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U.S. COMMITTEE ARRIVES IN GERMANY TO FACILITATE IMMIGRATION OF REFUGEES

FRANKFURT, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The special committee established to carry out President Truman's directive that the immigration of displaced persons and other refugees be facilitated has arrived here, and has begun to set up emigration machinery.

The committee, which held two meetings over the week-end, conferred with representatives of UNRRA, the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee and voluntary agencies. Further meetings will be held after the committee returns from Berlin, where it will meet with Robert Murphy, political advisor to the U.S. Commanding General. Members of the group have expressed a desire to visit the displaced persons camps before they begin the work of selecting immigrants.

A spokesman for the committee stressed that under the new system, whereby Jewish and other welfare groups will give corporate guarantees that the immigrants will not become public charges, the entire process of emigration will be speeded up.

Heading the committee are Ugo Carusi, U.S. Commissioner of Immigration and Howard K. Travers, chief of the visa division of the State Department. The other two members represent the U.S. Public Health Service and the War Department.

ARMED JEWS ATTACK POLICE HEADQUARTERS AT SAFAD; ARE REPELLED BY GUARDS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A party of armed Jews made an abortive attack on police headquarters at Safad at 3 o'clock this afternoon, police announced tonight. The raiders penetrated the grounds through a hole in the barbed-wire fence.

An Arab sentry challenged the attackers who replied with fire wounding the sentry. Several grenades were also thrown at the guards. Simultaneously, another group of attackers approached the police headquarters from the opposite side, but, according to a police communique, were also repelled. It was later discovered that the Mount Canaan - Rosh Pinah road nearby had been blocked and heavily mined. Two commando knives, two empty gun magazines and a locally made hand grenade were found on the scene.

Further surprise searches of houses in Jerusalem were carried out yesterday by police and troops. British engineers - part of the garrison of 7,000 to 8,000 troops now in the Jerusalem area - have completed fortification of Government buildings and military sites.

The Arab Press Service today carries a statement from Beirut by Jamal Hussein, the exiled Arab leader, who has been granted permission to return to Palestine, in which he says that the decisions of the Anglo-American inquiry committee will not be accepted by the Arabs.

Declaring that "the Arab world will never accept any solution of the Palestine problem less than the White Paper," the Arab leader also demanded the return to Palestine of the former Mufti of Jerusalem who is now interned in France as a Hitler collaborator.

RUMANIA PERMITS TRANSFER OF JEWISH PROPERTY TO PALESTINE ON EXCHANGE BASIS

BUCHAREST, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government today announced that it will permit the transfer to Palestine of property belonging to Jews who emigrated from Rumania to Palestine since the pro-Nazi government of former Premier Ion Antonescu came into power in September 1940.

The transfer will be effected chiefly by exporting to Palestine Rumanian products purchased with funds secured by selling the property of the Jewish emigres. The sale of the Jewish property will be conducted by a Zionist commission established by the Palestine Office here for liquidating the belongings of Rumanian Jews who now live in Palestine.

A delegation of the commission is leaving soon for Palestine to discuss the details of the transfer with the Jewish Agency executive, and to establish a Rumanian-Palestine Transfer Institute through which all transactions will be carried on.

JEWISH PROPERTY WILL NOT BE RETURNED IN AUSTRIA UNTIL ALLIES DECIDE ON REPARATIONS

VIENNA, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Until the Allied powers clearly define what they mean by "German industry"--that is industry subject to seizure for reparations--there can be no solution of the problem of restoration of Jewish property in Austria, according to officials of the Ministry of Property Custody. They stressed, however, that in any case special treatment for Jews is not possible, because many groups are asking compensation for losses suffered during the Nazi occupation.

After the Allies have decided what property is to be treated as reparations, the officials said the Austrian Government will conduct a survey of the property available for restoration to Austrian "prejudiced subjects," which category includes Jews.

Jewish circles fear that the organized Jewish factories will be considered war booty, but Government spokesmen say that American authorities have promised that the Jewish demands for return of confiscated property will be kept in mind in determining what is to go into the reparations pool.

Meanwhile, mass meetings are being held here in preparation for elections to the Jewish community council, which are scheduled for the near future. Addressing one such meeting, Aaron Ehrlich, president of the Jewish Businessmen's Association, charged that the present leaders of the Jewish community are "mixing politics with the Jewish question."

The Jewish community is awaiting with great anticipation the arrival here of the Anglo-American Palestine committee, which is expected on Feb. 15. Community spokesmen are planning to present to the committee evidence of the inadequate housing and food available to Jews, and will submit their charges that the Government has not acted to expedite the return of Jewish property.

