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MEMBERS HEAR MAGNES URGE BI-NATIONAL STATE; JEWS OFFERED "CITIZENSHIP" IN ARAB STATE

JERUSALEM, March 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University and chief advocate of Arab-Jewish cooperation in Palestine, told the Anglo-American inquiry committee today that only establishment of a bi-national Arab-Jewish state would solve the Palestine problem.

Before he began his testimony, the Arab Higher Committee presented the inquiry group with a 200,000-word memorandum, rejecting a bi-national state and offering "full citizenship" to the over 500,000 Jews now in Palestine, provided that an Arab state is established here, and that further Jewish immigration is barred.

The memorandum stated that the Arabs would refuse to consent to the continuation of limited Jewish immigration while the proposed state was being set up, on the grounds that even limited immigration would encourage Zionists to believe that if they exerted more pressure they would obtain further concessions. An Arab spokesman warned that if the Jews try to force their way into Palestine, "the Arabs will defend themselves with every means at their disposal."

Discussing the Ichud group's plan for a bi-national state, Dr. Magnes said that it envisioned political and numerical parity between the Arabs and the Jews. Under the plan, Palestine would be divided into several districts, some of which would be purely Jewish, others completely Arab, and the remainder of mixed population. The country would be ruled by a consultative body on which Jews and Arabs would have equal representation, with the High Commissioner as chairman.

Dr. Magnes accused the Palestine Government of not training Palestine Jews and Arabs to fill the highest executive posts in the local administration, and advocated greater participation by both peoples in running their own affairs.

"Palestine is not just a Jewish or an Arab land," he said. "The Arabs have natural, and the Jews historical, rights, and the Jews have shown that they are worthy of this land. A Jewish state means Jewish domination; an Arab state means Arab domination. This is a double-edged sword. Jews must have ample immigration to be able to safeguard their further development in many fields; the Arabs want self-government - given this, they will agree to Jewish immigration."

Says Jewish-Arab State Only Alternative to War; Rejects Partition

He said that he based his views on the assumption that Jewish-Arab cooperation was the only possible alternative to war. It is plain, he added, that neither Jews nor Arabs want war. Dr. Magnes asserted that he and several Arab and Jewish friends had drawn up an agreement for such cooperation at the beginning of the war, but it had never been implemented. He appealed to the committee to use its power and influence to enforce such a solution.

Asked by Bartley Crum whether he approved partition, Magnes replied: "No. It gives the impression of dogs fighting in the streets, and a third party interfering to separate them." The Hebrew University head said that the problem of Jewish immigration

tion could be solved by the establishment of the legislature he proposed, and the question of absorptivity could be decided by a special development board. "This is the way to bring people together," he added.

Scores Committee Failure To Issue Interim Report

Magnes took the committee members to task for their failure to issue an interim report concerning the 100,000 displaced Jews in Germany and Austria. "Why the delay?" he asked. "We want them here. We will share everything we possess. You have the authority - why didn't you allow them to come." James MacDonald defended the committee, declaring that its decision not to issue an interim report did not mean that "we didn't feel keenly" concerning the refugees.

The British Government's refusal to admit displaced Jews to Palestine, Magnes charged, had created great bitterness in the heart of every Jew. "It is no wonder," he continued, "that the highly idealistic Jewish youth took up guns and bombs." Replying to Sir Frederick Leggett, who questioned him concerning the "fighting spirit" of the Jewish youths in the European DP camps, Magnes said: "What do you expect of these youths? They underwent the same militaristic excitement as the whole world. Isn't American youth being given military training? Nevertheless, I recommend bringing of these youths here, because here they won't fight."

Earlier today, Prof. Martin Buber, who is also a member of the Ichud group, analyzed modern Zionism for the committee, asserting that it is not a result of anti-Semitism, but a result "of a peculiar bond between the Jewish people and a Jewish land."

Tomorrow, the committee is leaving for the Levant, where it will hold hearings in Damascus and Beirut. A report from the Syrian capital says that the Government has prepared a detailed statement on the Palestine issue which will be presented to the committee when it arrives in Damascus. Representatives of political parties, religious groups and the press have been invited to testify at the one-day hearing on Saturday.

JUSTICE DEPT. CHARGED WITH SABOTAGING TRUMAN DIRECTIVE TO SPEED IMMIGRATION OF DP'S

WASHINGTON, March 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Samuel Margoshes, recently returned from a two-month tour of Poland, at a press conference today charged the Justice Department with "sabotaging the intent of the President's directive" to facilitate immigration of refugees and displaced persons to the United States.

