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PALESTINE GOVERNMENT DEDUCTS 1,350 VISAS FROM QUOTA ALLOWED DURING ANGLO-U.S. INQUIRY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A total of 1,350 immigration certificates have already been deducted from the new four-month quota of 6,000, it was announced today by the Palestine Government. Four hundred and fifty of the certificates cover visaless immigrants who entered during October, and the other 900 were assigned to the passengers captured aboard the Enzo Sereni on Jan. 20, the last group of which were allowed to leave the Atlit clearance camp yesterday.

The captain of the Enzo Sereni, Giovanni Massani, an Italian, went on trial yesterday in Haifa, for violating the new defense regulations, which forbid assistance to persons attempting to enter the country "illegally." Chief prosecution witness was the captain of the British destroyer which captured the vessel. He testified that British sailors who boarded the Enzo Sereni in Palestinian waters were greeted by eight passengers armed with sub-machineguns and revolvers.

The Chana Szenes, which was confiscated after it had discharged several hundred visaless immigrants on Dec. 26, was purchased yesterday at public auction by the Solel Benez, the Histadruth construction cooperative, which paid \$7,400 for the vessel.

The Arab News Agency reports today from Damascus that frontier guards in southern Syria recently foiled seventeen attempts by Jews to slip across the Palestine border.

UNO TRUSTEESHIP COMMITTEE HAILS PLAN FOR TRANSJORDAN INDEPENDENCE; ARAB RULERS CONFER

LONDON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The UNO Trusteeship Committee, in a report to the General Assembly today, welcomed Britain's announcement that it intends to grant independence to Transjordan.

In Aman, capital of Transjordan, meanwhile, Emir Abdullah, the country's ruler, is conferring with Iraqi regent Abdul Illah, preliminary to the former's visit to London next month to discuss details of Transjordan's independence.

According to a reliable report, the two Arab rulers and their foreign, justice and finance ministers have been meeting for several days to discuss various problems, the chief of which is partial unification of the ruling dynasties of the two countries--both of which belong to the Hashemite clan--as a counter move to the recent approachment between Ibn Saud, traditional enemy of the Hashemites, and King Farouk of Egypt.

The conference is also considering financing of the Transjordan Frontier Force (Arab Legion), which is now equipped and paid by the British Government. It is estimated that a sum ranging from \$12,000,000 to \$16,000,000 will be needed to maintain this force. The TJFF has been involved within recent months in several clashes with Jews in Palestine, where they were brought by the British, who have enlisted their aid in curbing "illegal" Jewish immigration.

ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND INCREASE IN PRESENT PALESTINE IMMIGRATION QUOTA

PARIS, Feb. 6. (JTA)--The Anglo-American inquiry committee, which intends to issue an interim report within the next two weeks, may recommend that the current monthly quota of 1,500 Palestine immigration visas for Jewish refugees from Europe be substantially increased, it was indicated here today.

Other recommendations will include the immediate opening of American and British consular facilities in liberated sections of Europe to enable speedy issuance of visas, and the establishment of an "emergency status" for stateless people. The interim report will probably be issued by the committee from Vienna, where its members will reassemble on February 15.

Former Ambassador William Phillips and James G. MacDonald, U.S. members of the committee, who are now in Paris, held informal hearings today, during which they heard leaders of the Zionist movement in France. MacDonald also had an informal talk with Laura Margolis, representative of the Joint Distribution Committee in Belgium, who reported that there are only 30,000 Jews in Belgium and that about 2,000 of them are in transit to other countries, the majority of them hoping to reach Palestine.

The American members were told by Marc Jarblum, president of the Zionist Federation of France, that 35,000 Jews are now on relief in Paris and other French cities. Refugees, he pointed out, are being tolerated, but their condition depends on the general situation in the country. Only 800 Jews in France have received Palestine visa since the liberation of the country. They included 500 children. The majority of the Jewish refugees in France want to emigrate to Palestine, Jarblum reported.

Other Zionist leaders who appeared, included Rabbi M. Capel, president of the Hirsch organization in France; Joseph Freidman, leader of the Left Poale Zionists, Joseph Fischer, director of the Jewish National Fund for France; Dr. M. Massis, vice-president of the General Zionist Organization of France; and Zvi Levin, representative of the Histadruth. Pierre Nathan, Paris correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, acted as interpreter.

PALESTINE LABORITES URGE JEWISH AGENCY TO TESTIFY BEFORE INQUIRY COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency and other Jewish national institutions were urged today by a conference of the Mapai, the Palestine Labor Party, to appear before the Anglo-American inquiry committee, when it holds hearings here in March.

The meeting also went on record as urging continued efforts to secure unfettered immigration--although advocating acceptance of the four-month 1,500 monthly quota of refugees last week by the High Commissioner--and proposed that the Jewish National Council establish its own political department, independent of the Jewish Agency.

