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HUTCHESON RETURNS TO U.S. WITH REPORT URGING ADMITTANCE OF 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, April 23. (JTA) -- Judge Joseph C. Hutcheson, American chairman of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee on Palestine, arrived here today by plane from Lausanne, Switzerland, carrying the Committee's report, which is understood to recommend the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns that Judge Hutcheson will be rushed from Washington to Norfolk to meet President Truman who will arrive there tonight, so that he may submit the report to him before he reaches the capital to attend the funeral of Chief Justice Harlan Stone who died yesterday. Other members of the Committee are expected to arrive here from Europe by plane late today or tomorrow.

Well-informed circles here revealed that in addition to recommending the admission of 100,000 European Jews, the Committee also recommends that Palestine be placed under the United Nations Trusteeship Council when it is formed. The report, it is stated, does not contain any recommendation with regard to the future political status of Palestine.

(Reuter's reports today that "Zionists will reject the recommendations of the Anglo-American committee's report on the ground that they do not fulfill their demand for the setting up of an independent Jewish state.")

The State Department today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it has as yet seen the report. The official text will not be published before President Truman returns to Washington.

Plans for Palestine Partition Reported Rejected

Although the report was written under conditions of the greatest secrecy at Lausanne, on Lake Geneva, it was learned here today that all recommendations with regard to the partitioning of Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states were rejected by the Committee.

While declining to make any comment on the report's recommendations, Judge Hutcheson said that he had been traveling a long time, that he seemed to have been everywhere, that he was glad to be back and that he was looking forward to an early return to Texas. He was met at the Washington airport by Loy Henderson, chief of the Near Eastern Division of the State Department; and by Gordon Merriam of the same division.

It is understood that Judge Hutcheson played a decisive role in the discussions at Lausanne and that it was he who insisted vigorously that 100,000 Jews must be admitted to Palestine immediately. British members of the committee argued that so large a number of emigrants could not be moved quickly, but American military officials,

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summoned by Judge Hatcher from Germany to give expert opinion, testified that the 100,000 could be transported from Europe to Palestine within a maximum of four weeks.

(The N.Y. Times reports from London today that the committee is also believed to have recommended the end of the policy of restricting Jewish land purchases in Palestine although safeguarding some Arab interests, particularly in the Arab sections of Palestine.)

The State Department said today that it has not as yet been decided whether the report of the Committee will be made public through the White House or the Department. The decision seems to be up to President Truman. In the meantime, arrangements are being made for simultaneous release of the report in Washington and in London.

U.S. GOVERNMENT NOT READY TO RECOGNIZE TRANSJORDAN INDEPENDENCE, SAYS BYRNES

WASHINGTON, April 23. (JTA) -- Secretary of State James F. Byrnes today announced that the State Department considers that "it would be premature for this Government to take any decision at the present time with respect to the question of its recognition of Transjordan as an independent state."

The announcement was made a few hours before Byrnes left for Paris to attend the conference of foreign ministers. It emphasized, at the same time, that Britain's recent granting of independence to Transjordan does not violate any existing Anglo-American treaties, or "deprive the United States of any rights or interests which the United States may have with respect to Transjordan."

Byrnes' views with regard to the question of Transjordan were set forth in a letter to Senator Francis J. Myers of Pennsylvania, who had written to the State Department protesting the granting of independence to Transjordan and inquiring about the American attitude. The text of the Byrnes letter, which was made public today by the State Department, reviews the background of the Transjordan affair and points out that Article 25 of the Palestine Mandate distinguishes between the lands west and those east of the Jordan River.

Secretary Byrnes, in his letter, also cites the memorandum approved by the Council of the League of Nations in September 1922, proposing exemption of Transjordan from all clauses of the Palestine Mandate dealing with the Jewish National Home and holy places, and providing for a separate administration in Transjordan. Quoting Article 7, which stipulates against modification of the Mandate without United States assent, he declares that "it has been the consistent position of the Government of the United States that Article 7 does not empower this Government to prevent the modification of the terms of the Mandate.

"This article, however, renders it possible for this Government to decline to recognize the validity of the application to American rights and interests, as defined by the convention, of any modification of the Mandate unless such modification has been assented to by the Government of the United States," Byrnes stressed.

