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ANGLO-U.S. COMMITTEE MAY ISSUE REPORT ON JEWS IN POLAND; WILL NOT VISIT RUSSIAN ZONE

BERLIN, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- There is a possibility that the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine will issue an interim report on the situation of the Jews in Poland, when it reassembles in Vienna this Saturday, it was learned here. At the same time, it was said that the Committee's final report will be issued around May 8.

At a press conference today, it was announced that the sub-committee which visited Poland has returned after a six-day tour of the country during which it interviewed Jewish leaders, government officials, Catholic spokesmen and the "man in the street" in an attempt to determine the economic possibilities in the country and the future of the Jews there.

The committee members who toured the British zone, under the leadership of American co-chairman Judge Joseph Hutcheson, refused to comment on their visit except to say that they toured Hamburg, Hanover and Lubeck. It was announced, however, that the Russian zone of Germany would not be visited, because the committee had been informed by Soviet authorities that there were no concentration of Jews there.

The sub-committee here wound up its investigations today by conferring with a representative of the Jewish community council, who reported that results of a recent poll among Berlin Jews indicate that most of them wish to emigrate to Palestine. The probers will meet with Lieut. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, deputy military governor of the U.S. zone tonight, and will fly to Vienna tomorrow morning.

Sub-Committee Arrives in Czechoslovakia to Gather Evidence

PRAGUE, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Bartley Crum and Sir Frederick Leggett arrived here today, with a secretarial staff, to gather information for the Anglo-American committee investigating the question of Palestine and the Jews of Europe.

The sub-committee will hear representatives of the Jews of Bohemia, Moravia, Carpatho-Russia and from Jewish youth groups and former partisan organizations. The Jewish community is following the committee's activities with great interest, in the hope that their findings will enable emigration to Palestine.

Leggett and Crum will spend only one day here. They are expected to leave for Vienna tomorrow.

PLAN \$6,000,000 PROJECT TO EXPAND JAFFA PORT, PALESTINE ARAB PRESS REPORTS

JAFFA, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The Arab press reports today that work will soon begin on a \$6,000,000 project to enlarge and deepen Jaffa harbor, so that it can accommodate ocean-going vessels.

TRIAL OF RUMANIAN JEWISH COLLABORATORS OPENS IN BUCHAREST; CHARGED WITH EXTORTING FUNDS

BUCHAREST, Feb. 14 (JTA)--The trial of the Jewish leaders of the "Central Office for Jews of Rumania," which collaborated with the Nazi-dominated Antonescu Government in carrying out anti-Jewish orders, opened here today before a Peoples Court.

The four defendants, headed by Mander Ghingold, former head of the "Central Office," are charged with extorting huge sums for the pro-Nazi Government and for themselves by threatening the Jews with deportation. They also participated in the arrangements for deportation of thousands of Rumanian Jews to Transnistria.

Radu Lecca, Commissioner for Jewish Affairs in the Antonescu Cabinet, will be tried in absentia shortly. Lecca was taken to Russia in Nov. 1944 and his present whereabouts are unknown.

Jewish leaders here, some of whom are expected to testify at the trial, have expressed surprise that the Government has begun trying the Jewish collaborators while many war criminals guilty of murdering tens of thousands of Jews have not yet been placed on trial.

EARLY RETURN OF PROPERTY TO JEWS IN AUSTRIA HELD UNLIKELY; COMPLICATIONS OUTLINED

VIENNA, Feb. 14, (JTA)--The problem of restitution of "aryanized" Jewish property grows more complicated by the day, and there appears to be little prospect at the moment of anybody in Austria getting back their property in the near future.

The entire question seems to have run into a vicious circle. The Allied Control Council has ordered that administrators of "aryanized" property be placed under their supervision. This was done in a move to insure justice to the Jews, but as a result the Government is claiming that it is impossible to restore property to anyone until the country has regained its full sovereignty.

Government spokesmen also say that any decision on property cannot be made until the Allies decide what is Austrian property and what is German property, since enterprises falling into the latter category are subject to seizure as reparations. They also assert that to return property to Jews would only engender anti-Semitism.

One official told the JTA correspondent today that he believed that in view of all these circumstances, the Government would not be able to permit the Jewish community to administer and take profits from its former property, since that would violate the Allied Control Council's ruling.

UNHRA IN ITALY NOT SUPPORTING INDIVIDUAL REFUGEES IN CITIES; PLACING THEM IN CAMPS

ROME, Feb. 14 (JTA)--UNHRA has withdrawn support from Jewish refugees who have taken up residence in large cities in Italy, and is concentrating the refugees in camps and training farms. A new camp for displaced Jews has been erected in Turin. Conditions there are reported to be fairly good.

