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BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN GERMANY LENIENT TOWARDS NAZIS, DOES LITTLE FOR JEWS

LONDON, March 3. (JTA) -- The British Military Government in Germany is displaying leniency towards Nazis, at the same time that it treats Jews like all other Germans, Dr. Philip Auerbach, chairman of the Union of Jewish Communities in the Rhineland and Westphalia, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Dr. Auerbach, who came to London to attend the international Jewish conference which has just concluded, said that German Jews who desire to remain in Germany will be unable to do so unless British policy undergoes a radical change. "I do not have the impression," he said, "that the military government desires to help us."

Alleging that the British are reluctant to take action against Nazis, Dr. Auerbach said that while high-ranking Nazis, who helped to carry out and enforce the anti-Jewish measures, have been named to administrative positions by the military authorities, he was dismissed from his post in the provincial council of the Rhineland--to which he was reinstated after his release from Buchenwald--because he refused to compromise with the Nazis, and was "over-insistent on their removal."

German Non-Jews Given Preference over Jews in Reopening Shops

In many cases, the Jewish communal leader charged, German non-Jews are given preference over Jews. He said that while permits for reopening commercial and industrial establishments are freely given to non-Jews, they are frequently refused to Jews. However, Jews are not exempt from taxes imposed by the British upon residents of their zone of occupation, Dr. Auerbach said, "thus we are called on to foot the bills for Nazi crimes."

Dr. Auerbach disclosed that he is submitting a memorandum to the War Office containing the following requests:

1. The military government should promulgate a law ordering banks to pay deposits of Jews into a special account of the military government. If it is established that the owner of the funds has died without leaving heirs, the money should be turned over to the Jewish community.
2. Jewish movable property now in the hands of individuals or public institutions should be surrendered to the Jewish communities.
3. Twenty-five percent of the property levy imposed on Jews in 1938, following the murder of Ernst von Rath in Paris, should be immediately refunded.
4. Jews should be exempted from all taxation for three years.

The Union of Jewish communities which he heads, Dr. Auerbach declared, is affiliated with the Jewish Central Committee in the British zone, which includes both German and displaced Jews. "We no longer differentiate between German and Polish Jews," he added.

ARABS OPPOSE JEWISH IMMIGRATION, JEWISH STATE AT ANGLO-U.S. INQUIRY COMMITTEE HEARINGS

CAIRO, March 3. (JTA) -- Arabs are firmly opposed to the establishment of a Jewish state and further Jewish immigration into Palestine, and will accept no compromise that would provide for less than the establishment of an independent Arab state in Palestine, Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, secretary general of the Arab League, told the Anglo-American inquiry committee when it opened hearings here yesterday. The League's position was presented in a nine-page memorandum supplementing Azzam Bey's testimony.

Claiming that the Balfour Declaration and other British and international promises to establish a Jewish national home in Palestine were unilateral and illegal, the League memorandum asked for the abolition of the British Mandate over Palestine and the setting up of an independent Arab state. Asserting that opposition to Zionism was not based on religious prejudice, the statement maintained that it was unjust to force the Palestine Arabs to accept into their country foreign people, "whose avowed intention is to wrest the country from its owners and occupants."

The memorandum also charged that Zionism threatens the security and tranquility of the Jews already in Arab countries and that it only aggravates the Jewish problem by holding out "hopes that can never be fulfilled." The League warned that its participation in the inquiry group's proceedings did not imply its acceptance of any decision by the committee or Britain and the United States alone.

Virtual "State of War" Exists between Arabs, Zionists, Azzam Bey Declares

Azzam Bey, who took the stand for fifteen minutes, referred to the Jews as "cousins" and reiterated the League's stand that the Jews were welcome in Arab countries as long as they remained a minority. In the course of questioning by members of the inquiry committee, however, he declared that "almost a state of war" exists between the Arabs and the Zionists.

Replying to a question by Wilfred Crick, British member of the inquiry group, he asserted that the boycott of Jewish-made goods from Palestine was introduced because the Zionists were "pursuing the aim of becoming the majority in Palestine at the expense of the Arabs." He said that the Jews were attempting to increase the absorptive capacity of the country so as to justify further immigration. "It is only natural," he insisted, that "we refuse to play this game, and close our markets." He indicated that the boycott would be lifted only if the Zionists gave up political aspirations in Palestine.

When Crick pressed his questioning and asked whether the Arabs would be able to achieve economic progress without "foreign" aid, Sheikh Fawzan al Sabek, Saudi Arabian minister to Egypt, jumped to his feet and said vehemently: "We have the necessary means and can very well do without Zionist help. If assistance is wanted, we ask it of this or that state, but certainly not of the Zionists."

