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JA CORRESPONDENT WITH ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ARRESTED BY LEBANESE SECRET POLICE

BEIRUT, Lebanon, March 19. (JTA) -- Gerold Frank, Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent who has been accompanying the Anglo-American inquiry committee since it left the United States, and Yehuda Hellman, correspondent of the Palestine Post, were arrested here last night by Lebanese secret police, but were subsequently released. However, Hellman is still under house arrest.

Frank, who is an American, and Hellman, a Palestinian, share a room in the Normandie Hotel, which is also the residence of Joseph Hutcheson, James MacDonald and Lord Morrison, the sub-committee of the inquiry group which is visiting the Levant states. Police refused to disclose the charges against the two men, but earlier in the day Hellman had been informed that the Palestine Post had been barred from Lebanon as a "Zionist product."

About seven o'clock last night, while Frank was alone in his room, police agents entered and asked him to accompany them to headquarters. When he arrived, he found Hellman sitting there under guard, having been arrested a few minutes earlier.

A police guard warned the two not to talk to each other. After about ten minutes, an officer entered and told the two correspondents to return to the hotel with him. Frank was kept down in the lobby under guard, while Hellman was taken to his room for further questioning and searching.

Shortly afterwards, the guard returned Frank's passport, and apologized profusely, declaring that "we have been looking for that man (Hellman) for three days." Frank pointed out that Hellman had been in Damascus on Sunday, had stayed at the Orient Palace Hotel, one of the best known hotels in the city, had driven to Beirut in a public taxi, and had registered at the Normandie openly. To which the guard retorted: "Well, we are searching him for something. Maybe we will find it."

After about 45 minutes, the officer in charge returned to the lobby, apologized, and said: "We are taking good care of the committee. I hope they appreciate it."

Police Search Correspondent's Luggage for Arms

Hellman was released about a half-hour later, after the police had searched his clothes and luggage, and had questioned him as to whether he had any arms. His papers and identity card were taken from him. The members of the sub-committee took an interest in the proceedings and Hutcheson and Morrison both told Hellman that they were glad he had been released.

However, about an hour later, police again approached Hellman, and told him that he was under protective custody and could not leave the hotel. But they insisted that he was not under arrest.

Whatever the reason for Hellman's arrest--and it may be the fact that he was seen talking to a member of the sub-committee on Sunday in the lobby of the Orient Palace Hotel in Damascus--the committee has seen evidence of how free and easy is life in an Arab state for a Palestine Jew.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT'S TESTIMONY TO REMAIN SECRET UNTIL INQUIRY COMMITTEE LEAVES COUNTRY

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- The data submitted by the Palestine Government to the Anglo-American inquiry committee will not be made public until after the committee has left the country, it was learned today.

Other testimony and memorandums which will not be released, at least for the time being, are the opinions of experts, such as criticism of the Lowdermilk Plan, which were not even shown to the engineers who designed the project, and the memorandum submitted by South African Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts.

(The United Press correspondent in Jerusalem today reported that he learned from "circles close to the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee" that the issuance of 100,000 Palestine immigration certificates "is a question of only a month or two").

Wilfred Crick and Sir Frederick Leggett, members of one of the two sub-committees which have remained in Palestine, made an aerial survey of the country this morning, in the company of several Government officials. They flew over the Negev, the Dead Sea and the Jordan Valley.

Public hearings will be resumed on Thursday, when evidence will be presented by the Palestine Economic Corporation, the Palestine Jewish Colonization Association, and Jewish Manufacturers Association to a sub-committee consisting of Chairman Joseph Hutcheson, Lord Morrison, James MacDonald and Crick.

A full public hearing will be held on Saturday, when the Arab Higher Committee and the Anglican Bishop of Palestine will testify. On Saturday, four of the committee members will leave for Transjordan. Monday morning, a public hearing by four members will receive testimony from the Arab churches and the Hitachauth Bnei Yishuv, an association of Palestine-born Jews. Full committee hearings will again be resumed on Tuesday, when the Jewish Agency and the Histadruth will be heard.