The last proposal is indicative of the growing rivalry between the executive of the Agency and the Council, but it is hoped that some action may be taken at this conference to reconcile the differences.

RUMANIANS CHARGED WITH APTI-JEWISH CRIMES WILL GO ON TRIAL THIS MONTH

BUCHAREST, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Rumanians alleged to be responsible for the "ghost train," in which many hundreds of Jews being deported from northeast Rumania were imprisoned under terrible conditions, will be among the accused who will appear before the Rumanian people's court in the coming month, it was announced today. Other accused include men said to be responsible for the pogrom of Jews at Jassy.

AMG DIRECTOR MUM ON CHARGE THAT POLES EMPLOYED BY U.S. IN GERMANY ARE ANTI-SEMITIC

FRANKFURT, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Refusing to comment on the charge (by N.Y. Times correspondent Raymond Daniel) that the displaced Poles employed by the U.S. Army for labor service are "as anti-Semitic as any Nazi," Major General Clarence L. Adcock, deputy director of the American Military Government, today told a correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the policy of the United States is to repatriate the displaced persons to their native lands as fast as possible in order to save the American taxpayers' money.

At the same time, Major Gen. Adcock pointed out that the official policy of the United States does not require forcing the displaced persons to return to their native countries against their will. The chief reason why many Poles are still in the U.S. zone is the bad weather, he said. "Even if the Poles wanted to return now, we could not ship them in frigid box-cars. We do not have sufficient heated cars or stoves to heat the box-cars," he explained.

CANADIAN JEWISH LEADER REPORTS ON VISIT TO POLAND; LAUDS J.D.C. AID TO POLISH JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- There are no more than 55,000 Jews in Poland, H.M. Caiserman, representative of the Canadian Jewish Congress asserted today upon arriving from Warsaw. A large percentage of them are determined to leave the country, he added.

More than 25,000 Jews have left Poland since its liberation, mainly because they were Zionists, Caiserman said. The fear of anti-Semitic attacks was only a secondary reason, he added. Despite sincere efforts by the government to combat anti-Semitism, "the virus with which 80 percent of the population is affected will not be driven out for many years," he emphasized.

Caiserman visited twenty Jewish communities in various parts of Poland and in Upper Silesia. He lauded the relief work of the Joint Distribution Committee, and stressed that "without the aid of the J.D.C. the remnants of the Jews in Poland would have perished." Shipments of clothing and food sent by the J.D.C. and by the Canadian Jewish Congress proved to be most useful, he said, adding that further supplies of clothing, medicaments and equipment for dentists and for artisans are urgently needed.

(The Joint Distribution Committee today reported that a total of 50,000,000 lotys have thus far been transmitted to Jews in Poland. These funds have been turned over to the Central Jewish Committee and to organizations sponsored or cooperating with it. At the same time the Warsaw office of the J.D.C. has informed its headquarters here that six transports of food, clothing and medicaments have arrived in Poland and their distribution has been arranged with the Central Jewish Committee.)

J.D.C. Sends Food Parcels to Jews Leaving USSR for Poland

MOSCOW, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Leaders of Polish Jews in Moscow today were notified that the office of the Joint Distribution Committee in Teheran will send an additional 30,000 individual parcels to Polish Jews in the USSR before they depart for Poland.

UNION OF RUMANIAN JEWS HOLDS NATION-WIDE CONFERENCE; DECIDES TO SUPPORT PRESENT REGIME

BUCHAREST, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The "Democratic Union of Rumanian Jews," of which Zeltzer-Saraceanu is president, today concluded a conference here, attended by delegates from all parts of Rumania. The conference adopted resolutions supporting the Government of Premier Petros Gроза, expressing sympathy for the constructive efforts of the Jews in Palestine, and recommending democratization of the Jewish communities in the country.

JAMAL HUSSEINI BACK IN PALESTINE; JEWISH RADIO WARNS HIS PRESENCE ENDANGERS PEACE

HAIFA, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Jamal Hussein, Arab extremist leader, who was exiled from Palestine in 1937 for incitement against the Jews and the British, returned here today. The Palestine Government announced last week that he would be permitted to re-enter the country.

Hussein was greeted with a blast from the "Voice of Israel" radio, operated by the Hagannah, which charged that his presence in Palestine "creates a permanent danger for the future." It said that he was not confining himself to incitement within Palestine, but was attempting to extend his activities outside of the country, by calling for a mobilization of Arab political and military force to combat Zionism.

The broadcast asserted that any real mobilization of Arab military force could not be accomplished without the approval of the British Empire, and warned that if the Arabs implement their threats against the Jews, they will "receive two blows for one."

The Stern Group today distributed leaflets in Jerusalem containing another "declaration of war" against the British. It threatened to attack British armed forces in Palestine, organize civil disobedience and take whatever steps are necessary to continue Jewish immigration.

