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## DEBATE ON PALESTINE DEVELOPS IN UNO COMMITTEE; ARAB DELEGATES RAISE PALESTINE ISSUE

LONDON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Although the question of Palestine is not on the agenda of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization, a debate on Palestine developed today in the Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee of the Assembly. Representatives of the Arab countries as well as Russia, Australia and New Zealand participated in the discussion.

The debate started when a delegate from Egypt criticized Polish Minister Jan Stanczyk for a remark which he made at a previous session of the committee, stating that the problem of the Jewish refugees in Europe cannot be separated from the Palestine question. The Egyptian representative expressed the hope that the United Nations Organization, when tackling the refugee problem, will make a distinction between the political and humanitarian aspects of Jewish immigration to Palestine. He also insisted that the UNO take into consideration the demographic conditions of every country conserned in the refugee problem.

The representative of Lebanon similarly expressed regret over the fact that "the Polish delegate complicated the problem by bringing in a political aspect." The Lebanese delegate stressed that "Zionism is not a humanitarian, but a political movement, aiming at introducing the maximum Jews into Palestine, to secure for them Palestine citizenship and eliminate the Arab majority." He added that with regard to Jews who cannot be repatriated to their native lands, Lebanon is ready to cooperate "proportionally to its population and resources."

The Iraq delegate told the committee that the Jewish problem "is not connected with Palestine." He claimed that the Jews arriving in Palestine "attack the Arab population by every means and dispossess them." Jews must be able to live in the countries of Europe, he argued.

Peter Fraser of New Zealand, who is the chairman of the committee, interrupted the Iraq delegate when he started to refer to Lt. Gen. Morgan's statement on the Jewish refugees from Poland seeking to reach the American zone in Germany. He urged the Arab representative to keep to the subject.

The Soviet delegate urged a speedy liquidation of the refugee problem which, he said, must not be allowed to become permanent. He referred specifically to the victims of racial persecution in Germany.

The Australian delegate pointed out that the refugee problem is also a political problem, which cannot be divorced from its humanitarian aspect.

## PALESTINE ARABS SMUGGLE IN ARMS FROM EGYPT; THREE TRUCKLOADS CAUGHT ON BORDER

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A military truck carrying a large quantity of arms and ammunition destined for Arabs in Palestine was detained by the Palestine frontier police near the Suez Bridge, it was revealed here today. Two other trucks carrying similar loads and military uniforms were stopped on the Egyptian side of the bridge. The driver who was detained by the Palestine frontier guards admitted that he had already smuggled in from Egypt to Palestine two truckloads of arms and munitions.

## POLISH GOVERNMENT GAVE 92,000,000 ZLOTYS TO AID JEWS; 260,000,000 MORE REQUIRED

WARSAW, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Warsaw radio today reported that the Polish Government has already given ninety-two million zlotys to aid Jews. It quoted the Central Committee of Jews in Poland as estimating that the repatriation of Polish Jews from Russia would cost about 260 million zlotys.

Pointing out that the huge sum necessary for establishing the repatriated Jews cannot be borne entirely by the Polish Government, the broadcast said that the Central Committee is in great need of relief from Jewish organizations abroad. At the same time it reported that consignments of food and clothing sent by the Joint Distribution Committee and the American Federation of Polish Jews arrived in Poland recently.

At a press conference in Warsaw today arranged by the Central Committee, it was announced that the Polish Government does not hinder Jews applying for exit visas when they wish to emigrate from the country. It was also revealed that Dr. Emil Sommerstein, president of the Committee, is now ill and could not attend the conference.

The two Jewish delegates from Canada, Lipschitz and Caiserman, were received here by Foreign Minister Wincenty Rzymowski who assured them that the government is actively combatting anti-Jewish propaganda in the country, and that it welcomes the repatriation of Polish Jews from Russia and their resettlement in various sections of Poland.

## JEWISH PARTISANS HOLD CONFERENCE IN GERMANY; WANT FREE PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

LANDSBERG, Germany, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- More than 400 representatives of Jewish partisans, who fought the Nazis in the underground movement in Europe, held their first conference here today at which they discussed the position of the displaced Jews. The conference adopted a resolution demanding free Jewish immigration to Palestine.

All Jewish doctors who are inmates of the camps for displaced persons in Germany will gather here at a conference arranged for them by the Central Jewish Committee which represents the interests of the displaced Jews. The conference, which will open on Feb. 9, will discuss the training and emigration of doctors.

## BIALYSTOK, ONCE FAMED JEWISH CENTER, HAS LITTLE PROSPECT FOR REVIVAL OF JEWISH LIFE

WARSAW, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Bialystok, which, before the war, was one of the great centers of European Jewry, now has 2,000 Jews and as a result of the destruction wrought in the city by the Germans there is little prospect that large-scale Jewish life will ever be revived there, according to a report received here today.