SWEDISH COMMISSION REJECTS APPEAL FOR ADMISSION OF 1,000 JEWISH CHILDREN

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Swedish radio today reported that the Commission on Aliens has advised against the admission to Sweden of 1,000 Jewish children from Poland and other European countries. An appeal for admission of the children was submitted to the Swedish Government by the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the World Jewish Congress.

The Jewish Committee in Sweden and the Refugee Committee in Stockholm, which are caring for 9,000 Jewish refugees, addressed a request to the world headquarters of the ORT in Switzerland asking for the opening of ORT workshops for the refugee Jews in Sweden. The Hechalutz organization in Sweden also has requested the opening of ORT training schools for chalutzim in this country.

U.S. COMPROMISE PROPOSAL ON REFUGEE PROBLEM URGES POSTPONEMENT TO NEXT UNO SESSION

LONDON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- In an attempt to reconcile the opposing British and Soviet views on the creation of an international body under the UNO to handle the refugee problem, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, on behalf of the American delegation today submitted a proposal providing that the entire matter be referred to the Economic and Social Council of the UNO for further study, and that the Council issue a report at the next meeting of the Assembly, scheduled to open in New York in September.

The American plan included a recommendation that the Economic and Social Council take into consideration the following principles when studying the establishment of some sort of refugee machinery:

1. The problem is international in scope and in nature.
2. No uprooted person who objects to returning to his country of origin should be compelled to do so, but his return should be encouraged.
3. There should be safeguards, so that extradition of war criminals shall not be prevented by protections set up for refugees.
4. The future of the uprooted persons who express valid objections to returning to their homelands should become the concern of whatever international body will be recognized or established as a result of the Council's report.

New Zealand Prime Minister Peter Fraser, chairman of the Humanitarian Committee, which has been studying the refugee problem, appealed to the Russian and Yugoslav delegates to accept the U.S. compromise. The committee decided to refer to a sub-committee the task of drafting the final proposal, which is expected to be voted on tomorrow.

The UNO Trusteeship Committee last night adopted a vague resolution on trusteeships, which completely bypassed the knotty issue of what countries should be the "states directly concerned" in the negotiation of agreements for placing mandated territories under trusteeships. The Arab delegates had been pressing for a definition which would give them a decisive voice in any trusteeship for Palestine.

UNIT OF ANGLO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMITTEE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN BERLIN TODAY

LONDON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A sub-committee of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine was expected to arrive in Berlin from London today or tomorrow, the British news service in Germany reported today. Other sub-committees will visit the British, United States and French zones.

(The members of the committee were criticized today for the "arrogance" and "downright impoliteness" that characterized its public hearings, in London in a dispatch from there appearing in the New York Herald-Tribune.

(The correspondent, Don Cook, says that the committee has "by the tactics of some of its members aggravated a situation already delicate, considerably dampening hopes, inevitably pinned on the inquiry." He added that there has been "something of the stamp of a police line-up in the way the inquiry committee has been conducted by some of its members.")

PRO-NAZI HUNGARIAN PREMIER AND SIX OTHERS CHARGED WITH TORTURE AND MURDER OF JEWS

BUDAPEST, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Seven prominent Nazis, headed by former premier Ferenc Szalasi, went on trial here today for war crimes, including the torture and deportation of hundreds of thousands of Jews.

All the defendants were charged specifically with responsibility for the death of many thousands of Budapest Jews and for their confinement in a ghetto. As the seven were brought into the Academy of Music, where their trial is being held, members of the audience rose and shouted: "Murderers, murderers."

HASHOMER HATZAIR DECIDES TO BECOME A POLITICAL PARTY; CALLS NATION-WIDE PARLEY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Hashomer Hatzair, which has been a left-wing semi-political movement for many years, has decided to reorganize as a full-fledged political party, it was learned today. A country-wide conference has been called for Feb. 20, at which time the formal establishment of the party will take place.

The Palestine Socialist League has already agreed to enter the new party, and it is thought possible that several of the left-wing elements in the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor, will also join. Among the results of this action will be a weakening of the position of the Mapai, the Palestine Labor Party, which is the majority group in the Histadruth, and a possible realignment of the present coalition in the Jewish Agency.

A Mapai conference here today is discussing the Hashomer Hatzair's decision. The laborites are also considering the situation in the Jewish National Council, in which there are no representatives of a bloc of right-wing parties, which boycotted the last elections to the Jewish National Assembly, which selects the Council.

