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GURION TESTIFIES ON ZIONIST AIMS BEFORE ANGLO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, March 11. (JTA) -- A clear-cut picture of Zionist aims was presented today to the Anglo-American inquiry committee by David Ben-Gurion, chairman of Jewish Agency executive, in a two-hour report in which he emphasized that Zionist leadership will not renounce its claim to the establishment of a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine.

"Our aim," Ben Gurion said, "is not a majority. Our aim is a Jewish state. A 'Jewish state' we mean Jewish soil, Jewish labor, a Jewish economy, Jewish schools, language and culture. We also mean Jewish security. We mean complete independence."

As far as the Jews are concerned, the British troops can leave Palestine now, Zionist leader told the inquiry committee. "We can take care of ourselves," he maintained, adding that "the British troops are here for other reasons into which I do not want to delve."

The Jewish Agency, he continued, has now given up its attempts to cooperate with the Palestine Government to stop political violence. "We cannot do it, because it is futile, since the war ended and the remnants of European Jewry are still prohibited from going to their home in Palestine," he declared. "Yes, we want to cooperate with the British for the future of Palestine, but the question is: 'Do you want to cooperate?'"

Pointing out that he associates himself with Dr. Chaim Weizmann in hatred of political violence, Ben Gurion said that he could not give any answer to the question asked by one of the members of the inquiry committee as to whether a point has been reached when Jews feel that they have the right to take up arms against the "wickedness" of the Palestine Administration. "I cannot answer this question," he stated. "It depends on whether the White Paper policy, which is condemned by the moral conscience of the world, is continued."

Wants the Jewish Agency to Control Palestine Immigration

Ben Gurion demanded that the Jewish Agency be given the right to supervise immigration into Palestine under the authority of Article 11 of the Mandate, which provides for development of the country to its full possibilities for the benefit of all peoples. When asked by a member of the inquiry committee whether he wants control of immigration taken out of the hands of the trustee, if Palestine is placed under trusteeship, Ben Gurion replied:

"It is a different name for the same thing--the League of Nations becomes the United Nations Organization, the Mandate becomes a trusteeship. I say we should have control over immigration because we can do it better. It is vital for us that the Arabs should feel our coming here is not at their expense."

Referring to Arab-Jewish relations, Ben Gurion declared: "The conflict between us is most tragic, because it is a family conflict. But it will not last

ing. We will carry out our work of regeneration. Even if obstacles increase, we will continue with our work, because it is a matter of life and death.

"Many of you," the Zionist leader continued, "prefer a poor Arab country to a rich Jewish one. This does you honor. But history has decreed that we must return to our country and establish a Jewish state. It will be established. Many of you know it and we know it. And we tell you that you have no more loyal and useful friends in the entire world than the Jewish people. The closer and the quicker we get together, the better for both. With a Jewish State on one hand and Arab unity on the other, we will help each other as equals toward a great destiny."

#### Disputes Arab Arguments; Says Jews Not Influenced By Threats

Touching upon Arab opposition to a Jewish state, Ben-Gurion said that the Arabs allege that they fear the influence of Jews outside the country, but, at the same time, they threaten that such a state will have to be defended by British bayonets, and it will be destroyed by the Arabs.

"Both the fear and the threat are without foundation," the Zionist leader said, "for we will take care of ourselves and certainly we will not trample on forty million Arabs in the Middle East. But whatever the case, we are not affected by threats and fears. And I tell you, gentlemen, that just as thousands of Englishmen would die rather than give up their country, so there are hundreds of thousands of Jews in this country and others who will give up their lives, if necessary, for Zion. We will not renounce Zion as we did not renounce Jewishness, whatever the price. We will not renounce the Jewish Commonwealth."

There are three reasons why Jews are returning to Palestine, Ben-Gurion told the inquiry committee: 1. Escape from discrimination; 2. Love for Zion; 3. The urge for Jewish independence. "This urge for independence," he said, "is what you call a Jewish State, and it is the center of the entire problem."