Arabs Will Oppose Magnes' Demand For Bi-National State

Jamil Mardam Bey, former Syrian premier, who has been here for several days attempting to reconcile the differences among Palestine Arab groups, left today after having drafted what will be the official Arab reply to Jewish spokesmen who testified before the inquiry committee. It is understood that a special effort will be made to counteract the testimony of Dr. Judah L. Magnes, who called for creation of a bi-national state. The Arabs are reported to believe that his evidence endangered the Arab cause, particularly since he strongly opposed partition.

The inquiry committee today received a memorandum from the "League for Protection of Citizens' Rights," which is composed of refugees who entered Palestine illegally. It points out that although these 20,000 people were counted against the 75,000 White Paper quota, they are barred from seeking Palestine citizenship, may not bring their wives and children here, cannot practice the professions and cannot secure visas for even temporary visits abroad.

HUNGARIAN RESIDENTS OF BUDAPEST EXPELLED BY ANTI-SEMITIC MOB

BUDAPEST, March 19. (JTA) -- Jewish residents of Sasgvar, in Hungary, were recently driven from the township by anti-Semitic mobs, the newspaper Kis Ujsag reports today. It calls for Government action to curb anti-Jewish activities.

FIRST TRANSPORT OF JEWISH REFUGEES LEAVES GERMANY FOR OVERSEAS DESTINATIONS

FRANKFURT, March 19. (JTA) -- A group of 35 Jews from Germany and Eastern Europe left here today with French transit visas for Paris, from where they will proceed to other countries. A few are going to England, some to Cuba, and others to South America, it was announced by the JDC.

George Hearing, State Department immigration coordinator for the six United States consulates in Germany, conferred today with representatives of the Army, UNRRA, the War Shipping Administration, the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee and HIAS. Meeting in the newly established consular offices here, they discussed the procedures that will be followed by the consuls and the voluntary agencies concerning the emigration of German and displaced Jews.

David Eisenberg, JDC representative in Berlin, arrived here today, en route to Paris, from where he will accompany the first shipment of children to leave Germany for Palestine. They are expected to sail early in April. Eisenberg received a silver plaque from the Berlin Jewish Community Council in recognition of his services there.

GROUP OF JEWISH REFUGEES SAIL FROM SHANGHAI FOR AUSTRALIA; MANY OTHERS TO FOLLOW

SHANGHAI, March 19. (JTA) -- The first group of 36 Jewish refugees left Shanghai this week for Australia, it was announced here today. They will be followed by several hundred more within the next few months as shipping facilities become available.

About 12,000 Jewish refugees here are still dependent on relief, which they receive from the Joint Distribution Committee, and most of them are looking forward to emigration since there are no prospects for them to become integrated economically. In addition, the Chinese Government has made it clear that it does not want European refugees, except those who can contribute to China's rehabilitation.

Representatives of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees are now studying the problem of the Jewish refugees, most of whom fled from Germany, Austria and Poland. Charles Jordan, a representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, believes that it will be possible to evacuate all the Jewish refugees from Shanghai within two years.

As matters stand today, many of the refugees can go to Australia and others to Latin American countries. But very few Latin American countries maintain consulates here. Thus it is very difficult to secure visas to these countries, even when the applicants receive notification from the governments concerned that visas have been approved for them. In order to receive a visa to some of the South and Central American countries, refugees would have to go to Chungking, and in some cases to Moscow or to San Francisco where the nearest consulate is situated.

Several hundred Jewish refugees are now working for the American armed forces, while some have found other jobs. But of the 15,000 Jewish refugees in Shanghai more than 3,000 are able to support themselves. The J.D.C. is, therefore, spending \$100,000 a month on medical and other aid for them, in addition to food and clothing which they receive from UNRRA.

ALL-SLOVAKIAN JEWISH CONGRESS CONVENED IN BRATISLAVA; ATTENDED BY GOVT. REPRESENTATIVE

BRATISLAVA, March 18. (JTA) -- An all-Slovakian Jewish congress, convened by the Union of Jewish Communities in Slovakia, opened here today with services commemorating Czechoslovak Jewish martyrs. Government representatives attended the opening session.

