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ENTRY OF 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL "ILLEGAL ARMIES" DISARM, ATTLEE SAYS

LONDON, May 1. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee told the House of Commons today that the British Government will make the execution of the recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine dependent on American financial and military cooperation, and on the disbandment of "illegal armies" in Palestine and the surrender of their arms.

The Prime Minister also emphasized that the practical difficulties involved in the immediate absorption in Palestine of the 100,000 Jews from Europe "would obviously be very great." He said that the British Government will consult with the Government of the United States "as soon as possible" and that it recognizes that "decisions must be taken as soon as possible."

"The report must be considered as a whole, in all its implications," Attlee declared. "Its execution would entail very heavy, immediate and long-term commitments. The British Government wish to be satisfied that they will not be called upon to implement a policy which would involve them single-handed in such commitments and in the course of a joint examination they wish to ascertain to what extent the government of the United States will be prepared to share the resulting additional military and financial responsibilities.

"The report," he continued, "recognizes that 100,000 certificates for admission of Jews to Palestine should be authorized immediately and awarded so far as possible in 1946 and that actual immigration should be pushed forward as rapidly as conditions permit. The practical difficulties involved in immediate reception and absorption of so large a number would obviously be very great. It is clear from the facts presented in the report regarding private armies maintained in Palestine, and from their recent activities, that it would not be possible for the Government of Palestine to admit so large a body of immigrants unless and until these formations had been disbanded and their arms surrendered.

"As the report points out, private armies constitute a danger to the peace of the world and ought not to exist. Jews and Arabs in Palestine alike must disarm. The committee have drawn attention to the failure of the Jewish Agency to cooperate in dealing with this evil and have expressed the view that the Agency should at once resume active and responsible cooperation with the mandatory power. The British Government regard as essential that the Agency should take a positive part in suppression of these activities. They hope that both Jewish and Arab leaders will give counsel of patience and restraint."

Churchill Asks for Action on the Report of the Anglo-American Committee

Winston Churchill, now leader of the Conservative opposition, asked if the Government would take action necessary "to do justice to this very important and far-reaching report." Attlee replied that his assumption was correct.

"That being so, the opposition will not press for a debate at present," Churchill continued. "We hope the Prime Minister will let us know when the moment

is opportune, but we regard the matter as urgent on account of practical difficulties that may arise."

Attlee replied that the British Government was getting in touch with the United States Government as soon as possible and that as soon as a decision had been made it would be communicated to the House of Commons.

Joint Anglo-American Consultative Machinery Is Planned

It was reported tonight that the United States and Britain will establish joint consultative machinery to examine the recommendations of the inquiry committee and to decide on a program for their implementation.

Discussions on the recommendations are now going on between Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, both of whom are now attending the conference of foreign ministers in Paris. The discussions, it was reported, will continue until the required machinery is established.

ARABS IN PALESTINE CALL GENERAL STRIKE IN PROTEST AGAINST INQUIRY COMMITTEE REPORT

JERUSALEM, May 1. (JTA) -- The Arab Higher Committee today decided to call a general strike throughout the country for Friday in protest against the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee. It also telegraphed an appeal to neighboring Arab countries asking them to declare "sympathy strikes" on the same day.

The Arab committee also cabled to the Governments of the United States and Britain, repudiating the committee's report and its recommendations. The cable reiterated the demand of the Palestine Arabs that Palestine be declared an independent state.

The executive of the Jewish Agency, following an extraordinary session under the chairmanship of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, today decided not to issue any formal statement until the British Government makes public a statement of policy with regard to the recommendations of the committee.

No serious trouble is expected in Palestine despite the threats of Arab leaders. The average Arab knows that the Jews are well organized to meet any attack. He is also well aware of the strength and the military mobility of the Jews. Isolated attacks on Jews in remote points of the country are, nevertheless, considered a possibility.

The general opinion among the Jews here is that the Arab threats are voiced "for export only," to impress public opinion abroad and thus prevent the carrying out of the recommendations made by the inquiry committee.

The sentiments of the average Arab in Palestine can, perhaps, be gauged by the fact that today, following the protest of the Arab Higher Committee, Arab merchants, who have been doing business with Jewish dealers despite the boycott, placed orders for large quantities of merchandise over the telephone, since they were afraid to appear in Jewish stores. Similarly, Arabs patronizing small Jewish stores did their shopping today at side entrances.

The general Jewish reaction to the report is that while the committee performed a humanitarian deed in urging the admission of 100,000 Jews and abrogation of the land restrictions, its recommendations are disappointing since they virtually whitewash the present regime and reject the basic demand for a Jewish state.

PALESTINE ARABS WARNED BY JEWISH RADIO AGAINST PLUNGING COUNTRY INTO VIOLENCE

JERUSALEM, May 1. (JTA) -- Arab leaders in Palestine were warned today by the underground Jewish radio, the "Voice of Israel," that "any attempt to plunge the country into blood and terror, will be met by Jewish force."

Commenting on the report of the inquiry committee, the broadcast said: "The report does not abrogate the White Paper in practice. Jewish resistance began by fighting the existing regime. If there will be a radical change in practice, then the Jewish resistance will adjust itself to the new conditions; but if the present practice remains unchanged, Jewish resistance will not cease."

Addressing itself to the Arab population, the broadcast stated: "The Arab press and Arab leaders threaten bloody attacks against Jews and are even proclaiming 'a war for life and death against the Jews.' We reject this proclamation of war. We always wanted peace with the Arabs. But if the instigators succeed in their attempts to rouse the Arabs, they will learn that the upper hand will be ours. Beware! We have warned you!"

