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INQUIRY COMMITTEE OFFICIAL RECORD OMITTS ARAB ADMISSION OF MUFTI LINK WITH NAZIS

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA) -- In an apparent attempt to shield the ex-Mufti Jerusalem, the stenographic record of the Anglo-American inquiry committee's hearings has omitted a remark by Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, Arab Higher Committee spokesman, to the effect that the Mufti cooperated with the Nazis because he thought they might win. The omission was noted today, when the official record of last Tuesday's hearings was made public.

Towards the end of Tuesday's hearings, Richard Crossman, one of the British members, confronted Abdul Hadi with a photograph of the Mufti in the act of "hailing" German S.S. troops, and asked him for some explanation or comment. Abdul Hadi said: "The Mufti was only trying to make a deal in case Germany won the war."

Although this remark and a further exchange between Abdul Hadi and Crossman was suppressed by the censor and published in the local press, the record omits the episode with the explanation: "At this point the witness dispensed with the services of the interpreter and, unfortunately, the (court) reporter could not make a continuous record."

Committee Splits Into Four Units; South African Jews Testify

The committee today split up into four sub-committees, two of which will tour Palestine, one is en route to the Levant, and the last group will visit Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

Appearing before the sub-committee consisting of British co-chairman Sir John Gorton, Major Manningham-Buller and Frank Burton, which leaves tomorrow for Iraq, the delegation of South African Jews revealed that Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, has submitted a memorandum on the Palestine question to the inquiry committee.

Shimon Kuper, Johannesburg chairman of the Board of Deputies of South African Jews, stressed that there is no place of haven in the world for Jews, not even South Africa, where there is no room for Jewish refugees, and which is unwilling to accept them. Speaking for the 100,000 Jews of the Union, Kuper called for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine, abrogation of the White Paper, and unrestricted Jewish immigration.

Bernard Garing, testifying in behalf of the South African Zionist Federation, enumerated the contributions of South African Jewry toward the building of a Jewish national home in Palestine. He asserted that South African Jews, together with world Jewry, feel that the only solution to the Jewish problem is unrestricted immigration into Palestine as a "right" not on sufferance, and the establishment of a Jewish state. Dr. Michael Comay, another member of the South African delegation, declared that South African Jews support Zionism.

The sub-committee, composed of American co-chairman Judge Joseph Hutcheson, Dr. MacDonald, and Lord Morrison, journeying to the Levant, will visit the coastal

areas of Palestine, including the city of Haifa. Before taking off for Haifa, Lord Morrison visited the Holon settlement, south of Tel Aviv, to inspect a Jewish Agency housing project there.

On his tour Morrison met a Jewish woman partisan from Poland, whom he asked if she wanted to return to her native land. She replied "No," despite the fact that her husband and children were still in Poland. With tears in her eyes, she begged that certificates be granted to her family. Morrison consoled her, saying "from now on everything will be alright."

The two units of the inquiry committee remaining in Palestine consist of Sir Frederick Leggett, Wilfred Crick, and Bartley Crum, and Richard Crossman, William Phillips, and Frank Aydelotte. The former group will start out early next week on a tour of factories and settlements to study the economic problems facing the country. The latter group will study social and health problems. It will also visit the Latrun detention camp for political prisoners, where it will inspect prison conditions and speak with the detainees.

It has been learned that at the inquiry committee's first secret session yesterday the members heard Major General John C. Darcy, British commander-in-chief in Palestine, and Major General E.L. Bols, commanding the Sixth Airborne Army, whose troops are garrisoning Palestine. At its second closed hearing, this afternoon, it heard Emanuel Neumann, John B. Hays, and John Savage, representing the Commission on Palestine Surveys, an American group supporting the development of the Jordan Valley for irrigation and electric power.

Soviet Paper Urges Transfer of Palestine Mandate from Britain to UNO

LONDON, March 15. (JTA) -- Transfer of the Palestine Mandate from Britain to the United Nations Organization is urged by the Soviet trade union publication, "Trud," the Moscow radio said today.

The newspaper declared: "British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's statement that a decision on the future status of Palestine would have to await the results of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry satisfied only a few people at the UNO Assembly. Surely the appointment of a commission from two countries does not exempt the British Government from transferring Palestine to the UNO," Trud concluded.

TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM BIRYA LEAVING NEW SETTLEMENT INTACT; HAIFA JEWS STAGE PROTEST STRIKE

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA) -- Troops withdrew tonight from the vicinity of the Biryat settlement, leaving intact a new settlement which was erected today by several hundred Jewish veterans and other youths, who labored in a pouring rain, within a garden established by British military units.

The incident at Biryat--which resulted in a four-hour general strike by Jews in Haifa today to protest police and military brutality--began at dawn yesterday, when several thousand Jews converged on the settlement, which has been occupied by troops since an attack on a nearby Arab Legion camp, a fortnight ago.

Their first attempt to found a new settlement was frustrated yesterday evening, when 3,000 troops forcibly dispersed the settlers, some of whom attempted to cling to rocks and other footholds. Many were beaten and several hundred were arrested and taken to Tiberias. They were subsequently released.

After the troops had destroyed the huts which had been erected by the first group, a second detachment of several hundred young Jews, arrived after dusk, and began re-erecting the buildings. They were also driven off.

UNO REFUGEE BODY WILL MEET IN LONDON NEXT MONTH; HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP TO CONVENE IN N.Y.

LONDON, March 15. (JTA) -- The special committee on refugees and displaced persons, which was established at last month's meeting of the UNO General Assembly, will hold its first session here on April 8, UNO Secretary General Trygve Lie said today.

Addressing a press conference, prior to his departure for New York on Sunday to attend the sessions of the UNO Security Council, which is slated to open on March 25, Lie also announced that the Commission on Human Rights will meet in New York on April 29.

PALESTINE CHIEF RABBI CONFERS AGAIN WITH VATICAN ON PROBLEM OF JEWISH CHILDREN

ROME, March 15. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Palestine called on the Vatican yesterday for the second time this week, to discuss the problem of Jewish children who are still in the custody of Catholic institutions, where they were placed for shelter during the Nazi occupation. Rabbi Herzog saw Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State.

Later, he left for British military headquarters at Caserta where he will visit Jewish units from Palestine. He will also tour refugee camps in southern Italy. He was accompanied by four American and British chaplains.

DISPLACED JEWS FROM ZEILSHEIM CAMP ENTERTAIN AMERICAN TROOPS STATIONED AT FRANKFURT

FRANKFURT, March 15. (JTA) -- In an effort to improve relations between American servicemen and displaced Jews in the Frankfurt area, the Army's information and education service, in conjunction with the local chapter of the American Veterans Committee, tonight conducted a social program for American troops with all the entertainment provided by talent from the nearby Zeilsheim camp.

In a brief talk before the program at the Hoechst Red Cross Auditorium, just outside Frankfurt, Pfc. Ben. W. Frazier, of the information and education service, told the American soldiers that the program was organized to help them get a better understanding of the DP's. He also pointed out that despite their severe sufferings and the hardships which they had undergone, the Jews still retained their spirit.

Children from the camp sang Yiddish, Palestinian, Russian, and Polish folk songs and performed native dances. Perec Brand, formerly a violinist with the Riga Symphony Orchestra, and Solomon Lander, an accordionist from Cracow, also played.

BRAZILIAN SENATOR DEMANDS END TO RESTRICTION AGAINST JEWS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICES

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 15. (JTA) -- Voicing a demand for a constitutional guarantee prohibiting racial and religious discrimination, Senator Hamilton Nogueira of the United Democratic National Party today protested the restrictions against Jews and Negroes in Brazil's diplomatic service and military, naval, and aeronautical academies. Senator Nogueira spoke at a session of the Brazilian National Assembly, which is currently at work drafting a new constitution.

JEWISH DP CENTERS IN U.S. ZONE WILL REMAIN OPEN, ALTHOUGH OTHER CAMPS ARE TO CLOSE

WASHINGTON, March 15. (JTA) -- Although most displaced persons camps in the United States zones in Germany and Austria will be closed some time between August 1 and September 1, the centers for the 80,000 to 100,000 "persecuted persons" will be maintained, Secretary of State Byrnes announced today at his press conference.