DR. HERZL'S "JUDENSTAAT" TRANSLATED INTO RUSSIAN FOR SOVIET EDITORS AND OFFICIALS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Theodor Herzl's "Judenstaat," bible of modern Zionism, Dr. Leo Pinsker's "Auto-Emancipation," considered one of the first scientific treatments of Zionism in relation to the Jewish problem, and a series of pamphlets dealing with the absorptivity of Palestine and the development of the country by Jews, are now being translated into Russian and will soon be sent to the Soviet Union, it was announced here today.

The project is under the auspices of the Committee to Foster Relations with the USSR, which intends to send the translated material to editorial offices of 80 publications in Russia, as well as to high government officials in Moscow.

An exhibition featuring documents, notes, photographs and reviews of Dr. Herzl's "Judenstaat" on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its publication, will be opened Feb. 14 in the Herzl Room of the office of the Jewish National Fund here. A special program will be broadcast from the Herzl Room over the facilities of the Palestine Broadcasting System.

STATE DEPT. SAYS CZECH GOVERNMENT READY TO GIVE INFORMATION ON TEREZIN VICTIMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Information regarding issuance of death certificates for persons who died in German concentration camps in Czechoslovakia, such as Terezin, is obtainable from the repatriation office of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Social Welfare in Prague, the State Department announced today.

Applications for the death certificates should give the name of the deceased date and place of birth, last permanent residence, probable date of death and any other helpful information. Communications should be addressed directly to "Repatriation Odpor, Pri Ministerstvu Ochrany Prace A Socialni Pece, Praha II, Hybernska 2, Czechoslovakia."

SWISS GOVERNMENT ORDERS JEWISH PRODUCER OF FILM ON REFUGEES TO LEAVE COUNTRY

GENEVA, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Leopold Lindberg, an Austrian-born Jew and producer of the Swiss film, "The Last Chance," has been ordered to leave Switzerland by July 15. Until his departure, Lindberg is forbidden to lecture, make broadcasts, or produce new films without prior authorization from the police. The Swiss press is criticizing his expulsion.

"The Last Chance," which is a box-office hit in London and which is being exhibited widely in the U.S., deals with the problems of refugees of various nationalities fleeing before the Nazi police and border patrols.

JEWISH MEDICAL RELIEF MISSION DEPARTS FROM AUSTRALIA FOR GREECE, POLAND AND GERMANY

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A Jewish relief mission, composed of eight medical officers, has left for Greece, it was announced here today. After their work is completed in that country they will proceed to Poland and later to Germany.

The mission was originally organized to function among the Jews of Shanghai, but UNRRA, claiming that there was not as great a need in China as in Europe, refused to pay transportation and maintenance costs, unless the medical group went to Europe.

ORT TRAINS 80 INSTRUCTORS IN SWITZERLAND FOR WORK AMONG JEWS IN LIBERATED COUNTRIES

GENEVA, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The headquarters of the ORT organization in Switzerland has trained 80 instructors for various ORT institutions abroad, the organization has announced here. In addition other instructors in watchmaking, electrical mechanics, dental mechanics, machine repair, and knitting have been hired in camps in Germany.

The Swiss ORT has established a school for orthodox Jewish toolmakers and a needle work school for girls at Engelberg to train young Jewish men and women released from the Dachau and Buchenwald concentration camps. Other courses for electro-technicians, radio technicians, and corset and hat makers have been opened in a camp near Montreux.

AMERICAN JEWS OWNING LAND IN PALESTINE WARNED TO PROTECT THEIR PROPERTY RIGHTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Americans who own land in Palestine were warned today that their property can be lost to them under the present regulations of the Palestine Government, which provide that persons dwelling on or working uncultivated rural land for twelve consecutive months may receive squatters' rights. The warning was issued by Dr. Abraham Granovsky, director of the Jewish National Fund, who is now on a visit here.

Dr. Granovsky offered the services of the JNF in taking the legal and administrative measures to restore full title to the land, where it has lapsed. He also suggested that such land could be donated to the JNF, which will utilize it for the settlement of new immigrants and the general development of the Jewish community.

COMMISSION TO STUDY ESTABLISHMENT OF DISCRIMINATION-FREE UNIVERSITY ASKED BY DEWEY

ALBANY, N.Y. Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Gov. Thomas E. Dewey yesterday urged the New York State legislature to establish a commission to make a one-year study of plans for the establishment of a discrimination-free state university, and asked that \$100,000 be appropriated to cover the cost of the inquiry. Following his message, Republican majority leaders in both houses introduced bills calling for a thirty-man commission, which would report on Feb. 1, 1947.

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