U.S. ARMY AGREES TO RETURN TO GERMANY OF REFUGEES WHO FLED TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE, March 19. (JTA) -- Jewish refugees from Germany who desire to return to that country from Czechoslovakia will be permitted to do so, the UNRRA officer in charge of displaced persons announced here today, following a conference with American military authorities.

The agreement with the U.S. Army, the announcement said, covers not only former German nationals, but foreigners and stateless persons who were resident in Germany before the advent of Nazism. UNRRA has been authorized to issue permits to those who wish to return.

A Czech police officer named Jansek and two non-commissioned officers will go on trial here on March 26, accused of mistreating Jews in Theresienstadt. The president of the Peoples Court has requested all former inmates of the camp to appear as prosecution witnesses.

The Prague Jewish Community announced today that it is establishing a home for aged persons who have returned from Nazi camps to find that none of their family has survived.

JEWISH GROUP WANTS TO TAKE OVER MIDDLESEX COLLEGE, HEARINGS IN BOSTON REVEAL

BOSTON, March 19. (JTA) -- A Jewish group of citizens is interested in taking over Middlesex College, it was disclosed here yesterday at a hearing before the legislative committee on education. The college has been involved in a long controversy as to its status as an approved medical school.

Senator Edward M. Rowe of Cambridge, who is urging the revocation of the institution's charter, stated that it was his understanding that "the Zionists were interested in taking over Middlesex College." Isador Muchnick, a member of the Boston City Council, who represented the college, stated that it is true that a group of Jewish citizens are considering taking over the institution, but it was not necessarily a Zionist group or that it was "a Zionist venture."

APPOINTMENT OF BARUCH AS U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY REPRESENTATIVE HAILED BY N.Y. TIMES

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- The appointment of Bernard M. Baruch as American representative on the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission was welcomed today by the New York Times, which says that he combines "with his ripe wisdom the energy and youthfulness of outlook to make him seem the appropriate choice for this task which carries with it so heavy a responsibility."

In an editorial headed "A Good Appointment," the Times writes that Mr. Baruch has the qualities which are chiefly needed in the members of such a commission: a "judicial temperament, willingness to weigh without prejudice every proposal put forward, a broad judgment of the political factors, and above all a broad judgment of the human factors involved."

Mr. Baruch, whose nomination is expected to go to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this week, which is certain to approve it, has already named several persons to assist him, including Herbert Bayard Swope, well-known editor and publicist.

CENTRAL JEWISH BODIES SUBMIT JOINT MEMORANDUM TO UNRRA; ASK AID FOR 500,000 JEWS

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Assistance in finding new homes for an estimated 500,000 Jewish displaced persons in Europe is sought in a joint memorandum submitted today to the UNRRA Council, which is now meeting in Atlantic City, by the World Congress, the American Jewish Conference and the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The memorandum asks for representation in the administration of UNRRA and for its aid in gaining the cooperation of the United Nations Organization and the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees.

While acknowledging the achievements of UNRRA for the DP's in the camps in Germany, Austria and Italy, the memorandum asserts that "the most pressing problems confronting the Jewish displaced persons are still far from solution." The memorandum paints an even darker picture of the Jews in the Western European countries, especially France, Belgium and Holland where many of the surviving Jews are in need yet are "almost totally deprived of help" because they are still classified as "enemy nationals. We urge the Council to remedy this situation without delay," says the memorandum.

Inasmuch as "a vast majority" of the 500,000 Jewish displaced persons in Europe prefer, according to the memorandum, to go to Palestine, UNRRA is requested "to enlist the cooperation of the Mandatory Power whose assistance is critical" in the resettlement problem.

