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ANGLO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMITTEE WILL NOT ISSUE INTERIM REPORT, WASHINGTON HEARS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The Anglo-American Inquiry Committee will probably not file an interim report, as previously expected, although no official announcement to this effect has been made, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

It is hoped here that the final report will have been completed by the end of April, following the committee's visit to Palestine. After completion it will be submitted to the American and British Governments who will jointly decide whether, and when, to publish the report. In the event that it is made public, this will be done in the early part of May.

AUSTRIANS ARE ANTI-SEMITIC, INQUIRY COMMITTEE IS TOLD; PREMIER TESTIFIES ON JEWS

VIENNA, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Chancellor Leopold Figl of Austria, yesterday testified before the Anglo-American inquiry committee on the situation of the Jews in this country, it was announced today. Correspondents were not allowed to attend the hearings.

Dr. Benson Saks, JDC director in Austria, who testified earlier, told the Committee that the Austrian man in the street is strongly anti-Semitic and that the majority of the 3,613 Austrian Jews in Vienna desire to emigrate to Palestine.

A sub-committee consisting of Frank Burton, Wilfred Crick and Maj. Reginald Menningham-Buller, which is touring the U.S. zone in Austria, today visited the Binder-Michl camp, near Linz, which houses 2,300 DP's. They were met with banners calling for "Justice for the Jewish People." Ninety-nine and six-tenths percent of the camp inmates have voted to go to Palestine.

The sub-committee later questioned leaders of the Central Committee of the Jews of Upper Austria, who said that there was no possibility that the Jews would be willing to stay in this country. If the Americans leave, they said, "the Jews will somehow find a way of getting on a boat to Palestine."

In a report made to the inquiry committee this week by the U.S. Army, it was disclosed that one-third of the 6,790 Jews in Austria are listed as being in "poor mental or physical state."

BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES CONFIRM NAZI PRISONERS WILL BE BROUGHT TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- British military authorities today officially announced their intention to use German war prisoners for work in Palestine. They added that the Germans will be used on construction of military installations in the Gaza area of Southern Palestine.

To Jewish protests, a spokesman said: "The employment of this German forced labor is a matter of military necessity."

TWO JEWISH CAMPS IN GERMANY RESUME NORMAL LIFE AFTER VIOLENCE; RESENT GERMAN POLICE

FRANKFURT, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Two camps for displaced Jews - that at Zeilsheim near Frankfurt and the Lempertheim camp near Mannheim - settled down today to normal and peaceful existence after several ugly scenes of violence last week, in which 15 persons were reported injured and a Jewish police chief slapped by an American lieutenant.

UNRRA authorities at the Zeilsheim camp today emphasized that the incidents there were not anti-Semitic in fact and in character. The displaced Jews resent the fact that the American military authorities are using armed German police in the camps. However, the military officials claim that the German police are needed to suppress black market operations.

Representatives of the UNRRA, anxious to prevent further incidents, are now attempting to have German policemen removed, at least from the vicinity of the camps where the police constitute a mockery to the displaced Jews, who hate the sight of Germans, especially armed ones. The Lempertheim camp has now been declared out of bounds for German police. At the same time, "orientation classes" have been opened for the newly-arrived American troops stationed at the camps for displaced Jews, in order to educate the soldiers as to the rights of the displaced persons.

MRS. ROOSEVELT REPORTS ON TRAGEDY OF DISPLACED JEWS; SAYS UNO WILL STUDY PROBLEM

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The great tragedy of the displaced Jews of Europe--aside from the fact that they are inadequately clothed, housed and fed--is their rootlessness, both spiritual and material--Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who has just returned from Germany, today told a rally at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel launching the 1946 campaign of the Women's Division of the New York United Jewish Appeal.

Describing a visit to a Jewish camp in Germany, which she said was "one of the very best camps," Mrs. Roosevelt told of the monotonous, dreary diet and of the refugees' pitiful desire to simulate some sort of home atmosphere.

"It is true that they want to go back to Palestine," Mrs. Roosevelt said. The refugee committee established this week by the UNO will look into this problem, she added. "The committee will have to investigate the whole question of displaced persons or uprooted people, and try to find some answer as to whether there are any existing international agencies that can be strengthened and made capable of dealing with the whole problem."

Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman, presenting a statement on behalf of her husband, Director-General of UNRRA, stressed that UNRRA cannot handle many important aspects of the relief problem in Europe and that the work of the JDC was indispensable. UNRRA, however, will do everything possible, she said, to assist Jewish refugees, and, if the political situation allows, facilitate the transfers to Palestine of those who desire to go there. Other speakers included Rabbi Milton Steinberg and Mrs. David M. Levy.

At a luncheon meeting following the opening rally, it was announced that the women's division has already raised \$1,250,000 towards the New York UJA's \$35,000,000 goal.

SHIP LEAVES FRENCH PORT UNDER JEWISH FLAG; CARRIES 93 JEWS TO PALESTINE

PARIS, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Flying the blue-white Zionist flag, the steamer Cairo sailed today from Marseilles carrying 93 Jewish passengers to Palestine, including 36 children from camps. Their transportation was financed by the Joint Distribution Committee.

BLAST WRECKS MT. CARMEL RADAR STATION; USED TO SPOT SHIPS LANDING VISALESS IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- The Mt. Carmel RAF radar station at Haifa was heavily damaged this morning when an armed band of terrorists set off an explosion which wrecked the building and the antenna mast.

