TO UNITED NATIONS ON SETTLEMENT OF DISPLACED PERSONS

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A program for the resettlement of displaced persons with the aid of governments and private national and international agencies has been submitted to the Social and Economic Council of the United Nations Organization by the Dutch delegates to the UNO Assembly.

The program provides for the establishment of an international body under the Social and Economic Council charged with investigating the situation of uprooted persons. Emphasizing that the Dutch Government considers the problems of the displaced persons to be international in scope and in nature, the plan stipulates:

1. No displaced person should be compelled to return to his country of origin against his will.
2. Persons objecting to being repatriated to their former countries and who are not subject to extradition, should be resettled elsewhere.
3. If the refugee's country considers his settlement on its territory undesirable, his resettlement elsewhere should become the concern of the proposed international body.

JEWISH AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE ARRIVES IN POLAND; WILL OPEN OFFICE TO AID EMIGRATION

WARSAW, Feb 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Moses Jassi, representative of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, arrived here today to organize a Palestine Office which will be opened at the end of this month to facilitate the emigration of Jews to Palestine.

The Polish Press Agency today reported that Adolf Berman, one of the leaders of the Central Jewish Committee in Poland, has been awarded the Warsaw Medal for his heroic activities during the uprising against the Germans in the Warsaw ghetto.

(The Manchester Guardian yesterday reported from Warsaw that ritual murder propaganda against Jews "is being circulated freely in Poland even now." The correspondent said that the Jews in Poland feel that they will not be able to lead a life free of hatred. He quoted Marek Bitter, vice-chairman of the Central Jewish Committee, as stating that most of the 353 Jews killed in Poland during 1945 by the anti-Semitic underground movement were murdered in the Warsaw and Kielce districts.

JEWISH CONSISTORY BACKS ZIONIST PROGRAM, BUT INSISTS JEWS IN FRANCE MUST REMAIN FRENCH

PARIS, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Judge Leon Meiss, president of the CRIF, central representative body of the Jews in France, was today elected chairman of the Jewish Consistory which directs Jewish religious life in this country.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Judge Meiss said that the Consistory will help all Jews, even French, to emigrate to Palestine if they wish it. He expressed his opposition to the White Paper and his support of free Jewish immigration to Palestine. He favored the granting of political status to Jews as such, providing that Jews in France remain French and do not have to choose between French and Palestinian citizenship.

Judge Meiss, who just returned from Nuremberg where he assisted the French prosecution at the Allied War Crimes trial, said that while in Germany he visited the training center for Jewish youths established on Julius Streicher's former estate and was greatly impressed by the spirit of the Jewish boys and girls who are waiting to go to Palestine.

ILYA EHRENBURG REPORTS ON CONDITIONS OF JEWS IN SOUTHEASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE

MOSCOW, FEB. 3. (JTA) -- Bulgaria, of all the fascist and Nazi-occupied states, was a "happy oasis" for Jews, Ilya Ehrenburg, noted Jewish Soviet war correspondent, told a meeting of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee here, following his return from a visit to southeastern and central European countries.

Depicting the tragedy of the Jews in occupied countries, Ehrenburg declared that "notwithstanding the criminal policy of the fascist government of Bulgaria," the Bulgarian people fought against anti-Semitism and fascism. He also lauded the fight of the Bulgarian Jews against the Germans, pointing out that although the Jews in that country totalled less than one percent of the population, they made up 2.5 percent of the partisan forces. He related many examples of the present Government's fight against any manifestation of hostile attitude toward the Jews.

In Albania, Ehrenburg stated, the local population was so ingenious in hiding the Jews from the Nazis; that German newspapers commented that Albania was "lucky" in not having any Jews.

The fate of Hungarian and Yugoslav Jews was particularly bitter, he asserted, noting that in the former country most of the Jews in the small towns were wiped out completely, while in Yugoslavia they had to contend with both the Germans and the local Slovak fascist movement.

"Even now there are still traces of fascism in Slovakia," Ehrenburg reported, pointing out that in Czechoslovakia, the Jews suffered first and most heavily under the German occupation. He declared that in Bohemia, "hardly 6,000 of the 100,000 Jews" survived the Nazi regime, while in Slovakia "less than one-third of the 70,000 Jews" were still alive.

PALESTINE LEADERS HAIL UNITED SYNAGOGUE GIFT OF YESHURUN SYNAGOGUE TO J.N.F.

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, and Chayim Salomon, president of the Jewish Community of Jerusalem, today issued a joint statement lauding the transfer by the United Synagogue of America of the Yeshurun Synagogue, oldest house of worship in Palestine, and its site, to the Jewish National Fund.

The statement reads: "The Jewish community, particularly Jerusalem, welcomes the United Synagogue's decision. Coming at this time, the decision serves as a fresh sign of confidence felt by the American Jews in the future Jewish development of Palestine. It is truly most appropriate that what became the central place of worship outside of the walled city should come under the trusteeship of the Jewish National Fund, which more and more is becoming the principal national trustee. Both the United Synagogue and the Jewish National Fund are to be heartily congratulated on their public-spirited agreement."

The deed to the property was handed over to the JNF last week by Samuel Rothstein, president of the United Synagogue, in a ceremony in New York.

NEW YORK STATE UNIVERSITY, BUT URGES CONTINUED FIGHT ON BIAS IN OTHER SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Affirming the necessity for the establishment of New York State University, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, in a letter to Governor Thomas E. Dewey today, indicated that such a university, however, should not be the answer to educational bias as revealed by Mayor O'Dwyer's Committee on Unity. Dr. Wise said that the fight for such an institution must not divert liberal Americans from their struggle to abolish bias in educational institutions.

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