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ALL JEWS SERVING IN POLISH ARMY UNDER BRITISH COMMAND INVITED TO RETURN TO POLAND

LONDON, March 20. (JTA) -- All Polish Jews who served in the Polish armed forces under British command are being offered repatriation to Poland regardless of whether they were born in the section of Poland which is now part of the USSR, it was announced here today by Polish Government spokesmen.

The announcement was made following a statement made in the House of Commons today by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin concerning the demobilization of the Polish forces. Bevin pledged that those not wishing to return will receive assistance from the British Government and other governments to start a new life outside Poland with their families and dependents. Describing the problem as difficult, Bevin said the British Government could not at this stage give a guarantee that all these men will be enabled to settle in British territory at home or overseas. Plans to be made will depend largely on the number of those still remaining, which will not be known for some weeks.

Palestine Govt. Reneges on Pledge To Re-Admit Members of Allied Forces

JERUSALEM, March 20. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government has given the Jewish Agency only 500 of the 1,500 immigration certificates allotted for March and April.

The balance of 1,000 are being withheld for "further consideration," it is learned. It is understood that about 200 are being reserved for Jewish soldiers still in the Czech army, and several hundred for "illegal immigrants" who enlisted in Palestine, and are now serving in the British army or the Jewish Brigade.

This action is contrary to the announcement by the Palestine Government, appearing in the Official Gazette for March 8, that members or veterans of the Allied forces who enlisted in Palestine will be re-admitted to the country without regard to immigration restrictions.

DEPORTATIONS FROM PALESTINE TO ERYTHRA STILL POSSIBLE, BRITISH MINISTER INDICATES

LONDON, March 20. (JTA) -- In view of the present situation in Palestine, no assurances can be given that there will not be further deportations of Palestine Jews to Eritrea, Arthur Creech-Jones, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, said today.

(In Jerusalem today, the Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish extremist group, submitted a memorandum to the Anglo-American inquiry committee, in which it warned that it would resist by force any decision unfavorable to the Jews. The Irgun reiterated its demand for a Jewish state on both sides of the Jordan.)

Replying in the House of Commons to a question by Konni Zilliacus, Laborite, Creech-Jones pointed out that the deportations were carried out under the emergency regulations promulgated by the High Commissioner to maintain public safety and order.

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JEWISH DP'S MUST BE TRANSFERRED FROM GERMANY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, JUDGE RIFKIND REPORTS

NEW YORK, March 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish survivors in the camps in Germany and Austria cannot wait much longer for the Allied powers to find a solution to their homelessness, Judge Simon H. Rifkind, former adviser on Jewish affairs to the American forces in the European Theatre, warned today at a press conference here. He returned this week from five months of service at U. S. Army headquarters in Germany.

In response to a question asking him to estimate when the Jewish DP camps might close, in light of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes' statement that all except "persecuted peoples" camps would be closed by the end of August, Judge Rifkind said that he hoped that the Jewish DP's would be moved to a permanent place of abode before then, because their morale and mental health could not hold up that long.

He reiterated his earlier statements that the majority of the Jews wished to go to Palestine, and must be helped in reaching there. The urgency of the situation caused him to "plead" with the Anglo-American inquiry committee for an interim report recommending the immediate admission of the displaced Jews of Europe, Judge Rifkind declared.

(British and American newspapers today reported from Jerusalem that reliable sources say the Anglo-American inquiry committee will back President Truman's request for the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews from Europe to Palestine. The report added that it was reliably learned that had the committee issued an interim report in Vienna, 11 of its 12 members would have voted in favor of admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine.)

Judge Rifkind asserted that there were 55,000 displaced Jews in the American zone of Germany, and 100,000 Jewish DP's in all zones of Germany and Austria. He emphasized that there was a total of 300,000 Jews either homeless or faced with imminent homelessness in Central and Eastern Europe. He termed any attempt at large-scale resettlement of Jews in Europe a "pipe dream," pointing out that Nazi racialism still polluted the atmosphere and made the Jews "unwanted" anywhere on the continent.