Two British non-commissioned officers were seriously injured and six other soldiers were slightly hurt as the result of the blast, an official communique said. The attackers suffered no casualties. The communique reports that the charge was placed at 3:30 a.m. As the attackers were withdrawing, British troops opened fire, but apparently hit no one.

This was the second attempt to destroy the station, which is used by the British to detect ships landing visaless immigrants. Six weeks ago the station received an anonymous telephone call warning troops to leave the building because it was mined. In the resulting search a quantity of explosives, already fused, was discovered.

U.S. MINISTER IN HUNGARY ATTENDS DISTRIBUTION OF J.D.C. CLOTHING AMONG JEWS

BUDAPEST, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Unloading and distribution of the first 37 truck-loads of clothing collected in America for Hungarian Jews was begun here today by the Joint Distribution Committee. The occasion was marked by a ceremony attended by Hungarian and American Government officials and representatives of the Jewish community.

Leaders of the Jewish community thanked the Americans for the large consignment of clothing, and their aid in general, and expressed the gratitude of the Jews to the Hungarian Government for providing the trucks. American Minister Arthur F. Schoenfeld declared that the United States was "eager" to heal the scars of war. The Hungarian Government was represented by Dr. Eric Molnar, Minister of Public Welfare, and other prominent officials.

JEWISH FARMERS DEMAND PALESTINE GOVERNMENT HELP THEM IMPORT AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- A demand that the Palestine Government make every effort to facilitate the importation of agricultural machinery and fertilizers as well as take measures to rehabilitate the citrus growing industry was made here today by a delegation of the Jewish Farmers Association, which called on High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham.

In presenting their plea, the farmers pointed out that, with the application of modern scientific agricultural methods, they had increased the yield of Palestine land three-fold and were at present producing two-thirds of the country's food requirements. High Commissioner Sir Alan promised speedy and effective assistance.

JEWISH STATE PARTY CONVENTION ASKS UNITED ZIONIST FRONT; ATTACKS JEWISH AGENCY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- A demand that the Jewish Agency resign and that a united Zionist front be formed was made here at the closing session of a nation-wide conference of the Jewish State Party, attended by 200 delegates.

The conference also adopted resolutions welcoming the indicated return of the Revisionists to the World Zionist Organization and protesting against the new defense regulations and the severance of Transjordan from Palestine.

CLEVELAND MAYOR GIVES KEY TO CITY TO LEADER OF DISPLACED JEWS IN GERMANY

CLEVELAND, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Zalman Grinberg, president of the Committee of Liberated Jews in Germany, was received at City Hall this morning by Mayor Thomas Burke.

Presenting the key to the city to Dr. Grinberg, the Mayor said: "We shall have more keys made, Dr. Grinberg, if more of your people can be liberated." The leader of the displaced Jews, who flew here to address the third session of the American Jewish Conference, was accompanied by I.L. Kenen, executive secretary of the Conference.

PRO-FASCIST FORCES INCREASING IN MEXICO; DANGER TO JEWISH COMMUNITY SEEN

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Pro-fascist forces in Mexico are becoming increasingly active, even though the Mexican Government has been consistently friendly to the Jewish population, it was reported here today by Rabbi Bernard Lander, associate director of the Mayor's Committee on Unity in New York City, upon his return from a tour of Mexico made on behalf of the American Jewish Committee.

"The great threat and danger to Mexican democracy and the Jewish community," stated Rabbi Lander, "lies in the increased activity and strength of the Binarquista. Officially, they claim to be a social and religious organization rather than a political party. There is, however, evidence of their fascist tie-ups and of their political plans and goals. During the war they continually supported and heaved close to the Nazi line. Today they continue to speak openly in admiration of Franco's methods and of the advisability of transforming Mexico into a 'Spain or an 'Argentina.' A large section of the Mexican press is controlled by reactionaries.

"The Mexican Central Jewish Committee headed by Mr. Gregorio Shapiro, and the Anti-Defamation Committee headed by Dr. Adolpho Fasslich, have done splendid work in coping with all expressions of bigotry in that country," Rabbi Lander asserted. "For example, when anti-Semitic leaflets appeared on the streets of Mexico, these organizations secured the cooperation of the government in having the responsible Arab League representatives deported." He pointed out that "Mexico is of utmost importance in the fight for the strengthening of democracy because it is the keystone of Latin America and its political trends have great influence on Latin America."

CHARLES BROWN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- Charles Brown has been elected president of the Jewish Community Council here, succeeding the late Judge Harry A. Hollzer. Max Firestein was elected first vice-president.

The 12th annual meeting of the Community Council adopted a resolution protesting against the American Council for Judaism for its official statement charging American Jews who are Zionists with a divided loyalty."

RUMANIAN ORT OPENS COURSE FOR JEWISH RADIONEN; WILL TRAIN ORPHANS

BUCHAREST, Feb. 20. (JTA) -- A training course for 100 Jewish radio technicians was opened here today by the Rumanian Ort, which has also decided to enlarge its school for mechanics and its girls' school at Jassy, it was announced here today. It is also planning to open several vocational schools for some 700 Jewish youngsters orphaned during the 1941 pogrom in that city.

BECAUSE OF WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON SUNDAY