Margoshes said that he had seen, in Stockholm, a copy of a "secret directive" which instructed American consular offices in East European countries to "pay more attention to the screening of affidavits, from relatives or friends in the United States, favoring only those that show unusually high income tax or that come from such close relatives as father, mother, sister or brother" and to reject "all other affidavits."

In a conversation he had with Gerald Keith, charges d'affaires at the American Embassy in Warsaw, Keith told Margoshes that it would take from three to six months before they would be ready to issue the first visa from Poland because of the difficulty of assembling a staff. The American Consulate in Stockholm is well-staffed, said Margoshes, but they have been advised to go very slow in issuing visas.

The World Jewish Congress will take up the matter of these "secret directives" with the State Department and Justice Department, Margoshes said.

AMG OFFICER WARNS GERMANS AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM; JEWS GET PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

WEISBADEN, March 14. (JTA)--Reiterating the American Military Government's policy of granting preferential treatment to Jews and other sufferers of Nazism, Col. James Newman, military governor of the Greater Hesse district, today warned the German people that they must rid themselves of anti-Semitism and other Nazi ideologies if they expect food or other assistance from the United States. He made this statement at a press conference with German newsmen.

In an interview with a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, Col. Newman said that he knows "from personal inspection" that Jews employed by the military government live more comfortably than "most Germans." He cited an instance where Germans employed by the military government were forced to leave their quarters to make room for a group of Jews who were moving in.

The AMG and German authorities are constantly striving to impress the German people that Nazi victims deserve preferential treatment, he declared, adding that agencies were established to assure this preferential status. "Unfortunately," Col. Newman said, "the AMG and the German Government cannot undo in not quite a year's time what the very effective Nazi propaganda machine did in twelve years." He concluded that he is convinced that the Greater Hesse Government was "sympathetic" to the military government's policy.

HOME SECRETARY SAYS GOVERNMENT CANNOT CURE BRITISH FASCISM BY SUPPRESSION

LONDON, March 14. (JTA)--Home Secretary James Chuter Ede said in Common today that Fascism in Britain could not be cured by giving the Government "fascist powers" to suppress opinion. He made this statement in reply to questions concerning a fascist, anti-Semitic rally in Albert Hall, last night.

The rally was called by the "Britons' Vigilantes Action League," composed mostly of former members of the British Union of Fascists and persons who were interned during the war under the emergency defense regulations.

It was broken up almost immediately after it opened by a crowd of several hundred Communists. Shouting "Down with Fascism," they invaded the meeting and took over the hall, the floor of which was littered with anti-Semitic pamphlets.

JEWISH VETERANS TAKE POSSESSION OF LAND SURROUNDING COLONY OCCUPIED BY BRITISH

JERUSALEM, March 14. (JTA)--In a surprise move at dawn today, several thousand Jewish veterans and other youths took possession of a tract of land 200 yards away from the settlement of Biryah, which has been occupied for two weeks by British troops. The troops were stationed there following an attack on a nearby Arab Legion camp.

The arrivals immediately set to work laying the groundwork for a settlement for demobilized Jews. Some began ploughing the fields, while others started erecting temporary living quarters.

The officer commanding the garrison at Biryah immediately contacted the British commander-in-chief in Jerusalem for orders, while the executive committee of the local Council of Jewish Settlements was hurriedly summoned to the office of the Assistant District Commissioner for the Galilee district.

Later, police and troops arrived to displace the settlers, but the Jews refused to move.

JEWISH YOUTH IN GERMANY FACES JAILING BY AMG AS RESULT OF SEARCH FOR FATHER'S MURDERER

FRANKFURT, March 14. (JTA)--Two Rumanian-Jewish youths are in jail here, facing ten years imprisonment, because they attempted to find the Nazi who murdered the father of one of them, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

Their story begins in Oct., 1943, in Cluj, Rumania, where the father of 18-year-old Andor Horowitz was arrested and murdered by a Gestapo agent. Shortly afterwards Andor and his mother and five younger brothers and sisters were sent to Oswiecim. Last May, when the war in Europe ended, only Andor remained alive, somewhere in the Austrian Tyrol.

Determined to seek vengeance from the man who murdered his father, he returned to Cluj and obtained a photograph of the Gestapo agent from a local photographer. Across the back of the photo was written the name of a Bavarian town. After traveling hundreds of miles mostly by foot, Andor reached the town, where he enlisted the aid of UNRRA, the military police and the local burgomeister.