The Arab League's memorandum rejecting demands for increased Jewish immigration to Palestine, insisted that: "It is unfair that those governments which are asking the Arabs to accept Jewish refugees into Palestine are themselves reluctant to accept even smaller numbers into their very much wider and richer territories."

Emir Saif al Islam, son of Yemen's ruler, read a statement saying that Palestine is an Arab land, inseparable from other Arab lands and that "Yemen opposes Jewish immigration, a Jewish state, and a Jewish national home." Arab delegates who were present applauded the statement loudly and decided to endorse it on the spot.

Tomorrow's hearings will conclude the sessions in Egypt and the committee will proceed to Jerusalem for three weeks of hearings and investigations, after which it will write its report.

PALESTINE CHIEF RABBI VISITS ERITREAN EXILES; REPORTS PHYSICAL, CULTURAL LIFE IS GOOD

CAIRO, March 3. (JTA) -- The physical condition of the Jewish deportees in Eritrea is satisfactory, and the exiles lead a "full cultural and religious life," Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Jerusalem told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today on his return here from a visit to the deportees' camp at Asmara. He added that he had "much to say" about the Palestine Government's deportation policy, but that he preferred to say it in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Herzog reported that the internees have a synagogue, in which services are held daily, and that they issue a regular newspaper called "The Asmara Exile." He said that most of the men are taking correspondence courses from the University of London and that many are trying to win an engineering degree.

An internees' committee welcomed Rabbi Herzog and hailed his two five-hour visits, as evidence that "this ends the Yishuv's apathy towards us." The men also expressed their appreciation of the helpful attitude of the camp commander, Brigadier J. Penfield, who received the visiting rabbi and escorted him around the camp. Herzog said that he was "deeply moved" by the exiles' farewell song to him. As he left the camp they sang "How shall we sing a song of Jehovah on foreign soil"--Psalm 137.

He also reported that the men were eating kosher food and that each man was receiving the equivalent of the British soldier's ration. Exercise is provided on an athletic field within the camp grounds. After his return to Cairo, Rabbi Herzog was received by General Sir Bernard C. Paget, British commander in the Middle East.

GROUPS REPRESENTED AT LONDON JEWISH PARLEY WILL COOPERATE, BUT PLAN NO INTERNATIONAL BODY

LONDON, March 3. (JTA) -- Jewish communities and organizations from 13 countries, represented at the conference here called by the Anglo-Jewish Association and the American Jewish Committee, will consult with each other on major post-war Jewish problems, but do not propose to establish any "international Jewish super body claiming to speak in the name of the individual Jewish communities in the various countries," it was announced last night at a reception marking the conclusion of the meeting.

The announcement was made by a member of the American Jewish Committee delegation, Alan M. Strock who presented a report on the proceedings of a series of meetings held during the week. His report declared that the question of the Jewish position in the world was not a question for Jews alone, but was of the greatest importance to every right thinking human. Jacob Blaustein, head of the American delegation, said that a wide area of agreement had been reached at the conference, and appealed for continued cooperation to insure for Jews throughout the world "a life of dignity, security and peace."

A supplement to the program committee report stressed that the most serious immediate problem facing Jewish groups is the situation of the displaced persons in Austria and Germany. It pointed out that the only solution to their problem is immediate evacuation and resettlement in the countries to which the DP's desire to go. The report urged that Jewish organizations continue their efforts to secure the immediate admission of DP's to Palestine, and intervene with members of the UNO and other countries of possible immigration to guarantee that a policy of non-discrimination will be applied in admitting immigrants.

Dr. Philip Auerbach, president of the Union of Jewish Communities in the Rhineland and Westphalia, in the British zone, charged that under the British military

government Jews are being treated as enemy nationals and Jewish property is subject to requisition, in the same manner as German property. He declared the problem of restitution must be tackled immediately, and said that the situation of the German Jews is "terrible" and they require immediate aid from Jews in the United States and Britain.

Other speakers included Leonard Stein, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association; Jules Braunschvig of the Alliance Israelite Universelle; J.D. Miron of Argentina; Dr. Joseph Rosenzweig, representing the displaced Jews in the British zone; and others.

POLICE ARREST TERRORIST SUSPECTS IN JERUSALEM; JEWS DENY ATTACK ON ARAB CAMP

JERUSALEM, March 3. (JTA) -- Police announced tonight that a number of "suspected terrorists" had been arrested today during searches in various parts of Jerusalem.

"The Voice of Israel," underground radio of the Jewish resistance movement, meanwhile, charged that the official Government account of an attack on an Arab Legion camp near Biriya on Friday was an "absolute fabrication" and a "provocation." Twenty-five Jews were arrested following the alleged raid.

The broadcast denied that any attack had been made and asserted that no Legionnaire had been wounded. The truth of the matter, according to the radio, was that a quarrel occurred between Palestine police and Arab Legionnaires, and that the latter had attempted to pin the blame on the Jews. The broadcast reiterated that all three resistance groups were working together in a united front and that none of them had taken part in any such operation.

