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TRANSJORDAN PROCLAIMED AN INDEPENDENT STATE; WILL APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO U.N.O.

LONDON, March 22. (JTA) -- Transjordan, which since 1922 has been a part of the Palestine Mandate, became a sovereign, independent state at 12:45 this afternoon, when it signed a treaty of mutual assistance and alliance with Britain.

The text of the treaty will not be made public before it is presented to Parliament early next week. The document terminating the Mandate and guaranteeing Transjordan's independence was signed at a ceremony in the Foreign Office, with Under-Secretary of Colonies Arthur Creech-Jones signing for the British Government and Ibrahim Pasha Hashim for Emir Abdullah, the ruler of Transjordan.

(United States recognition of Transjordan as an independent state will follow only after its expected application for membership in the United Nations Organization is accepted by the U.N.O, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told today by the State Department. For the present, the American Consul General in Jerusalem, who is accredited to Transjordan, will continue to represent the U.S.)

The military provisions of the treaty are believed here to include mutual assistance in the event of either of the contracting parties becoming involved in a war, including the grant of communication facilities to Britain by Transjordan. They also are reported to stipulate that Transjordan must provide facilities for British protection of the vital oil pipelines running through the country from Iraq to Haifa, in Palestine.

The main political provisions are believed to be: 1. Britain to sponsor Transjordan's application for membership in the United Nations Organization. 2. An exchange of diplomatic representatives. 3. Neither country shall adopt an attitude to any third country inconsistent with their mutual friendship.

Treaty Called a "One-Sided Arrangement;" Jewish Agency Not Consulted

While leaders of the Jewish Agency refrained from commenting on the termination of the Transjordan Mandate, Rabbi Philip Bernstein of Rochester, who arrived here today from the United States to participate in the drive for the United Palestine Appeal in Britain, told representatives of the British press that he believes that the independence of Transjordan would be "an irritant." He explained that "the treaty signed today is a one-sided arrangement made without consulting either the Jewish Agency or the United States."

"Transjordan was part of Palestine when the Balfour Declaration was made and the Palestine Mandate was granted, Rabbi Bernstein stated. "The independence of Transjordan seems to place finality on the exclusion of the Jews from that region." He deplored the fact that under her treaty of independence Transjordan "would be deprived of the opportunity of progressing. The difference between Transjordan and Palestine is that between day and night. In Transjordan there is abysmal poverty, degradation and ignorance as contrasted with a modern world of education, sanitation, public health, electricity and everything else in Palestine."

ASSYRIAN LEADER TELLS ANGLO-U.S. INQUIRY GROUP HIS PEOPLE FAVOR JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE

BEIRUT, Lebanon, March 22. (JTA) -- Secret, written testimony submitted several days ago to Judge Joseph C. Hutcheson, American co-chairman of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, which was divulged here today, reveals that the Assyrian people of the Middle East favor the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine. The document is signed by a prominent leader of the Assyrians, whose name was not released in order to protect him from Arab reprisals.

Declaring that the "Arab League does not represent the Assyrians, who do not recognize the League and are not bound by its decisions," the document asserts that the setting up of a Jewish state will serve as a great moral relief to the Assyro-Chaldeans. "Millions of inhabitants in this part of the world are now following the work of your commission and wish you every success in removing one of the most flagrant acts of injustice and end the sufferings of a martyred people," the statement says.

"Many millions feel and know that the case of the Jews is right," the statement emphasizes, "but unfortunately conditions prevailing in most Eastern countries are such that the peoples' leaders cannot voice the true state of affairs. Please take into consideration the fact that every person testifying to the truth before your commission is exposing himself to the greatest danger and reprisals."

The document also asks guarantees for half million Assyrians under a free democratic Kurdish Government in Kurdistan, a Middle East area which includes sections of Turkey, Syria, Iran, and Iraq. It points out that attempts during the last three decades have failed to produce a reasonable solution to the Assyrian problem and that none will be found unless a democratic, benevolent Kurdish Government is established, capable of treating the Christian Assyrians with justice.

James G. MacDonald, American member of the inquiry committee, had an audience today with Monsignor Anthony Peter Arida, Patriarch and spiritual leader of all Maronites; Archbishop Ignatz Mourbarak, of Beirut; and Archbishop Abdullah al Khouri. The three Catholic leaders presented testimony for the consideration of the entire inquiry body.