JEWISH COMMITTEE IN POLAND OPENS EMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TO HELP JEWS LEAVE COUNTRY

WARSAW, Feb. 14 (JTA)--The Central Jewish Committee of Poland today announced the establishment of a special emigration department to assist "legal emigration" of Jews, the Polish Press Agency reports.

JEWISH AGENCY POLICIES UNDER FIRE AT MEETING OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14. (JTA)--The Jewish Agency was under fire from both the right and the left today as Moshe Shertok, its political chief, reported to the Assefath Hanivocharim (Jewish National Assembly) on latest political developments.

The Hashomer Hatzair, left-wing Socialist group, and the Aliya Hadasha, party of the German-Jewish settlers, attacked the Agency's "maximalist" demands for a Jewish state, while the Mizrahi and the Tenua Leachduth Avoda, the opposition within the Palestine Labor Party, led the groups charging the Agency with failure to take strong action against the recent repressive measures of the Government.

The latter group also attacked the Agency's decision to appear before the Anglo-American inquiry committee and its acceptance of the three-month quota of 4,500 certificates. Its spokesmen asked an intensification of the struggle against anti-Zionist measures, including, if necessary, civil disobedience. They urged all Jews to destroy their identification cards, declaring that every Jew is in Palestine legally, and called for intensified measures to bring in visaless immigrants.

Shertok and other leaders of the Labor Party, the majority group in the Agency executive, were hard put to meet these assaults. The political chief said that the Agency's appearance before the inquiry committee did not indicate acceptance of that body's ultimate decisions, but warned against precipitate declarations of non-confidence in the committee. The committee, he added, will have to be judged on its findings.

The one issue on which most of the delegates seemed united was the question of Transjordan's independence. Shertok was applauded when he protested the severance of Transjordan from Palestine and its removal from the Mandate. The meeting also hailed his statement that the Zionist movement and the Jewish community here will not be satisfied with the present small quota and will continue to attempt to bring Jews into Palestine by all means.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ISSUES REPORT ON KILLING OF TWO JEWS IN ERITREAN CAMP

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14. (JTA)--An official account of what occurred at the Jewish detention camp in Eritrea on Jan. 17, when two prisoners were killed and twelve wounded, was reported today in an official communique issued by the Palestine Government.

The disturbances began when a prisoner was wounded by a guard at whom he is alleged to have flung a stone. As three British soldiers and two detainees carried the wounded man towards the camp gate en route to the hospital they were joined by 20 other internees.

The sentry on duty at the gate refused to allow the group to pass out pending the arrival of guards. The prisoners, the communique said, then attempted to break out and were fired upon by the guards. In the melee two were killed and the others wounded. An official court of inquiry found that the guards were justified in shooting.

Meanwhile, it was announced here today that Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, accompanied by Mizrahi leader Harshel Farbstein, is leaving for Eritrea, as the first step in a projected visit to the surviving Jewish communities of Europe and the displaced persons camps. While in Eritrea they will inquire into the details of the outbreak.

JEWISH AGENCY ANNOUNCES DISTRIBUTION OF NEW CERTIFICATES; 450 FOR JEWS IN GERMANY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency today announced that 450 of the 1,000 immigration certificates received from the Palestine Government this week have been allocated to displaced Jews in camps in Germany and Austria. The remainder have been distributed mainly in European countries.

Of the new immigrants, 550 will be children and young people. Thirty visas have also been allocated to applicants in the United States and 45 each for Britain and France.

The Official Gazette carries the decree granting 4,500 certificates under the immigration schedule from Dec. 15 through Mar. 14. Of this number, 300 will go to Arabs and other non-Jewish immigrants.

The disembarkation of 382 Jewish immigrants from Bulgaria who arrived yesterday aboard the Transylvania started at Haifa today.

NAZI REPORT ON MURDER OF 200,000 JEWS IN UKRAINE REVEALED AT NUREMBERG BY RUSSIANS

NUREMBERG, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- A secret report by a Nazi official in the Ukraine, stating that 200,000 Ukrainian Jews had been killed by German security police, aided by volunteers from the Wehrmacht and members of quisling Ukrainian military formations, was presented to the international military tribunal here by Russian prosecutors.