On the other hand, the Secretary's letter points out that the U.S. Government, by signing the 1924 convention with Great Britain, acquiesced in the League's decision for exemption of Transjordan from all the clauses of the Palestine Mandate dealing with the Jewish National Home and the holy places and in the decision that Transjordan "should enjoy any independent position.

"There has been, therefore, a differentiation in the treatment of Transjordan and Palestine since 1923," Byrnes declared, "formally approved by the Council of the League of Nations in September 1922 and tacitly approved by the Government of the United States when it signed and ratified the Convention of December 3, 1924."

TWO JEWS KILLED, TWO WOUNDED IN ATTACKS ON PALESTINE POLICE STATIONS; ARMS SEIZED

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JEA) -- Two Jews were killed and two wounded this morning when a police station at Ramat Gen and a train outside the Tel Aviv railroad station were attacked.

The chief target was the Ramat Gen station, the approaches to which were strewn with land mines. Simultaneously, the northern police station in nearby Tel Aviv was attacked to prevent reinforcements from reaching Ramat Gen.

Despite heavy police fire, the attackers are reported to have escaped with a large quantity of arms and ammunition stored at Ramat Gen.

An inflammatory attack on Jews was delivered in the presence of High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham and other high government officials during a sermon delivered at Good Friday services at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre here.

The sermon was preached by an Arab priest named Father Roux, who was a well known terrorist leader and served a jail sentence during the 1936-1939 riots. He told the congregation that Jews were responsible for the killing of Christ and that they were, in the same fashion, trying to crucify Christianity in Palestine today. The Jews, by murder and violence and bombing, are seeking to drive the Christians from the Holy Land, he added.

The High Commissioner and other officials present, most of whom do not understand Arabic, were unaware of the political nature of the sermon.

STRIKE OF 50,000 GOVERNMENT WORKERS ENDS IN PALESTINE; STRIKERS WIN CONCESSIONS

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- The strike of 50,000 Palestine government employees will end at midnight tonight, it was officially announced in Jerusalem. The concessions made by the Government include some wage increases, retroactive pay, upgrading of jobs and review of war-time cost of living allowances.

Troops and police yesterday dispersed a crowd of several hundred Arab and Jewish strikers who demonstrated before the offices of the Palestine Government shouting: "We Want Bread."

650 CERTIFICATES REPORTED SENT TO LA SPEZIA DETAINEES; NOT LIKELY TO SATISFY REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government today telegraphed 650 immigration certificates to the 1,040 refugees aboard the "Fede" at La Spezia, Italy, it was reliably learned here today.

It is unlikely that this quota will satisfy the refugees, who have been demanding that all be allowed to enter Palestine immediately. During the week end they agreed to postpone sailing of the "Fede" until this Friday, only after receipt of a telegram from Harold Laski stating that Foreign Secretary Bevin had interested himself in the case.

They have threatened that unless 1,040 visas are allotted them, they will set sail for Palestine in face of British opposition, or, if they are prevented from doing so, will sink their vessel.

CZECHOSLOVAK GOVT. AUTHORIZES RETURN TO JEWS OF CONFISCATORY TAXES LEVIED BY NAZIS

PRAGUE, April 23. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak Treasury has authorized repayment to Jews of confiscatory taxes imposed upon them during the German occupation, it was announced here today.

Large stores of machinery found at Theresienstadt are now being distributed by the Ministry of Social Welfare with preference being given to those who suffered from racial persecution. Sewing machines have already been distributed, while applications can now be filed for weaving machines.

The Supreme Council of Jewish Community Councils of Czechoslovakia has decided not to consent to the sale of synagogues or other community property until all details of property restorations have been settled and all legal questions cleared up. Until such time all immovable community property will be leased on a temporary basis on condition that the buildings be used exclusively for religious, cultural and educational programs.

Representatives of the World Jewish Congress here have informed the Council that a number of American Jewish families have offered to support Czechoslovak Jews who cannot support themselves. A special roster of the most needy cases is being drawn up by the Council.

BULGARIAN JEWISH LEADER SAYS FATHERLAND FRONT UNOPPOSED TO EMIGRATION TO PALESTINE

SOFIA, April 23. (JTA) -- Hailing Palestine Jewry for its "heroic efforts" to secure free immigration and democratization of the country, Jack Nathan, president of the Jewish section of the Fatherland Front, today attacked the White Paper and declared that the Fatherland Front had no objection to Bulgarian Jews emigrating to Palestine.