Led by the wives and mothers of five Palestine Arabs captured in Germany, several hundred Arab women yesterday staged a protest march through the old city here to demand the repatriation of all Arab exiles, including Haj Amin El Hussein, the Grand Mufti. Women speakers urged Palestine Arab leaders not to cooperate with the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee unless the exiles are released. The countrywide general strike called by the Palestine Arab Higher Committee in protest against the reported removal of the five Arabs passed quietly.

It was learned today that the editors of the Palestine Hebrew press refused an offer by the Palestine Government to arrange for two representatives of the Jewish papers to cover the Cairo hearings of the inquiry committee. The editors said that the position of the Hebrew press in Palestine entitled it to send more correspondents to Cairo. The Palestine Government Information Office, which handled the press arrangements, alleged that the inquiry group was opposed to any additional representation for the Jewish publications.

The committee is expected here on Wednesday, but will not start work until Friday. On Thursday a reception in honor of the inquiry body will be arranged by the High Commissioner. Jewish and Arab leaders have been invited.

JDC Aide Going to Palestine To Give Probers Results of Refugee Survey

ROME, March 3. (JTA) -- Charles Pasman, Joint Distribution Committee representative in Italy, is leaving for Palestine to submit to the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine a report on the results of a survey among the displaced Jews here as to their preference in countries of immigration. The survey showed that an overwhelming number of the refugees want to go to Palestine.

UJA PARLEY HEARS MEAD DEMAND ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE MAKE INTERIM REPORT IMMEDIATELY

PHILADELPHIA, March 3. (JTA) -- Senator James M. Mead of New York, speaking here today at the Central Atlantic States Conference of the United Jewish Appeal, insisted that the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine report its findings at once because "the starving and homeless Jews of Europe have run out of time."

"The gates of Palestine must be opened at once," Senator Mead said. "A Jewish homeland must be established now." Citing the many delays and broken pledges of the past, the New York Senator pointed out that every new policy with respect to Palestine since 1922 has represented another violation of the Balfour Declaration.

He reviewed the great contribution made by Jews during the war and pointed to the intense suffering and privations still faced by Jews in Europe. "They may have been freed from the yoke of Nazi barbarism, but they still stand on the soil which symbolizes their slavery. They are still ground under the crushing tyranny of poverty, of disease, of homelessness and hopelessness." The plight of these 1,400,000 Jews is not just another problem tossed up in the backwash of war, he continued, but must be solved within the "framework of the world democratic victory if the peace is to remain indivisible." The United Jewish Appeal, he added, deserves the support of every American, regardless of race or creed.

The 450 delegates attending the conference represented 38 communities in eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia. They pledged this region to raise \$8,750,000 toward the \$100,000,000 UJA goal.

In addition to Senator Mead, speakers included Captain Robert Gamzon of Paris, former leader in the underground and the Jewish maquis; Dr. Renzo Levi of Rome, president of the Jewish Relief Organization of Italy; Lt. Col. Judah Nadich of Baltimore, former adviser on Jewish affairs to Gen. Eisenhower; U.S. District Judge Phillip Forman of Trenton, N.J.; Harry Greenstein, former USRA welfare supervisor in Greece and Yugoslavia; Samuel E. Daroff, prominent Philadelphia business and civic leader; Reuben Resnik, overseas relief worker for the Joint Distribution Committee; Leonard B. Geis, 1946 chairman of the Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal, and Leon C. Sunstein, president of the Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal and chairman of the conference.

UAHC COUNCIL URGED TO REFUDIATE ANTI-ZIONISM; TRUMAN GREET'S CONFERENCE

CINCINNATI, March 3. (JTA) -- The Union of American Hebrew Congregations "must boldly and forthrightly disassociate itself from dogmatic anti-Zionism," Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, director of the organization, said today, in his biennial report to the more than 1,200 delegates from 329 congregations, 403 sisterhoods and 141 brotherhoods attending the 39th biennial council of the Union, which opened here today at the Hotel Netherland Plaza.

Dr. Eisendrath asked the council to support the stand of the UAHC executive board, which has voted to continue as an active member of the American Jewish Conference. He pointed out that while the UAHC did not endorse the conference's resolution on Palestine, which calls for a Jewish state, he felt that it was imperative that the UAHC do not withdraw from the conference, but rather continue to cooperate with the other Jewish groups adhering to it. He also recommended the ultimate merger of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, and the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

In a message to the council, President Truman declared that "the real strength of any nation lies in its spiritual ideals," and expressed the hope "that the meetings of the council will be helpful in interpreting to the world in modern terms the ancient teachings of Israel."

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