The Soviet staff also submitted a decree issued by Goering on May 1, 1941, in which he called on the Nazi Party, the German armed forces and the state machinery to fight the "Jews, Free Masons and affiliated groups." In an accompanying memorandum, Goering hailed Alfred Rosenberg's decision to form special staffs in occupied territories to confiscate all material and cultural possessions of the above groups.

ORT WORLD EXECUTIVE ADOPTS \$5,000,000 BUDGET FOR 1946; DISCUSSES REFUGEE TRAINING

PARIS, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- A budget of more than \$5,000,000 for the year 1946 has been approved by the executive committee of the World ORT Union, meeting here at its first post-war session, the organization announced today.

At least \$750,000 has been earmarked specifically for ORT work among the displaced Jews in Germany where an additional 96 workshops are to be established by the organization in the American, British, and French zones of occupation. The necessity for training about 170,000 youths between the ages of 14 and 19, and the need for supplying machines for 200,000 Jewish families in Europe, was emphasized.

The ORT Union spent \$2,500,000 in Europe during the war years of 1940-1945, Aaron Syngalowski, vice-president of the World ORT, reported. He said that ORT activity was carried out in almost all European countries throughout the war. Reports on organizational progress in America and France were made by Dr. David Lwovitch, leader of the World ORT, and Judge Leon Meiss, president of the French ORT.

PRESIDENT OF MEXICO TO RECEIVE DR. GRANOVSKY; JEWISH COMMUNITY WELCOMES J.N.F. HEAD

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- President Manuel Avila Camacho will receive Dr. Abraham Granovsky, chairman of the board of directors of the Jewish National Fund, who is expected to arrive here tomorrow. The audience, which will take place on Sunday, will be part of the welcome arranged by the Jewish community of Mexico in honor of Dr. Granovsky.

Z.O.A. EXECUTIVE VOTES SUPPORT FOR CONTINUATION OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of America, through its national executive, today unanimously approved a declaration by its president, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, reaffirming the determination of American Zionists to support the continuance and strengthening of the American Jewish Conference. This declaration was issued in connection with the third session of the American Conference which convenes this week-end in Cleveland.

Stressing the grave problems which will confront the sessions of the American Jewish Conference in relation to the position of the Jews in Europe and the future status of Palestine, the declaration by Dr. Silver, in behalf of the national executive, characterized the conference as "an effective instrumentality of united American Jewry and as a living organism in the fight to safeguard Jewish rights."

POLISH PREMIER RECEIVES AMERICAN JEWISH DELEGATION; PLEDGES FREE EMIGRATION FOR JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today reported that its representatives, Dr. Samuel Margoshea and Louis Segal, who are now studying Jewish conditions in Poland, have been received by Polish Prime Minister Edward B. Osobka-Morawski, who told them that difficulties and red tape will be removed for Jews who wish to emigrate from Poland. At the same time, he emphasized that those wishing to remain, will receive every opportunity for a free life and economic and social development.

The Premier declared that the fight against anti-Semitism in Poland will continue as a part of its fight for democracy for the benefit of all, regardless of race or creed. He said that those Jews desiring to go to Palestine will find sympathetic understanding by the Polish Government, in spite of the fact that the Polish state, having sustained great losses of population, is anxious to keep all of its inhabitants who are able and willing to share in the work of reconstruction.

MASS MEETING IN WASHINGTON URGES ARAB-JEWISH COOPERATION IN PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- More than 750 people attended a mass meeting here last night called to support Arab-Jewish cooperation in Palestine. The meeting was arranged by an organization called the "Progressive Palestine Association," and was attended by M. Khairy, head of the Arab Office in Washington.

Principal speakers at the gathering, which was held at the Interior Department Auditorium were: Adrian Schwartz, president of the new organization, said to be connected with the Hashomer Hatzair Party of Palestine; I.F. Stone, correspondent of the newspaper PM; and William H. Stringer, Washington correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor.

The speakers demanded that Jews and Arabs should have the right to enter and live in Palestine "up to the capacity of the country to support them." They emphasized that Arab-Jewish cooperation is necessary for Jewish freedom and Arab social emancipation, and urged the protection and encouragement of the cooperative and labor movements in Palestine. The importance of carrying out the Lowdermilk plan to lay "the basis for a new era of Arab-Jewish joint construction" was also stressed.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE CONCLUDES IN HOUSTON; EVOKES GREAT INTEREST

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The Christian Conference on Palestine concluded here today with a dinner attended by 500 prominent non-Jews, all interested in the fate of the Jews in Palestine. A mass-meeting last night, addressed by Senator Alben Barkley and Rabbi Leon I. Feuer, attracted a great audience.

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