Specific suggestions are made in the memorandum with regard to the rehabilitation, education, health and care of the Jewish displaced persons in the camps in Germany, Austria and Italy. Among these recommendations are: 1. Occupational therapy for those in danger of demoralization because of lack of opportunity to apply themselves usefully and productively. 2. Vocational training and educational facilities for the others. 3. Land grants for the establishment of production and agricultural projects with wages paid in "negotiable currency" to the workers. 4. All-Jewish hospitals inasmuch as "most of the patients dread ministrations by German 'scientists'!" 5. Employment of Jewish DP's on UNRRA staff supervising recreational activities. 6. Ease strictures in shipments of supplies to the camp residents.

Jewish Labor Committee Asks UNRRA To Support Demand of Jewish DP's for Emigration

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- A recommendation that UNRRA seek an ultimate solution to the problems of displaced Jews by supporting their demands that they be permitted to emigrate to a country of their own choosing has been made to the American representatives to the UNRRA Council, now meeting at Atlantic City, by the Jewish Labor Committee delegation, which recently returned from a tour of the American zones of Germany and Austria.

Emphasizing that the greatest portion of displaced and refugee Jews want to migrate to Palestine, the delegation has asked that the doors of Palestine be opened and that migration of those who want to go to other countries be facilitated. The group, which spent two months in Germany and Austria and visited nearly every camp where displaced Jews reside, called for improved living conditions and the resettlement of Jews in homes and communities rather than camps, as temporary relief measures.

Improvement of diet and clothing distribution were also declared to be necessary. A comprehensive rehabilitation program, including the establishment of shops and vocational schools, the encouragement of educational and social activities and the organization of farming communities should be undertaken immediately, the Labor Committee group declared.

They also asked for a greater degree of freedom for the Joint Distribution Committee and other Jewish relief agencies.

N.Z.O. AND JEWISH STATE PARTY MERGE FOR ELECTION TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- The New Zionist Organization of America and the Jewish State Party of America today announced that they "have joined forces to bring to the World Zionist Congress the maximum strength of State Zionists" in an effort "to enforce a militant and constructive program leading to the speedy establishment of a Jewish State."

In the first step toward ultimate fusion, both groups have formed an election bloc, under the name "United Zionists-Revisionists (New Zionists and Jewish State Party)." A joint council of 23 and an executive of nine under the chairmanship of Meir Grossman has been elected to conduct all current political and organizational activities. On April 7, the United Zionists-Revisionists will hold a national pre-election convention in New York, with the participation of all groups which are in accord with their aims, to adopt and announce the election platform.

"We are confident that all open-minded Zionists, who are informed of the aims, program and work of both groups, will give their utmost and increased support to the re-united State Zionists movement within the World Zionist Organization," the statement issued today says. "Jewish patriotism, devotion to the cause of national liberation at a time of deadly crisis, and desire to bring a greater measure of unity and concerted action in Zionist ranks, have dictated our decision to join forces."

AMERICAN CHRISTIANS URGED TO GIVE GREATER SUPPORT TO JEWISH DEMANDS IN PALESTINE

PROVIDENCE, R.I., March 19. (JTA) -- A demand for a vigorous campaign by American Christians to arouse greater support for Jewish demands in Palestine was voiced here today by Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York on the closing day of the Ninth Annual World Affairs week, sponsored by 57 civic organizations of the state.

Addressing a forum on international affairs, Representative Celler called for forceful action to attain what he described as simple justice for the Jewish people the world over. "We have never been angry enough," he said. "We must make more noise, send telegrams to the President and to members of Congress and seek to win the support of our Christian friends."

"All over the Christian world," he said, "the bars of immigration are up against the Jew." He added that "the Jew has been the scapegoat of political perverts everywhere. There is no one to contend for him, no one to fight for him."

The speaker viewed with disdain the current Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on the Palestine question. He described it as simply another in a long series of devices to thwart the righteous aims of the Jewish people to obtain a homeland.

MAYOR O'DWYER OFFICIALLY WELCOMES EDITOR OF PALESTINE HEBREW NEWSPAPER

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Mayor O'Dwyer today officially welcomed Dan Pines, editor of the "Davar," largest Palestine Hebrew newspaper, who is now on a visit to this country, representing the Palestine Federation of Labor. A resolution welcoming the Palestine visitor was later offered by majority and minority members of the City Council.

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