#### Jews Are Not Prevented From Leaving Palestine for Europe, Ben-Gurion Says

Asked about letters received by members of the inquiry committee from Jews in Europe, who complained that they are being prevented from leaving Palestine for Europe, Ben-Gurion replied that no Jew is prevented from leaving the country. He suggested that such Jews be produced and give their testimony, in camera, if necessary.

The leader of the Jewish Agency complained that as matters stand today in Palestine, the Jews live under an "arbitrary" regime. "We do not even enjoy equality before the law," he pointed out.

Ben-Gurion was followed by Siegfried Hoofien, president of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, who was heard briefly on Friday. Hoofien urged that Germany pay reparations to Jews. "Germany," Mr. Hoofien said, "declared a war of extermination against Jews, and Germany is responsible for the present acute form of the Jewish problem. Payments by Germany to Jews over a certain number of years would lighten the burden of payments which the Jewish state would have to pay against credits obtained abroad."

Pointing out that there is no unemployment in Palestine and the 50,000 Jewish workers are now in peace-time industries, Hoofien said: "The Yishuv has been a sound business proposition and is so recognized everywhere, including in the City in London."

David Horowitz, appearing for the Jewish Agency, gave the members of the committee a comprehensive lecture with illustrated maps, charts and graphs on Jewish immigration, employment, Moslem child mortality and other aspects of Palestine life.

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WEIZMANN CORRECTS HIS TESTIMONY; MISUNDERSTOOD QUESTION ON ADMITTING 100,000 JEWS

JERUSALEM, March 11. (JTA)--Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, is sending the Anglo-American inquiry committee a correction of part of his testimony at the committee hearings last Friday, it is reliably reported here.

Replying to a question as to whether he endorsed President Truman's proposal for the immediate admission of 100,000 European Jews to Palestine this year, Weizmann said, "yes," but asserted that it was not necessary this year. He apparently thought the questioner meant the admission of 100,000 Jewish children, which the Agency has been requesting all along. The correction, which will probably be turned over to the inquiry committee today, will make clear Weizmann's views that the 100,000 immigration certificates asked by President Truman should be granted, and that it is possible for Palestine to absorb that number now.

Committee members spent the weekend visiting various settlements, enterprises and cities. Co-chairman Sir John Singleton and Judge Joseph Hutcheson visited the Dead Sea region and inspected the settlement of Beth Hagara, which is on land from which Dead Sea salts have been washed away. Later they visited Moishe Novomeisky, head of the Dead Sea Potash Company, and discussed Jewish-Arab relations.

Three members of the committee visited Tel Aviv and met Mayor Israel Rokach. Other members visited the Arab city of Nablus, whose mayor boasted that his city was "pure of Jews."

Frank Burton and Richard Crossman called on Dr. Weizmann at his home in Rehovoth. Later, all three strolled along the streets of the town. While in a local cafe, they met three Austrian Jews who had spent five years on the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean, where they had been detained for attempting to enter Palestine without visas. Burton and Crossman were greatly interested in the Austrian Jews and at the end of their conversation asked them whether they wished to return to Austria. The answer was a categorical "no."

PALESTINE CHIEF RABBI DISCUSSES RETURN OF JEWISH CHILDREN WITH POPE PIUS XII

ROME, March 11. (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine was received by Pope Pius XII and Italian Prime Minister Alcide de Gasperi in two separate audiences here yesterday.

In a 45-minute audience at the Vatican, Rabbi Herzog discussed world religious problems with the Pope and requested his aid in obtaining custody of Jewish children who are still in Catholic institutions, where they were hidden during the Nazi occupation. The Pope promised to investigate the matter.

Herzog, who is touring Europe to investigate the religious and physical conditions of Jewish survivors, thanked Prime Minister de Gasperi for the humane attitude of the Italian people toward the Jews during the Nazi terror. The Prime Minister expressed sympathy for the aims of the Jews and promised to assist them.

Rabbi Herzog also visited Sir Neel Charles, British Ambassador to Italy. He toured various Jewish institutions including a Jewish school, a training farm, a hospital and a home for the aged. Saturday he conducted services and delivered a sermon on Jewish problems at the Ashkenazi Synagogue.