Nathan, speaking at the opening of the second national conference of the Jewish section of the Fatherland Front, appealed to the United Zionist Organization to join with it in a common struggle against anti-Semitism and Fascism. He paid tribute to the "freedom-loving Bulgarian people" who, he said, had saved Jews from deportation.

COUNCIL TO BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN JEWS AND CHRISTIANS FORMED IN HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, April 23. (JTA) -- A Council to Combat Intolerance has been established here with the aim of bettering relations between Hungarian Jews and non-Jews.

Leading public figures and prominent churchmen have agreed to work with the Council and the Jewish community has pledged its cooperation.

MORGENTHAU WARNS ANTI-SEMITISM MENACES SURVIVING JEWS OF EUROPE; ASKS SUPPORT OF UNIA

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- Stressing that the governments of liberated Europe "have been unable to cope with the anti-Semitism planted and cultivated by the Nazis," Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury, declared today in a nationwide radio address on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal that "the foundations of the structure of the world of tomorrow will be as sound as its provisions for homeless and oppressed minorities."

Mr. Morgenthau, pointing out that "human beings are still dying of starvation" one year after liberation, stated that "the problem of saving the remnants of European Jewry is one of the most urgent questions facing the architects of the new world." Though a year has elapsed since the armies have left the battlefield, he said, millions of broken human beings are "desperately seeking to defend themselves against the forces of hunger, disease, homelessness and hate."

ATTEMPT BY PALESTINE OFFICIAL TO CONFISCATE J.V.A. DOCUMENTS REPORTED BY NEUMANN

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- An attempt by a Palestine Government official to confiscate important papers connected with the projected Jordan Valley Authority was revealed here by Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Commission on Palestine Surveys.

Dr. Neumann, who has just returned from Palestine where he submitted the JVA plan to the Anglo-American inquiry committee, said that while he was at Lydda airfield, waiting to board a plane for London, he was asked by a Government official to allow his luggage to be inspected. When the official found numerous documents dealing with the JVA project, he informed Dr. Neumann that he would have to impound them.

The Zionist leader protested that he had brought most of the material with him from the United States and declared that he would not leave without it, but was told that "those are my orders from Jerusalem." He was finally permitted to leave without surrendering the papers. He attributed the incident to statements he made while in Palestine which were critical of British rule there.

Reporting that the Palestine Government had submitted "unsigned" memoranda to the Anglo-American committee severely criticizing the JVA plan, Dr. Neuman said that James B. Hays and John L. Savage, the American engineers who designed the project, had refuted the memoranda before the committee and expressed "amazement and distress that such memoranda were submitted by persons who evidently had no experience with such large-scale projects."

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN N.Y. CITY COLLEGE

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- An inquiry into charges of anti-Semitic discrimination in appointments and promotions in the department of Romance Languages at City College was voted unanimously last night by the New York City Board of Higher Education.

The charges were made last year by four members of the department. A faculty board investigated and decided that no evidence supporting the charges existed. A committee of three of the Board of Higher Education will be appointed today by Ordway Tead, chairman of the board. The board also released a statement adopted by members of the department of Romance Languages which expressed confidence in its head, and condemned the charges of anti-Semitism.

HASHOMER HATZAIR CONCLUDES FIVE-DAY CONVENTION IN CANADA; OPPOSES PARTITION

MONTREAL, April 23. (JTA) -- The eleventh biennial convention of the Hashomer Hatzair, which was attended by delegates from the United States, Canada, and Mexico, concluded its five-day session here with the adoption of resolutions opposing the partition of Palestine and criticizing the union of the Jewish resistance movement in Palestine with the Irgun Zvai Leumi, semi-military underground Jewish group.

S. Ben Zvi, of the Palestinian colony of Ein Hashofet, told the conference that the Hashomer Hatzair movement had lost 40,000 members among the Jewish victims of Nazism. The membership of the organization in Palestine, United States, Canada, Latin and South America, South Africa, and Great Britain was reported at 35,000. Many members have already received agricultural training and are awaiting immigration certificates for Palestine, speakers reported. The convention was devoted mainly to a discussion of educational and Hechalutz problems.

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