Speaking of the Eastern European Jews, Judge Rifkind said that "relatively small numbers" of Polish, Hungarian, Rumanian, and Carpathian Jews were still filtering into the U.S. Zone in Germany. President Truman's directive facilitating immigration into this country would provide the German-born Jews with a "reasonable opportunity" for migration, he stated, adding, however, that because of the small number of visas assigned to Eastern European countries, the Polish and Eastern European Jews in Germany had a very "slim" chance of being admitted to the United States.

LOWDERMILK PLAN WOULD VIOLATE SACRED PLACES IN PALESTINE, INQUIRY COMMITTEE TOLD

JERUSALEM, March 20. (JTA) -- On the heels of the opposition voiced by the Palestine Government to the proposed Lowdermilk irrigation plan, the Church of Scotland presbytery in Jerusalem today submitted a memorandum to the Anglo-American inquiry committee declaring that if this plan were carried out, it would spoil the sanctity of the Sea of Galilee and other places "sacred to millions of Christian hearts."

The memorandum declared that the attention of the world had been concentrated on the issue of Palestine as between Moslems and Jews, to the practical exclusion of Christian communities. The religious stake of Christians in the Holy Land places is just as great as that of Jews or Moslems, the memorandum added.

PALESTINE CORRESPONDENT WITH INQUIRY COMMITTEE RELEASED BY LEBANESE; FETTERED BY PREMIER

BEIRUT, Lebanon, March 20. (JTA) -- After he was held under guard and incommunicado at the Hotel Normandie here for 27 hours, Yehuda Hellman, a Palestine citizen and correspondent for the Palestine Post, English-language daily, was released at 10 p.m. last night and, as an eccentric anti-climax to the affair, was suddenly invited by Premier Sami Bey Solh of Lebanon to be his guest at a Palace banquet honoring the sub-committee of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry on Palestine.

(Hellman was arrested Monday night, together with Gerold Frank, Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, on unexplained charges. Frank was subsequently released and an apology made by the secret police for his detention and questioning.)

Hellman, accompanied by the same members of the secret police who had been guarding him at his hotel where he was under "protective custody," was greeted at the Palace by Terence Shone, the British Minister, who said: "I'm glad to see you. I personally demanded your release. Such things happen and misunderstandings are natural."

A moment later Hellman, who had previously been asked by the secret police whether he carried arms, after his room was searched, was greeted by Nicholas Bustros, director of protocol for the Lebanese Government, and by the Lebanese director-general of the police, who both offered toasts to his health.

The Palestine Post correspondent was then presented to the Premier, who warmly welcomed him and said, with an elaborate gesture, "Make yourself at home."

When Hellman departed for his hotel, however, he discovered that he was followed by the same secret police detail. Moreover, his passport and identity card have still to be returned to him.

British Envoy Intervened After Protest by Hutcheson

It is understood here that the British envoy intervened with the Lebanese police after Judge Joseph C. Hutcheson, American member of the commission and its co-chairman, had remarked to the ambassador that he was "annoyed by such Lebanese melodramatics."

The affair is prominently displayed today in the entire Arabic press under such headlines as "The Mystery of Room 214," the room at the hotel shared by Hellman and Frank.

The entire matter is believed to have caused embarrassment for the Government, which is unhappy that the committee obtained this glimpse of Lebanon as a police state.

Yesterday afternoon, the committee heard representatives of the press, commercial and political groups join in denouncing Zionists as "fascists" and "imperialists" who endangered the entire Arab world.

The Government itself presented a memorandum to the committee, declaring that establishment of a Jewish state on her borders would be a threat to Lebanon.

WISE, SILVER HIT DELETION BY INQUIRY GROUP OF TESTIMONY ON MUFTI'S PRO-AXIS RECORD

NEW YORK, March 20. (JTA) -- The deletion of testimony by Arab spokesmen, Jamal el Hussein and Auni Bey Abdul Hadi, who admitted the war-time association of the ex-Mufti with Hitler, from the stenographic transcript of the proceedings of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry was condemned today by Drs. Stephen S. Wise and Abba Hillel Silver as "suppression of evidence" and as an act which "tends to undermine all faith in the correctness and impartiality of the Inquiry."

CHURCHILL DECLARES HE WILL NOT "DESERT" ZIONISM; URGES ANGLO-AMERICAN TRUSTEESHIP

NEW YORK, March 20. (JTA) -- Declaring that he is not one to desert a great historic cause, Winston Churchill gave assurance that he has always been a Zionist and he is still a Zionist, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, disclosed today following a conversation he had with the British war-time Premier on the eve of his return to England.