CARPATHIAN JEWS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THREATENED WITH COMPULSORY RETURN TO RUSSIAN AREA

PRAGUE, March 11. (JTA) -- Several thousand Carpathian Jews, all of whom are Czechoslovak citizens prior to the ceding of the Carpatho-Ukraine to the USSR, are threatened with forced return to Soviet territory under an order issued by the Prague Government requesting all Russian citizens in the country to register with Soviet repatriation authorities.

Although these Jews have indicated formally that they wished to retain Czechoslovak citizenship and are in possession of certificates to this effect, local police in the Sudeten area, acting under a government order, are rounding up the Carpathian Jews there and are compelling them to register at the Soviet repatriation offices. This order has alarmed the Carpathian Jews who, as holders of provisional certificates proving that they asked Czech citizenship, had been settled by the Czech authorities in homes of Sudeten Germans who were deported from Czechoslovakia after liberation of the country.

Reports received here today from various towns reveal that in some places, such as the city of Carlsbad, Carpathian Jews were seized by local police and were not even permitted to return to their homes.

The apprehension among the Carpathian Jews is so great that many of them are living in fear of being rounded up for delivery to the Soviet repatriation authorities. It is taken for granted that registration with the repatriation authorities is a prelude to repatriation to the Carpatho-Ukraine which is now Soviet territory.

Under the Czecho-Russian treaty on Carpatho-Ukraine the right to choose either Soviet or Czechoslovak citizenship was granted to residents of that territory who claimed Czech or Slovak nationality in 1931, or who attended Czech schools. Although eighty-five percent of the Carpathian Jews then claimed Jewish nationality, they asked for Czechoslovakian citizenship and were given provisional option certificates by the Czech authorities.

On February 28, the right to choose Czech citizenship expired. The Prague Government, therefore, issued an order this week instructing all those considered Soviet citizens to report to the Soviet repatriation officials. All reports received point to the fact that unless the local Czech authorities in provincial towns are instructed not to molest the Carpathian Jews who chose Czechoslovak citizenship, the danger exists that these Jews will be rounded up and delivered to Soviet authorities for repatriation as Soviet citizens.

POLICE THROW DRAGNET AROUND CENTER OF TEL AVIV IN WATN SEARCH FOR HAGANAH RADIO

TEL AVIV, March 11. (JTA) -- A strong force of Palestine police reinforced with troops and equipped with radio detection apparatus today threw a dragnet around the center of the city in an unsuccessful hunt for the Haganah's "Voice of Israel" underground radio transmitter. The station was heard tonight.

Several weeks ago, police seized a small "illegal" transmitter on the roof of a house in Jerusalem and arrested several people including a young woman announcer.

20 JEWS AMONG OVER 8,000 ENROLLED AT UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

VIENNA, March 11. (JTA) -- There are only 20 Jewish students in the University of Vienna, the total enrollment of which exceeds 8,000 it was reported today.



U.S. ARMY SEARCH TEAMS HAVE DISCOVERED OVER 3,000,000 JEWISH BOOKS IN AMERICAN ZONE

OFFENBACH, Germany, March 11. (JTA) -- Nearly 3,000,000 Jewish books, many dating back to the Middle Ages, have been uncovered in the American zone by search teams of the AMG's Monuments and Fine Arts Office.

Capt. S. J. Pemrenze, of Chicago, who is in charge of the military government's fine arts department in Greater Kesse, said that the loot so far recovered fills a large five-story building here, which formerly belonged to I.G. Farben.

Whatever is salvageable--and much has been destroyed--is being catalogued and will eventually be returned to the countries from which it was stolen. Among the collections are the famed Rosenthal Library from Amsterdam, consisting of about 35,000 books and the Spinoza Library, stolen from the Hague.

W.C.A. ASKS FOR INCREASED IMMIGRATION OF JEWS INTO UNITED STATES; HITS ANTI-SEMITISM

ATLANTIC CITY, March 11. (JTA) -- Pledging a firm stand against "growing anti-Semitism as contrary to the teachings of Jesus," the Young Women's Christian Association of the United States forwarded to President Truman and Congress a formal request to increase as an emergency measure the number of Jews to be admitted to this country.

