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LA SPEZIA REFUGEES ANNOUNCE THEY WILL SAIL ON SUNDAY WITH OR WITHOUT PALESTINE VISAS

LA SPEZIA, Italy, April 26. (JTA) -- The 1,014 Jewish refugees who have been detained aboard the *Fede* for the past three weeks announced today that they are sailing for Palestine on Sunday, with or without Palestine immigration visas.

Whether they sail legally or illegally, the refugee group intends to give the British and the world generally 24-hours notice of their sailing time, and their intention is to leave this harbor in broad daylight. "We don't know who can stop us without shooting us," Moshe Feldman, the 24-year-old leader of the desperate group told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent.

Announcement of the position of the British Colonial Office is expected tomorrow. The High Commissioner for Palestine, Sir Alan G. Cunningham, has already offered entry permits to 679 of the group, but the refugees are adamant against accepting any less than permits for the 1,014 aboard the jam-packed craft.

Their leaders are also unwilling to await the report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, now expected to be released next week and which reputedly will recommend the immediate entry of 100,000 Jews into Palestine.

"We have waited patiently for more than three weeks on the pier under terribly difficult conditions," leaders stated yesterday in a telegram sent to Prof. Harold Laski, chairman of the British Labor Party executive, who a fortnight ago spoke to the refugees here and who later intervened on their behalf with Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin. "You personally had an opportunity," the telegram to London continued, "to learn that it is not feasible to divide our group after we suffered equally during our hunger strikes and the crucial period of waiting which followed."

Plan to Sail into Tel Aviv or Jaffa Harbor in Broad Daylight

The would-be immigrants said that they intend sailing into Tel Aviv or Jaffa harbor in broad daylight. "If this is a secret voyage," one of their leaders said, "we will make it the most open 'secret' the world has ever known."

Both the *Fede* and the newly arrived *Eliahu Golomb*, another refugee vessel, after minor alterations have been declared seaworthy by the Italian Government. The various machine parts removed from the *Fede* by the Italian authorities, at the instigation of the British, have now been replaced by new parts. Unless the two ships are blockaded by the British or the Italian navy, nothing apparently can prevent their sailing.

The passengers on the *Fede* have declared they would sink the vessel, and drown with it, or blow it up at sea, rather than be frustrated in their determination to get under way for Palestine. If there is no blockade or firing at La Spezia, the group is confident they cannot be stopped on the high seas.

MASS ARRESTS FOLLOW KILLING OF EIGHT IN PALESTINE; WEIZMANN SCORES TERRORIST ATTACK

JERUSALEM, April 26. (JTA) -- Seventy-one Jews were arrested and detained for questioning today following last night's attack on a police station and a military parking space on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa boundary line in which seven British soldiers and one constable were killed, and nearly 20 Jews wounded, several of them seriously.

The curfew which was clamped down on the area immediately after the attack was lifted early today, following house-to-house searches in the vicinity. More than 1,500 people were questioned, of whom 150 were taken for further interrogation. Later 79 of these were released.

Jewish leaders, led by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, and the Hebrew press, strongly condemned the violence. Following statements by the executive committee of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council scoring the perpetrators of the attack, Dr. Weizmann issued a statement expressing his "abhorrence" at a crime "which could only discredit anyone connected with it." He said that he was certain that all Palestine Jews condemned such crimes and expressed sympathy to the families of the dead soldiers.

At the same time, the Palestine Government Information Office told correspondents that the High Commissioner was shocked by the attack, which he charged was not justified by considerations of any character - military or otherwise - since the car park was not a military objective.

The three-hour attack opened with the explosion of an anti-personnel grenade in the parking area adjoining the police station, according to this morning's official communique. The attackers followed up with small arms and machine gun fire and, under cover of the fire, rushed and captured a guard tent in the parking area. A quantity of arms were removed from the tent and from military vehicles.

Military reinforcements were rushed to the vicinity and established a cordon. They were hampered, however, because the terrorists had mined all approaches and roads to the police station and the parking lot. The police and troops were assisted in their house-to-house search by planes which circled over the area dropping flares. Despite all precautions, however, the attackers escaped through the British lines. Witnesses told of seeing small armed groups withdrawing under cover of darkness.

MORE THAN 850 JEWISH REFUGEES ARRIVE IN PALESTINE; TWO INFANTS BORN EN ROUTE

HAIFA, April 26. (JTA) -- More than 850 passengers, the majority of them orphaned children, disembarked today from the French steamer Champollion, which arrived last night from Marseille.

The only passengers aboard without Palestine immigration certificates were two infants born en route.

ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARRIVE IN U.S.; REFUSE TO COMMENT ON REPORT

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- Five U.S. members of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine arrived today at La Guardia Field.

None of them would comment on the committee's report, which was brought to the United States on Tuesday by U.S. Chairman Judge Joseph C. Hutcheson. The only one to make any comment was Acting Chairman Frank Burton who said that what the Jews have accomplished in Palestine "is nothing short of a miracle."

In a letter released in Washington yesterday, President Truman expressed his thanks to the members of the committee "for untiring efforts which you have exerted in preparing the report."

ARMY PREPARES LARGE CENTER IN BREMEN TO CARE FOR IMMIGRANTS BOUND FOR U.S.

BREMEN, April 26. (JTA) -- The U.S. Army's emigrant center here has sufficient facilities to take care at one time of 1,600 prospective immigrants to the United States, Colonel Charles Johnson, commandant of the station, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

The Army is accepting full responsibility for the immigrants, including feeding and housing them, until their embarkation, when the War Shipping Administration will take over. At the center they will live in the former German Army "Von Tirpitz" barracks, which have been described by Colonel Johnson as three-story, comfortable structures. He also said that a children's playground is being added to the station's facilities.

The first group of 95 men, women, and children from Berlin are expected here Monday morning. Later on Monday another 250 will arrive from Frankfurt. On Wednesday a shipment of several hundred is expected from Munich and Stuttgart.

The former troop transport Marine Flasher, which is now on the high seas, is expected here on May 7 and will leave two days later for the United States with the first boat load of immigrants. The second group will begin arriving at the Bremen station between May 4 and May 7, and will depart aboard the Marine Perch a week later. The third and subsequent shipments are scheduled to leave about a week apart, according to Colonel Johnson.

12,000 to 15,000 Jews Expected to Leave Germany for U.S. During Quota Year

PARIS, April 26. (JTA) -- Between 12,000 and 15,000 Jews are expected to emigrate from the American zone of Germany for the United States during the quota year, Ilya Djour, HIAS director for Germany and Austria, reported at a meeting here of European representatives of the HIAS at which the condition of the surviving Jews of Europe and the possibilities of their emigration from the continent were discussed. Dr. James Bernstein, European director of HIAS, presided.

Djour disclosed that of the prospective immigrants from the Frankfurt and Munich areas, who will entrain for Bremen tomorrow, 80 percent received their visas through the HIAS. Approximately 2,000 Jewish immigrants departed from France bound for Palestine and other countries during the first four months of 1946, the French representative reported, adding that the tendency toward emigration is increasing among French Jews as well as foreign Jews residing temporarily in the country.

The HIAS representative in North Africa reported on the difficult situation of the local and refugee Jews there. He said that emigration to Palestine or overseas points was the only solution to their problem.

ALL HIS JAILERS, EXCEPT JEWISH DOCTORS, MISTREAT HIM STREICHER COMPLAINS TO COURT

MUNICH, April 26. (JTA) -- Julius Streicher, who in the heyday of the Nazis was Germany's Jew-baiter No. 1, took the stand today to defend himself against charges of being a war criminal. Before his examination began, Streicher complained to the court that he had been mistreated by his Allied jailers and asserted that the only people who have not molested him were the Jewish director of a hospital in Weisbaden and the Jewish prison doctor at Nuremberg.

Streicher was preceded on the stand by Hans B. Gisevius, a former Gestapo agent who, it was revealed, had worked with U.S. Office of Strategic Services since 1943. Gisevius charged Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel with condoning atrocities against Jews and others.

HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO PARIS FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- A number of proposals aimed at the elimination of discrimination on grounds of religion or national origin, and the guaranteeing of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, to be included in the treaties with former enemy states, were today submitted by the American Jewish Committee to the State Department for presentation to the Paris meeting of foreign ministers, it was announced by Judge Joseph M. Froskauer, president of the committee.

The proposals call for the inclusion in the fundamental laws of Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy and Rumania of basic civil liberties guarantees. One of them specifies that the former enemy states "shall protect all citizens in their right to full equality before the law and equal treatment in all respects, including educational and economic opportunity, and shall guarantee them against discrimination in either public or private employment. In particular there shall be no discrimination in any respect on the ground of race, sex, language, or religion."

Restitution of property to those deprived by persecution, their indemnification for losses and reinstatement in previous positions is called for in six specific proposals, which provide that unclaimed property taken from Jews be applied to the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Jewish victims of crimes against humanity.

The proposals specifically call for the inclusion of these provisions in the constitution and fundamental law of the former enemy states, and provide for their joint guarantee by all contracting parties, and for the granting to the United Nations of power to supervise their execution.