The local Jewish committee expects 5,000 repatriates from the Soviet Union to arrive shortly, but plans are already being mapped to send them to Upper Silesia for re-settlement.

In Cracow, according to another report, there are now 8,000 Jews, and the number is increasing as survivors of concentration camps keep trickling in. The big problem facing Jewish leaders is integration of these people into the city's economy.

As the first step towards solving this problem, it has been decided to establish cooperative enterprises in the tailoring, metallurgical and other industries. Training will be given persons without trades. Some Jews from Cracow are being settled on farms in Lower Silesia.

## U.S. ARMY EMPLOYS 170,000 POLES IN GERMANY WHO ARE "AS ANTI-SEMITIC AS ANY NAZI"

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The charge that the U.S. Army in Germany is now using the services of 170,000 displaced Poles who are "as anti-Semitic as any Nazi," is made today in a cable from Munich to the New York Times by its correspondent Raymond Daniell.

The correspondent reports that this policy is responsible for the steady stream of fascist-minded Poles coming into Germany, in addition to Jews bound for Palestine. The arriving Poles join the Polish formations in the American zone, which are used by U.S. military authorities as labor service companies and guards to replace the too hastily redeployed American troops.

In its political implications this concentration of anti-Semitic and fascist-minded elements "is far more important than the pitiful influx of Jews from Poland seeking a promised land in Palestine," the correspondent points out. "It was doubtless this system of encouraging displaced persons to remain in Germany, where they constitute an ultra-reactionary group of emigres, that Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan of the UNRRA had in mind when he said recently that the muddled policy on displaced persons contained the seeds of a future war," he adds.

(Lt. Gen. Morgan left New York last night for Germany to resume his work as chief of UNRRA operations in Germany after being reinstated by Herbert H. Lehman, UNRRA director general.)

The correspondent reveals that the anti-Semitic and fascist Poles, who are being used by the U.S. military authorities, are actually functioning under Polish officers responsible to American labor supervision companies. Their pay ranges from $19.92 a month for a private to $105.98 for a captain, the highest rank permitted in foreign formations.

"The members of the Polish companies received regular American Army uniforms and are almost impossible to distinguish visually from ordinary American troops," the N.Y.Times writer says. "Months ago a USFET directive ordered all foreign personnel to dye their uniforms blue, but traveling all over the American zone, I have yet to see any evidence of compliance and I have heard of only two instances. In addition to their pay, members of the Polish Brigade, as it is called, have the privilege of buying cigarettes, chocolate and other luxuries at American post exchanges--articles that at black-market prices are probably more to them than their pay. They have the privileges of American Red Cross clubs and receive free medical care and hospitalization," he said.

## ROSENSAFT CHARGES THAT GERMAN GIRLS EXERT ANTI-JEWISH INFLUENCE OVER BRITISH OFFICERS

LONDON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Joseph Rosensaft, head of the Central Jewish Committee for the British zone in Germany, returning to Bergen-Belsen from a visit to the U.S., has submitted a memorandum to British military authorities charging that German girls are exercising anti-Jewish influence over British officers, and that the Jews in the Bergen-Belsen camp for displaced persons are supervised "by armed Polish guards of the type that are carrying out anti-Jewish excesses in Poland today," the London Daily Mail reports.

"The main fault," Rosensaft said, "is that in most British administrative offices there are German girls who act as interpreters and they exercise anti-Jewish influence over certain officers." On his American visit, he pointed out, he had corrected "many misconceptions and false statements" which have been published in the American press concerning the treatment of Jews in the British zone. Specific complaints made by Rosensaft include:

At Dusseldorf, the regional minister, Doctor Philip Auerbach, was suspended from office allegedly for prosecuting a too vigorous denazification policy. He came

into conflict with the Rhine Province Ober-President, Doctor Leer, who is said to have tolerated anti-Jewish measures and a Jewish boycott when he was Oberbuergermeister of Dusseldorf before the Nazis came to power.

At Lubeck all displaced persons - and therefore many Jews - are forbidden to ride in trams, buses or cars after dusk though Germans are not similarly penalized. At Celle displaced persons are forbidden to go to cinemas and theatres though Germans are not banned.

At Cologne 78 Jews from the Reisenstadt concentration camp are crowded, five and six in a room, while Germans are allowed better accommodation. At Bergen-Belsen the Polish guards made no attempt to protect the camp synagogue from desecration last December, nor to protect a rabbi who was beaten recently.