Speaking before the members of the national executive of the ZOA, Dr. Silver, who was presented to Churchill by Bernard Baruch, reported that the British Conservative leader reaffirmed his support of the Jewish National Home in Palestine and free immigration to the fullest absorptive capacity of that country, and favors a joint trusteeship of Great Britain and U.S.A. to bring about this end.

Setting forth his position on Zionism, Churchill stated that he is ready to stand alone on this issue in his own party, if necessary. He recalled that he was one of those who backed the Balfour Declaration and that he still stands by the commitments contained in that historic pledge to the Jewish people. He referred time and again to the achievements of the Jews in Palestine who, he said, have made a "desert bloom like a rose." Churchill paid tribute to the role played by members of the Palestine Jewish Brigade, the formation of which he sanctioned during the war.

At the same meeting of the national executive, a call to enroll one million General Zionists as purchasers of the "shekel" which would entitle them to vote in the elections to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, scheduled to open in Palestine in August, was unanimously ratified. A committee was named for the purpose of officially inviting Hadassah, women's Zionist Organization of America, to join with the ZOA in a united campaign and in one slate of candidates to the World Zionist Congress.

GOERING ADMITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANTI-JEWISH DECREES; SAYS HE OPPOSED 1938 POGROMS

NUREMBERG, March 20. (JTA) -- Although admitting his responsibility for many anti-Jewish decrees issued by the Nazis, Herman Goering today told the International Military Tribunal that he had protested against the pogroms which swept Germany in Nov., 1938, following the assassination of Ernst von Rath, German diplomat in Paris.

His explanation that he had requested the Security Police not to act against the participants in the pogroms, because he wanted to present the matter to Hitler personally, was challenged by U.S. Prosecutor Justice Robert Jackson, who said: "You know that is not true. I put it to you squarely."

Goering admitted that he had ordered Nazi Party courts to remove from penal court jurisdiction the cases of Nazis charged with excesses against Jews. He also conceded that these courts were instructed to conceal the fact that party members were ordered to start actions against Jews and that minor punishments were imposed for murdering Jews.

The former Reichsmarshal charged that Heinrich Himmler and Josef Goebbels were more radical on the Jewish question than he, as was Julius Streicher. He added, however, that Streicher, since he was not a member of the Government, had little influence.

(In a confession made public yesterday by British occupation authorities, Rudolf Hoess, commandant of the Oswiecim camp, admitted that he had personally supervised the gassing of more than 2,000,000 persons, most of them Jews from Poland and Hungary and some from Holland and Belgium.)



SOVIET ORGAN ATTACKS ARAB LEAGUE; URGES ARABS TO COOPERATE WITH JEWS FOR INDEPENDENCE

MOSCOW, March 20. (JTA) -- Viktor Lutsky, Soviet lecturer in history writing in the Soviet Trade Union organ, "Trud," criticized the Arab League for not "raising the question of the evacuation of British troops from Palestine" and for not cooperating with Jewish democratic organizations in a joint struggle for Palestine's independence.

Outlining for the first time in the press the Soviet attitude towards the Arab League, Lutsky said: "According to our point of view, both reactionary and progressive elements are represented in the League. On the Palestine problem, as well as on Syria and the Lebanon, the League made a number of progressive demands, but did not take up a position of consistent and genuine defense of Arab national interests in all their volume, did not raise the question of evacuation of British troops from Palestine, and has not established cooperation with Jewish democratic organizations to carry on a joint struggle for Palestine's independence."

"The Soviet Union's attitude to the Arab countries stems from its policy of supporting the rights of peoples to self-determination and to the free development of national minorities," he added.

LABOR REPRESENTATIVES OPPOSE ANTI-IMMIGRATION BILL AT HEARINGS OF HOUSE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, March 20. (JTA) -- Representatives of the CIO, the AFL, the Women's Trade Union League and the National Conference of Labor Legionnaires today denounced the Gossett Bill, which would halve immigration for the next ten years.