INDEPENDENT REFUGEE AGENCY, WHICH WOULD COOPERATE WITH U.N., SUGGESTED BY U.S., RUSSIA

LONDON, April 26. (JTA) -- An independent refugee agency, which would work in cooperation with the United Nations, but not be completely under U.N. jurisdiction, was advocated yesterday by American and Soviet representatives on the U.N. Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons.

George Warren, American delegate, said that the U.S. believed that the new organization would have to have some freedom if it were to work efficiently. The Soviet representative suggested that the body be "completely independent," but maintain liaison with the U.N. General Assembly. Warren also proposed that the new organization report periodically to the Economic and Social Council.

Sir Herbert Emerson, chairman of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, warned that the resettlement of refugees now in Europe would be a matter of "several years." He urged that the new organization have a "clear mandate, expressed in unmistakable terms, and invested with the highest authority."

MOST CANADIANS ARE OPPOSED TO LARGE-SCALE IMMIGRATION, PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY SHOWS

TORONTO, April 26. (JTA) -- Only 21 percent of Canada's population is in favor of large-scale immigration from Europe, according to a survey by the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion.

To the question "Would you like to see a large number of people from the European continent migrate to Canada or not?" sixty-one percent said No, while eight percent were undecided and ten percent qualified their vote. The province of Quebec is not only opposed to European immigration but to immigration from the British Isles as well.

FIFTEEN OFFICIALS OF STUTTHOF CONCENTRATION CAMP ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF JEWS, POLES

WARSAW, April 26. (JTA) -- Fifteen officials of the Stutthof concentration camp where some 80,000 Jews and Poles were murdered between September 1939 and January 1945, today went on trial before a war crimes court in Danzig.

Most of the prisoners were killed by gassing or were thrown into the sea with weights tied around their necks. One of the accused, Josef Reiter, is charged with torturing Jews by making them carry heavy loads of stones and beating them to death when they collapsed under the burden. Another defendant is charged with having used 1,500 prisoners as live targets for rifle practice.

DELEGATION OF CENTRAL JEWISH COMMITTEE OF POLAND ARRIVES IN LONDON EN ROUTE TO U.S.

LONDON, April 26. (JTA) -- A delegation of nine members of the Central Jewish Committee of Poland, headed by Dr. Emil Scharrerstein, chairman of the committee, arrived here today en route to the United States.

Speaking at a mass meeting commemorating the Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto, Henry Strasburger, Polish Ambassador to Great Britain, today condemned anti-Semitism and assured the Jewish people that they had the sympathy of the Polish Government in their efforts to establish a Jewish nation.

Ambassador Strasburger said that he hoped the Jewish people would be able to develop their peaceful national culture and "be able to consolidate the Jewish nation in accordance with promises made not so long ago. May the promise of Genesis, that the Jews will be a great nation, come true in our time," he declared.

Philip Piratin, Communist member of Parliament, warned the meeting that it would take time before anti-Semitism would be eliminated from Poland, and called for support of the Polish Government and Jewish reconstruction in Poland. Samuel Silverman, Labor M.P., stressed that the Jewish martyrs "had died for a better world," and the nations of the world must realize that the Jews must have a place to rebuild their lives as a free nation. Acting Chief Rabbi Harris M. Lazarus also spoke.

PUBLIC FUNERALS HELD IN CZECH CITIES FOR JEWS MURDERED DURING LAST DAYS OF OCCUPATION

PRAGUE, April 26. (JTA) -- Public funerals were held today in Caralbad and Lovosice for Czech Jews murdered during the last days of the Nazi occupation of Bohemia-Moravia. Government officials were present at the services.

The Jews, and many non-Jewish political prisoners, were murdered on roads leading to the Theresienstadt concentration camp, where they were being driven from camps in the areas being liberated by Allied troops. Many of the bodies, buried in common shallow graves, revealed that the prisoners had been tortured and shot in the neck. Only a small number of the corpses could be identified from numbers tattooed on arms or from the remains of marked clothing.

JEWS IN EUROPE NEED INCREASED ASSISTANCE, SAYS FORMER UNRRA DIRECTOR LEHMAN

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- "The need of the Jews in many countries in Europe is great beyond description," Herbert H. Lehman, former director of UNRRA, declared today in a message to the Emergency Conference of the Committee for Overseas Supplies of the World and American Jewish Congress which will be held on Sunday.

Mr. Lehman stated that although UNRRA had been shipping large stocks of food, clothing and medical supplies, they have been wholly inadequate to meet the needs, and that the situation had been aggravated in recent months by the world scarcities.

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