American Christians Laud Archbishop of Lebanon for His Statement on Palestine

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Carl Hermann Voss and Dean Howard M. LeSourd, co-directors of the American Christian Palestine Committee, today cabled their "deep admiration and gratitude for the courageous statement" made yesterday by Monsignor Ignatz Mourbarak, Archbishop of the Maronite Church in Beirut, Lebanon, who charged that a sub-committee of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, which took testimony in Lebanon, did not hear the true voice of Lebanese public opinion.

"Your forthright declaration is striking evidence that believers in truth and justice throughout the world are resolved to advance the cause of a Jewish Palestine, and will not be silenced by the reactionary forces of the Arab League and colonial imperialism," Dr. Voss and Dean LeSourd said in their cable to Monsignor Mourbarak.

COMMUNISTS AND REVISIONISTS REVERSE STAND, DECIDE TO APPEAR BEFORE INQUIRY COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, March 22. (JTA) -- Although they had previously stated that they would not appear, both the Communist and the Revisionist parties here will send spokesmen to the hearings of the Anglo-American inquiry committee on Tuesday, it was learned today.

The full committee will reconvene tomorrow. On Monday it will divide into two sub-committees, in order that as many witnesses as possible may be heard.

TRAIN CARRYING JEWISH REPATRIATES FROM USSR SENT ON TEN-DAY DETOUR BY UNFRIENDLY POLES

MOSCOW, March 22. (JTA) -- A train carrying one of the first group of Jewish repatriates to return to Poland from the Soviet Union was sent on a ten-day detour by an unidentified group of unfriendly Poles, it was reported here today.

When the train carrying the repatriates reached Wroclaw, the former German city of Breslau, the cars carrying Poles were uncoupled, while those carrying Jews were shunted around for ten days, until the train reached Rychbach, which is only 40 miles from Wroclaw. As a result of an immediate investigation by Government authorities, however, all subsequent transports have arrived in Rychbach without delay.

The Polish Press Agency reported from Warsaw that 26,000 Jews have been settled in the Lower Silesia pre-war German areas regained by Poland, and that 10,000 more Jews will come to the region. Among the cities in which the Jews have settled, it said, are Wroclaw, Rychbach, Walbrzych and Lignica. The dispatch said Jewish committees in Lower Silesia are helping the Jews build homes and obtain employment. However, as a result of resentment by Poles, the local Jewish committees are not only assisting Jews, but all repatriates.

Polish Minister of Industry Hilary Mins, in a statement issued in Warsaw, declared that the former German industries in Silesia can furnish a livelihood for many Jews. Jews who are interested in agriculture are being settled on farms.

Some of the repatriates from the USSR encountered at Rychbach Jews who had recently returned from Munich, to where they had fled because they feared they would be murdered if they remained in Poland, the report received here reveals. The latter group reported that living conditions in the U.S. camps in the Munich area were bad, and that there was little hope that the Jews would be able to emigrate.

There are now 60,000 Jews in all of Poland, of whom 20,000 are employed, according to a statistical survey broadcast today by the Warsaw radio.

SARONA MAYOR, PROMINENT PALESTINE NAZI AND S.S. LEADER, SHOT TO DEATH NEAR TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, March 22. (JTA) -- Gotthilf Wagner, former mayor of the German colony of Sarona, near Tel Aviv, and one of the leading Palestine Nazis, was today shot to death as he journeyed from Sarona to Wilhelma, another German community. Before the war he was a S.S. group leader.

The attack took place on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. One man alighted from a taxi and approached the car in which Wagner and a police escort were sitting, and opened fire. No one else in the car was hurt. The attacker immediately re-entered the taxi and fled. Although Wagner was carrying over \$3,000, no money was taken.

Wagner, an owner of a large iron foundry in Jaffa, was interned by the Palestine Government during the war. He acted as liaison agent between the other detained Palestine Nazis and the Administration, and also served as trustee for their property. Throughout the war he paid taxes to the Tel Aviv municipality in order to maintain German claims to various plots of land in the city.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SEEKS LEGALIZATION OF REFUGEES WHO ENTERED COUNTRY ILLEGALLY

MONTREAL, March 22. (JTA) -- The legalization of the status of a number of refugees who entered Canada illegally during the war will be asked in a bill, which will shortly be introduced in Parliament by Secretary of State Paul Martin, it was reported here today.