The latter recognized the photo and mentioned that the agent had a sister named Schneider in Hoechst, a suburb of Frankfurt. Andor, through the aid of UNRRA, was transferred to the Lampertshain Camp, which is about 50 miles south of here. There he met a friend of his concentration camps days, Ber Blum, who also came from Cluj.

Although both youths desired to get to Palestine as soon as possible, where Andor could resume his trade of watchmaking, and Ber could complete his medical studies, they decided to make an attempt to find the Gestapo agent. After several days of wandering the streets of Hoechst, seeking information from pedestrians, they were directed to the home of the agent's sister.

When they arrived there, they found a woman washing clothes, who denied that she knew anyone named Schneider. However, Andor spied a photograph similar to the one in his possession, and confronted with this evidence, the woman admitted that the agent was her brother, but said that he had been killed at Leningrad.

"It's Pity Some Jews Still Living," Says Nazi Woman

When Andor replied that that was impossible, since he had seen him in Cluj after the Battle of Leningrad, the woman shouted: "This country isn't Palestine" and "It's a pity that some Jews are still living." She then attempted to strike Andor with her washboard. He ducked and shoved her back. She fell against some furniture and arose with a bloody nose and screaming for help. All this time, Ber stood on the sideline, doing nothing.

When American military police arrived, they arrested both boys and laughed at Andor when he asked that they help him retrieve the photo. That was on Feb. 11, and they are still in jail awaiting trial, which has now been scheduled for next week.

Capt. Alan Fraser, a Texas lawyer, attached to the legal section of the AMG here, displayed a complete lack of interest in the case's background, when questioned by a JTA correspondent today. He kept reiterating that it was his job to keep law and order, and he was openly sceptical concerning the youths' story.

He revealed that he will be the sole officer presiding at the boys' trial, which will take place before the AMG Intermediate Court, which is authorized to hand out ten-year sentences. Fraser said, however, that the youths will be able to appeal to headquarters at Weisbaden, and then added hastily, "if convicted, of course."

GERMAN JEWS IN BERLIN UNABLE TO WORK, FACE STARVATION, JDC REPRESENTATIVE SAYS

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA)--Within the ruins of Berlin today, 7,000 German Jews are coming to life out of hiding and concentration camps for the first time in more than thirteen years, Philip Skorneck, Joint Distribution Committee representative in the German capital, reported today at a press conference held here under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

Mr. Skorneck, who returned to the United States this week after carrying out relief and rehabilitation activities in Berlin for six months, said that "Berlin's Jews are engaged in a grim struggle for existence in a cold, roofless, inflation-ridden city. Most of the German Jews now living in Berlin are housed in inadequate private dwellings in the community," the JDC representative continued. "Many of them--beaten and starved and broken by the Nazis--are unable to work. They live on a government dole of 35 marks per person each week or 60 marks (\$6.00) a couple. Because it is almost impossible to live on this small amount, especially in view of the sky-rocketing inflation in Berlin, the JDC provides a grant of 100 marks per person each month to several thousand German Jews."

HIAS REPRESENTATIVE PERMITTED TO ENTER BRITISH ZONE; WILL HANDLE SPECIAL CASES ONLY

FRANKFURT, March 14. (JTA)--British authorities have granted permission for Morris Kraicer to enter the British zone of Germany to represent HIAS there and at Bramen, departure point for immigrants from the American zone to the United States, Ilya Djour, HIAS director for Germany and Austria, announced here today.

Kraicer, who is a former secretary of the Canadian branch of HIAS, will handle "non-quota" and "preferential" immigrants, who are the only immigrants from the British zone permitted to enter the U.S. under President Truman's directive facilitating immigration of refugees and displaced people. Kraicer is now in London and will leave immediately to assume his new post.

FRES. TRUMAN SENDS GREETINGS TO ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH TUBERCULOSIS RELIEF GROUP

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA)--President Truman has sent personal greetings and a message of felicitations to the Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society on the occasion of its 42nd anniversary dinner to be held March 31, the organization announced today.

"I trust that this beneficent enterprise, which has been so zealous in its work through the Denver Sanatorium, will never weary in extending relief and treatment to sufferers from tuberculosis," the President said.

ORT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN BELGIUM; IS SUPPORTED BY ALL JEWISH GROUPS IN THE COUNTRY

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA)--The World Ort Union today announced the establishment of a branch of the organization in Belgium, with offices in Brussels. The central committee of the Belgian Ort is composed of leaders representing Zionist and non-Zionist groups, the announcement said.