## TRANSPORT OF ORT TOOLS ARRIVES IN GERMANY FOR DISTRIBUTION AMONG DISPLACED JEWS

FRANKFURT, Germany, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Four trucks loaded with tools purchased by the ORT from the Canadian War Surplus for distribution among displaced Jews through the UNRRA arrived here today. The announcement that the ORT is starting work in the camps for displaced persons received a hearty welcome among the Jews.

Vladimir Groseman, executive secretary of the Canadian ORT organization, who arrived here to establish ORT workshops in the camps for displaced persons, conferred with UNRRA officials and arranged for admission into the U.S. zone of ORT instructors, who will direct the work in the shops.

## OSWEGO REFUGEE SHELTER LIQUIDATED; FINAL DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY TO BE COMPLETED SOON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The emergency refugee shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, N.Y., has been closed as a place of residence, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes announced today.

The last group of refugees has left the government-operated shelter which had been their home for a year and a half, and it is expected that final disposition of property and records will be completed within forty-five days. At that time the plant at the fort, administered during the war by the War Relocation Authority of the Department of the Interior, will be returned to the War Department.

## GEN. EISENHOWER PRESENTS CITATION TO B'NAI B'RITH FOR WAR SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff, today presented a special citation to B'nai B'rith's National War Service Committee for "outstanding accomplishments" for the morale and welfare of army personnel.

In a ceremony in his office at the Pentagon Building, General Eisenhower presented the citation, which was awarded by the War Department, to Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith and to the national executive committee, which is holding its annual meeting in Washington.

The citation, signed by Secretary of War Robert Patterson and Major General Joseph W. Byron, director of the Special Services Division, read: "The War Department expresses its appreciation for patriotic services to B'nai B'rith in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in behalf of army personnel and of meritorious contributions to its welfare and morale."

## NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION REFERENDUM SHOWS MEMBERS WANT TO RETURN TO WORLD Z.O.

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- More than seventy percent of 14,000 members of the New Zionist Organization in Palestine, South Africa, England and the Jewish Brigade have voted in favor of participating in the elections to the forthcoming Zionist Congress, it was announced here today.

This actually means the return of the New Zionist Organization to the fold of the World Zionist Organization from which it seceded in 1935 under the leadership of the late Vladimir Jabotinsky. However the final decision will be reached in London after the central committee of the organization meets there with leaders of the World Zionist Executive and discusses the terms under which such a return can officially be brought about.

## CONVENTION OF ANGLO-JEWISH PRESS PLEDGES AID TO $100,000,000 U.J.A. CAMPAIGN

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers, at the concluding session of its annual convention here yesterday, pledged its member newspapers to devote their major interest towards assuring the success of the $100,000,000 drive of the United Jewish Appeal, and called upon the entire English-Jewish press in America "to place all their facilities at the command of the fund-raising machinery of the American-Jewish community."

Another resolution adopted by the publishers and editors expressed a "sense of horror and resentment over the establishment of a state of martial law in Palestine." This resolution charges that Britain's policy interferes with Jewish progress in Palestine and calls upon our government and the President of the United States "to demand strict adherence to the Balfour Declaration and to the resolutions adopted by both Houses of Congress, and to demand the rescinding of the disgraceful order for the establishment of martial law in Palestine."

The publishers, in special resolutions, paid honor to the host publisher, Irving G. Rhodes, and to his periodical, the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle, which is now celebrating its 25th anniversary. This resolution praised Milwaukee Jewry for selecting Mr.Rhodes as the chairman of its $1,000,000 United Jewish Appeal drive. The convention also went on record as supporting the Chicago Sentinel in its fight against fascism and in its defense in the libel suit for $250,000 brought against it by leading figures in alleged anti-Semitic movements.

One of the major developments of the convention was the approval of a program of cooperation with the leading national Jewish organizations in the interests of advancing the standards of the English-Jewish press.

In addition to re-electing Mr. Slomovitz as president and choosing Mr. Rhodes as secretary, the convention elected the following: vice-presidents,Robert Gamsey, Intermountain Jewish News, Lewis Solomon, Southwestern Jewish Press, San Diego; and Jack I. Fishbein, The Sentinel, Chicago; treasurer, Leo H. Frisch, American Jewish World, Minneapolis; additional members of the executive committee, Dr. Joseph G. Brin, Jewish Advocate, Boston; Albert W. Golomb, American Jewish Outlook, Pittsburgh; and Ben Z. Neustadt, Ohio Jewish Chronicle, Columbus.

## TEL AVIV ADOPTS $8,000,000 BUDGET; PROTESTS NEW EMERGENCY "DEFENSE REGULATIONS"

TEL AVIV, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv municipality today adopted an $8,000,000 budget for 1946 submitted by Mayor Israel Rokach. It also voted a "strong protest" against the new emergency "defense regulations" promulgated by the British Government in Palestine.

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