American Zionists Protest Return of Jamal Hussein

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Great Britain's action in returning Jamal el Hussein, Arab terrorist leader, to Palestine was denounced as "another step in British imperialistic intrigue in the Middle East," in a statement issued today by the American Zionist Emergency Council.

After reviewing Jamal el Hussein's record of "organized brigandry, anti-Jewish and anti-British terror, and pro-Axis alignment and activity before and during World War II," the Council's statement declared: "Despite this record of crime and treason, Jamal el Hussein has now been allowed to resume his political agitation in Palestine. There can be little doubt as to the character of his future activities. The way is open for him again to embark on a campaign of terror, directed both against Palestine Jews and the moderates among the Arabs who do not share the extreme views of the Hussein Party."

Britain's reason for re-importing Jamal el Hussein, Amin Tamini and other agents of the ex-Mufti at this particular juncture is clear, the Council said. "The British Colonial Office is now engaged in bolstering Pan-Arabism and the Arab League, which are meant to be instrumental in the perpetuation of Britain's sole control over the Middle East. This may provide sufficient ground for Britain's willingness to forget the anti-British character and activities of the Mufti clique. Britain also seems willing to offer into the bargain the sacrifice of Zionism and Jewish rights in Palestine."

In registering its protest against "the pro-fascist intrigues of the British Colonial Office in the Middle East," the Council said it wishes to draw the attention of American public opinion "to the dangerous implications of this policy, which must not remain unchallenged."

JEWISH GENERAL, SON OF TAILOR, NAMED DIRECTOR OF LARGEST SOVIET TANK FACTORY

MOSCOW, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. Isaac Saltzman, one-time People's Commissar of Tank Industry, has been appointed director of the Kirov tank plant in Chelyabinsk, the largest tank factory in the USSR, according to an announcement made here today. Saltzman, son of a Jewish tailor from Vinnitsa, in the Ukraine, holds three Orders of Lenin, the Gold Medal, the Hammer and Sickle, which denotes the title of Hero of Socialist Labor, the Buvorov Order, the Kutuzov Order, and several other medals.

PALESTINE CHIEF SECRETARY SAYS EMERGENCY REGULATIONS AIMED AT TERRORISTS ONLY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The new emergency regulations proclaimed by the Palestine Government do not change existing laws and therefore do not justify the charges that they establish virtual martial law and provide for wholesale arrests and imprisonment, Chief Secretary John B. W. Shaw told a press conference here today.

These regulations, Shaw said, will be directed solely against those who deliberately disturb public order, but not against citizens who are going about their lawful pursuits, or even against those whose criminal offenses are ordinary crimes outside of the scope of the emergency laws. "Any criticism of the emergency regulations will receive the government's due consideration," he pledged.

GROWTH OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN U.S. HALTED, BUT HAS NOT DECREASED IN PAST TWO YEARS

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The growth of anti-Semitism in the United States appears to have been halted, but there has been no appreciable decrease in anti-Semitism in the past two years, according to a survey by Elmo Roper appearing in the February issue of Fortune magazine. Of those polled, 8.8 percent can be classified as anti-Semites on the basis of their replies to two key questions, the survey shows.

One key question was: "Are there any organizations or groups of people in this country who you feel might be harmful to the future of the country unless they are curbed?" To this 5.1 percent named Jews. The other question was: "Are there any groups of people you think are trying to get ahead at the expense of people like you?" Here 6.5 percent said the Jews.

An examination of the replies to other questions given by those classified as anti-Semites reveals that anti-Semitism increases with wealth; that it is strongest in the Northeast and Middle West, and weakest in the South and Far West; that it is strongest in large cities, and weakest in small towns; and that it is strongest among the age group 35 to 49, and weakest among those 21 to 34.

Persons who are anti-Semitic, the survey reveals, are hostile to Great Britain and Russia and disapprove of labor unions and large-scale government work projects to help prevent unemployment.

INQUIRY ORDERED INTO CHARGES THAT N.Y. PUBLIC UTILITIES DISCRIMINATE AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Chief Assistant District Attorney Edward S. Silver today ordered an inquiry into charges made yesterday that the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, the New York Telephone Company, and the Consolidated Edison Company were violating state anti-discrimination laws in their Brooklyn offices.

The accusations were made by State Senator Louis L. Friedman, who pointed out in the Senate that nearly 50 percent of Brooklyn's 2,500,000 population is Jewish, and declared: "It seems to me that some percentage of the employees of these utility companies would ordinarily be persons of Jewish faith if discrimination were not being practiced."

Hugh Cuthrell, vice-president of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, stated that his firm is observing the letter and the spirit of the law, and that it "does not discriminate against any one--employee, applicant for employment, or customer--because of his race, creed, or color."

The New York Telephone Company also denied the charge asserting "the company has on its pay rolls a large number of Americans of Jewish ancestry, many of them holding responsible positions." Consolidated Edison has not, as yet, made any comment.

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