Testifying before the House Immigration and Naturalization Committee, they opposed any cut in immigration quotas until a commission of experts can make a study of the problem of post-war immigration. The labor spokesmen asserted that immigration had no bearing on the unemployment problem, since it "is automatically checked in periods of unemployment, while it rises in periods of prosperity."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE SUBMITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON REHABILITATION TO UNRRA COUNCIL

NEW YORK, March 20. (JTA) -- Three major recommendations for the rehabilitation of victims of Nazism now in Germany were presented by the American Jewish Committee to the American delegation to the UNRRA Council now in session in Atlantic City, it was announced here today. The recommendations are:

1. Vocational training and guidance and the employment in industrial and agricultural projects of skills present and to be acquired, for persons eligible for UNRRA care who suffered persecution by the Nazis because of race, religion or activities in favor of the United Nations. This resolution proposes that the UNRRA employ the assistance of voluntary agencies for personnel and supplies, and that the program be financed by local currency provided by governments, military commands and other authorities according to existing agreements and through UNRRA general resources to the amount of \$3,000,000.
2. Unaccompanied and displaced children and minors now under the care of UNRRA in occupied areas, which do not provide the means for proper care, education and training shall be placed in the hands of responsible agencies, groups or individuals able to care for and educate them outside these areas, until such time as they are permanently settled.
3. Persons subjected to Nazi persecution during the war due to race or religion who, having moved across national boundaries since cessation of hostilities, are not eligible for UNRRA assistance, shall be included in the authorized care of the

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PALESTINE GOVERNMENT APPROVES TEL AVIV MUNICIPALITY LOAN OF OVER \$4,000,000

JERUSALEM, March 20. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government today announced approval of a loan of \$4,400,000 floated by the municipality of Tel Aviv.

JEWISH STATE PARTY AND REVISIONISTS IN PALESTINE MERGE; FORM NEW PARTY

JERUSALEM, March 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish State Party and the New Zionist Organization today announced their merger and the creation of a new party called the United Zionist-Revisionists.

(Similar action was taken yesterday by the Jewish State and NZO groups in Britain and the United States.)

GOV. DEWEY ASKED TO SUPPORT BILL OUTLAWING RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS ON REAL ESTATE

NEW YORK, March 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephan S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, and Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, today sent a joint appeal to Governor Thomas E. Dewey urging him to endorse publicly the Falk-Andrews Bill, which would outlaw restrictive covenants on real estate.

Governor Dewey was also asked by nine organizations to support the Austin-Mahoney Bill outlawing racial and religious discrimination in educational institutions, so that the bill may be enacted into law in the current session of the State Legislature. The nine groups who signed the appeal to the Governor are: The New York State A.F. of L., the New York State CIO, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the United Parents Association, the Jewish War Veterans, the Anti-Defamation League, the National Urban League, the Committee of Catholics for Human Rights and the American Jewish Congress.

MAURICE FALK, NOTED JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST AND STEEL EXECUTIVE, DIES AT MIAMI BEACH

MIAMI BEACH, March 20. (JTA) -- Maurice Falk, noted Jewish philanthropist and steel executive died here yesterday at the age of 79, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Falk, who rose to leadership of some of the largest steel companies in America, began his career as a tailor in Pittsburgh at the age of fourteen. One of the founders of the Weirton Steel Company and a director of the National Steel Corporation, Mr. Falk established a \$10,000,000 fund in 1929 in memory of his first wife, Laura. The fund was earmarked for religious, charitable, and educational welfare. Among the many projects financed by the fund was a study of the resettlement problems of European refugees in the Dominican Republic.

In conjunction with his brother, Leon, Falk also donated \$900,000 to the medical center of the University of Pittsburgh. Among his many social welfare affiliations were his directorships of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropy, the Montefiore Hospital, and the Young Men's and Women's Hebrew Associations, all of Pittsburgh. He was also a member and director of the Rodef Shalom Congregation.

JACOB WURZEL, OSWIECIM SURVIVOR, SECRETARY OF HECHALUTZ MOVEMENT OF BOHEMIA-MORAVIA, DIES

PRAGUE, March 20. (JTA) -- Jacob Wurzel, secretary of the Hechalutz movement of Bohemia and Moravia, died today after a lengthy illness.

Wurzel, a former inmate of both the Theresienstadt and Oswiecim concentration camps, devoted himself to the rebuilding of the Jewish youth movement after his liberation.

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