U.S. COMMANDER IN GERMANY SAYS HE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO JEWS IN DP CAMPS

FRANKFURT, March 22. (JTA) -- Confirming that Jewish displaced persons are not affected by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes' announcement that most DP camps will be closed by August, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, U.S. Commanding General in the European Theatre, told the press today that he did not know what would happen to them.

Asked what would be done with the Jewish DP's Gen. McNarney said: "I wish you could tell me." He added that the chances are that very few will remain in Germany because "not even one in a 1,000 wishes to stay in Germany."

At a ceremony here yesterday, plaques were unveiled at the sites of the synagogues here, destroyed in Nov., 1938, in the pogroms following the assassination of Nazi attache Ernst vom Rath in Paris. The plaques were put up by the Frankfurt municipality at the suggestion of the military government. Speaking at the unveiling ceremonies, Rabbi Leopold Neuhaus voiced the gratitude of the Jewish community.

In a special broadcast marking the ceremonies, a commentator on the Frankfurt radio reviewed the anti-Jewish crimes of the Nazis and said that "when we hear of the harsh persecutions of Jews in some parts of Eastern Europe today, when in the West, too, victims who have survived the death mills of the Nazis are not exactly received with open arms, this shows to what moral degradation Nazism gave rise also outside of Germany."

The Munich radio today announced that the Jewish Central Committee there has taken over three agricultural schools and model farms in Bavaria. One-hundred persons can be trained at one time on these farms for work in Palestine.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT IGNORES JEWISH BODIES IN DISCUSSING RESTITUTION MEASURES

VIENNA, March 22. (JTA) -- Neither the Jewish Community Council, nor the Central Jewish Committee was invited to a meeting yesterday called by the Minister of the Interior at which he discussed the question of restitution of confiscated property, and presented the draft of the Government's proposed restitution law.

Those invited included representatives of non-Jewish bodies such as the organization of concentration camp prisoners, the organization of victims of the Nazi courts and four partisan groups. However, the Jewish section of the Union of Concentration Camp Prisoners was also invited.

The law, as outlined at the meeting, recognizes two main groups of Nazi victims: those who were placed in concentration camps or who fought with the Austrian partisans; and those who lost property or otherwise suffered from Nazi activity. Leftist groups protested an effort to recognize members of the Heimwehr as victims, pointing out that although they opposed the Nazis before the Anschluss, they never fought for democracy, but were, themselves, a semi-fascist group.

David Brill, president of the Jewish Community Council, complained today that although Vienna's mayor promised a fortnight ago that something would be done to find decent accommodations for Jews within three days, he still has not acted.

ZIONIST GROUPS URGED TO UNITE UNDER DR. SILVER'S LEADERSHIP IN WORLD EXECUTIVE

JERUSALEM, March 22. (JTA) -- All Zionist groups demanding the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State were urged today to unite "so that they could dominate the future World Zionist Executive under the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver." The call for Zionist unity was made in a broadcast over the Palestine radio by Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the ZOA, who is now visiting the country in connection with the Lowdermilk Plan.

J.D.C. ALLOCATES \$1,000,000 FOR MEDICAL RELIEF IN USSR; EQUIPS HOSPITALS

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA)--The Joint Distribution Committee is inaugurating a \$1,000,000 program of medical relief in the Soviet Union and has already shipped five billion Oxford units of penicillin under the terms of an agreement reached recently by the J.D.C. with the Russian Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, it was announced today.

Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman, disclosed that the J.D.C. "will equip five 500-bed hospitals and two 250-bed institutions in the Ukraine and White Russia, areas in which large numbers of the Jewish persons in Russia are now living."

Supplies for the hospitals are now being purchased in the United States. They will be completely equipped with basic operating room and sterilizing room supplies; surgical instruments and accessories; laboratory equipment; diagnostic and therapeutic X-ray equipment and accessories; dental units; physiotherapy apparatus; pharmaceuticals; ophthalmological equipment; hospital linens and clothing and maternity beds and equipment, it was reported.