The communications carried out the instruction of a resolution adopted at the concluding session of the 17th national convention yesterday.

JEWISH VETERANS, CHAPLAINS OPPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL JEWISH VETERAN GROUPS

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- Organization of Jewish veterans into specifically Jewish groups was opposed at a conference here yesterday of former enlisted men and Jewish chaplains, sponsored by the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation. Most of the speakers asserted that their problems and interests as veterans was no different from those of veterans of other faiths and did not warrant the establishment of special associations.

Mrs. Rose Jacobs, only woman member of the Jewish Agency executive, who presided at the meeting, praised "the spirit of defiance with which our brothers in Palestine are withstanding the threat to their existence." All speakers stressed the need for immediate opening of the gates of Palestine to the displaced and refugee Jews of Europe. Most of them reported that they had been attracted to Zionism as a result of their war experiences.

In a message to the conference, General Omar N. Bradley, head of the Veterans Administration, paid tribute to the war record of men and women of the Jewish faith, and emphasized that the task of helping veterans to re-establish themselves in civilian life was a problem for the entire nation, and not for Government agencies alone.

Among subjects discussed at the all-day meeting were: anti-Semitism, relationships between Jewish soldiers and non-Jews, discrimination against Negroes, veterans organizations, cooperative action for democracy, the labor movement, attitude of Jews toward Jewish life, resistance to religion, Zionism, and the reconstruction of Jewish religious and communal life.

LABOR ZIONIST BLOC CALLS ON DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES TO SUPPORT JEWISH AIMS IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon democratic peoples everywhere to help the Jews establish a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine was adopted here yesterday at the conclusion of a two-day convention of the Labor Zionist and Progressive Bloc to the 22nd Zionist Congress, which was attended by 1,200 delegates.

Speakers at the conference advocated the opening of the gates of Palestine to Jewish immigration, and the meeting went on record as opposing "the vicious decrees which a reactionary British Government seeks to impose" on Palestine. Messages of support were received from William Green, president of the A.F.L., and Philip Murray, head of the C.I.O.

Don Pines, Histadruth delegate from Palestine, was named executive director of the "shekel" selling campaign. Election of delegates to the coming World Zionist Congress will take place in June.

BIRO-BIDJAN CONFERENCE ADOPTS \$3,000,000 BUDGET FOR MACHINERY, SUPPLIES

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- A budget calling for \$2,000,000 for supplies and \$1,000,000 for machinery to be sent to Biro-Bidjan, autonomous Jewish region in the Soviet Union, was adopted here at the conclusion of the two-day National Conference for Biro-Bidjan, jointly sponsored by the American Biro-Bidjan Committee and the ICOR Association.

Other resolutions promised continued support for the 3,500 Jewish orphan refugees now being sheltered in Biro-Bidjan, and asked settlement of additional Jewish orphans there. The sponsoring organizations decided to merge and the new unit, which will be headed by Prof. Albert Einstein as honorary president, will temporarily take the name of the American Biro-Bidjan Committee.

GENERAL MORGAN THANKS ORT FOR MACHINERY, TOOLS SENT TO DP CAMPS IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, Chief of UNRRA in Germany, has expressed "thanks and appreciation" to representatives of the ORT in Frankfurt for the supplies and machinery sent to the displaced persons camps by the organization, the ORT announced today.

FORMER CHIEF RABBI OF GRAZ DIES AT OXFORD; WAS STUDENT OF ORIENTAL CULTURE

OXFORD, England, March 11. (JTA) -- Dr. David Herzog, former Chief Rabbi of Graz, Austria, died here today at the age of 77.

Dr. Herzog, who was born in Slovakia, was a professor of Oriental Culture at Graz University until the Nazi Anschluss. After the putsch, Herzog, an honorary citizen of the city, was hurled into the river Mur by the Nazis, but was rescued. In 1940 he reached England where he continued his research.