Additional shipments of penicillin, valued at over \$170,000 will leave this country for the Ukraine and White Russia during the next few months, it was disclosed.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE DECIDES TO GIVE \$250,000 FOR JEWISH INSTITUTIONS IN POLAND

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA)--The Jewish Labor Committee today announced that it will create a special fund of \$250,000 for the maintenance of a number of institutions established in Poland by the surviving Jews there.

The decision was adopted at a special session of the national executive of the committee following a report on the needs of the Jews in Poland made by Jacob Pat, executive secretary of the organization, who recently returned from that country.

Mr. Pat pointed out that while the majority of the Jews in Poland are anxious to emigrate, Jewish communal life is being re-established in many cities. A number of Jewish cooperative enterprises are now functioning, as well as Jewish hospitals and homes for orphaned children. All these need aid from the outside world, he emphasized.

More than 1,000 Jewish orphans sheltered by Polish peasants were "redeemed" by him during his stay in Poland on funds furnished by the Jewish Labor Committee, Pat revealed. He also reported that he made presents on behalf of the Committee to 16 non-Jewish women who rescued Jewish children during the Nazi siege of the Warsaw ghetto and placed them with private non-Jewish families.

POLISH-JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA TO HOLD FIVE-DAY CONGRESS IN MONTEVIDEO

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, March 22. (JTA)--A five-day congress of Polish-Jewish organizations in South America will open here on March 30, with representatives of Polish Jews from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay participating.

The conference will discuss the possibility of immigration of Polish Jews to South America, and the organization of relief for Jews in Poland and needy Polish Jews in South America. The rebuilding of Jewish culture in Poland and South America will also be on the congress agenda.

ATLANTA EDITOR, RETURNING FROM PALESTINE, SAYS COUNTRY OFFERS HOPE FOR DISPLACED JEWS

ATLANTA, Ga., March 22. (JTA)--Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, who has just returned from Germany and Palestine, in an address to the South Eastern States Conference of the United Jewish Appeal, told the 250 Jewish leaders present that what he saw in Palestine leads him to believe that the country "offered the real hope for the displaced Jews in Europe." He strongly urged the Jews of the United States to insure the success of the \$100,000,000 drive now being conducted by the U.J.A.

"I came back convinced purely on the basis of what I've seen," he said, "that the objections to Jewish immigration into Palestine are ridiculous. Jews who are already there have done much to build up the country and those who go there in the future will do much more."

"I found that Jews and Arabs are getting along in neighborly fashion," Mr. McGill stated. "The Jews have learned a lot from the Arabs and the Arabs have learned a lot from the Jews. My feeling is that if there were no power politics between Great Britain and Russia there would be no Arab-Jewish trouble in Palestine."

Mr. McGill reported that conditions in the displaced persons camps have improved considerably. "In those camps where conditions are bad, it's caused almost entirely by the incompetence and the lack of sympathetic feeling on the part of those who are running the camp. But in other camps, where the management is better, conditions are as good as you could expect."

DR. JOSEPH SCHWARTZ FLYING TO SOUTH AFRICA TO DISCUSS RELIEF FOR JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA)--Dr. Joseph Schwartz, chairman of the European executive council of the Joint Distribution Committee, left London by air today for the Union of South Africa, where he will discuss plans with leaders of the South African Jewish War Appeal for the relief and rehabilitation of Europe's Jewish survivors.

According to an announcement in New York today by Edward M.M. Warburg, JDC chairman, Dr. Schwartz will spend two weeks in South Africa before returning to the continent to make an inspection survey of the conditions of Jewish survivors in Poland. Mr. Warburg disclosed that the South African Jewish community is now cooperating, to the extent of \$1,600,000 for the year in the J.D.C. relief and rehabilitation programs for Jewish survivors in European areas.

N.Y. STATE F.E.P.C. COMMISSION REPORTS PROGRESS IN ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION

ALBANY, N.Y., March 22. (JTA)--Wide progress in the elimination of discrimination in employment in New York State was reported to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey by the State Commission Against Discrimination, after eight months of administering the state F.E.P.C. law.

The report states that the law "has been demonstrated to be both wise and workable and is an effective instrument for combating discrimination in the field of employment." The Commission further declared that the elimination of such bias "must be the result of untiring effort, not only in the enforcement of the statute, but in a program of education" designed to develop and increase good-will and a spirit of cooperation.

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