Plot to Blow Up a British Destroyer in Haifa Harbor Foiled

A plot to blow up a British destroyer anchored in Haifa harbor was foiled today with the discovery of a bag of explosives in the ship's messroom. No damage was done.

Increased military and police units continued to maintain order throughout the country. Armored cars and tanks were stationed on all roads and helmeted soldiers were on duty in every major settlement, despite the fact that there were no signs of tension except the Arab call for a general strike.

The Government radio broadcast the recommendations of the inquiry committee in English, Hebrew and Arabic. Large crowds of Jews stood in line before newspaper offices and news stands in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa buying the special editions which carried the text of the recommendations.

The Hebrew press was reserved in its comments. The Palestine Post warned against hasty conclusions. The daily newspaper Haboker said that what has been granted "isn't justice but charity." The liberal newspaper Haaretz wrote that "the fact that the Arabs are dissatisfied does not mean that the Jews are satisfied."

The largest Hebrew newspaper, Davar, organ of the Laborites, stated: "The first impression of the recommendations is that a conflict between two viewpoints existed in the commission: Firstly, a sincere desire to abrogate the White Paper, and, secondly, a definite tendency to maintain the White Paper. A compromise was aimed at, but a compromise does not solve the Jewish problem, or the future of Palestine. The whole document has not a single positive statement which is not followed by a negative one."

INTRODUCTION OF "CHRISTIAN ISSUE" INTO REPORT SCORED BY U.S. CHURCHMEN

NEW YORK, May 1. (JTA) -- The introduction of the issue of "Christian rights" into the Palestine situation, as has been done by the Anglo-American inquiry committee, is "to obscure the real issue at stake, which is not only to create a haven for homeless Jews, but to build a national home for homeless people," the American Christian Palestine Committee said tonight.

In a statement issued here, the committee said that "it is evasive and unwarranted to make an issue of 'Christian rights and interests' in view of the complete freedom which the Christians in Palestine now enjoy."

U.S. ZIONIST LEADERS DISSATISFIED WITH LONG TERM RECOMMENDATIONS ON PALESTINE

NEW YORK, May 1. (JTA) -- While describing as "most gratifying" the recommendation by the Anglo-American inquiry committee that 100,000 Palestine immigration certificates be allotted immediately to Jews in Europe who have suffered from Nazi and fascist persecution, Drs. Abba Hillel Silver and Stephen S. Wise, joint chairmen of the Zionist Emergency Council, today pointed out that the report contains some recommendations for the permanent solution of the Palestine problem which "clearly deny Jewish historic rights and aspirations with respect to Palestine and can never be accepted by the Jewish people."

Emphasizing that the removal of the 100,000 Jewish refugees to Palestine "is long overdue," the statement says that President Truman is to be congratulated for having taken the initiative in "this great humanitarian effort," and the Committee is to be commended for having fully endorsed his request.

"We note with satisfaction also that the mandatory government of Palestine is reminded of its obligations under the terms of the Mandate to facilitate Jewish immigration into Palestine after the first one hundred thousand are admitted," the statement continues. "This is a rejection of the immigration restrictions of the White Paper of 1939. However, upon the perusal of the report, there are grave doubts left in our minds whether under the terms and conditions rather vaguely defined in the report, Jewish immigration into Palestine will actually be facilitated by the Government of Palestine."

"We note with satisfaction too that it is recommended that the restrictions on land transfer contained in the White Paper of 1939 should be rescinded and replaced by regulations based on the policy of freedom of land sale irrespective of race and creed. Here, too, we are apprehensive that the qualifying provision that 'adequate protection for the interest of small owners and tenant cultivators' may again be used less in the interest of Arab cultivators than in an effort to restrict Jewish colonization and settlement. Insofar as these foregoing recommendations call for the abrogation of the universally condemned White Paper, they are most welcome."

"There are also recommendations for the permanent solution of the Palestine problem proposed by the Committee. These reach to the very core of our movement. Some of them clearly deny Jewish historic rights and aspirations with respect to Palestine and can never be accepted by the Jewish people."

"As to these, we note President Truman's statement to the effect that 'the report deals with many other questions of long-range political policies and questions of international law which require careful study and which I will take under advisement.' In view of this statement and in the expectation that we shall have the fullest opportunity to be heard with respect to these vital and basic matters, we are withholding at this moment a further detailed comment in respect to them."

"There are other features in the report to which we cannot subscribe and criticisms which, in our judgment, are unwarranted. These necessitate further discussion and consideration."

Conference Says Recommendations on Jewish State Are "Most Unrealistic"

NEW YORK, May 1. (JTA) -- Branding the long-term recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry as "most unrealistic and unfortunate," the executive committee of the American Jewish Conference asserted today that the Committee's declaration against a Jewish state in Palestine will be rejected by the overwhelming majority of the Jews of the United States.

The Conference welcomed the report's acceptance of President Truman's "humanitarian" recommendation calling for the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews into Palestine--"a

proposal which will stand forever to his credit." At the same time, the Conference declared that immigration proposals of the Committee would not aid the great majority of the remnants of European Jewry, in desperate need of a homeland, and that the long term recommendations struck "a sharp blow" at the Jewish people and the Jewish National Home, since they "brush aside" the international obligations to establish a Jewish state in Palestine.

"The report suggests that Jews be required, unlike any other people in the world, to give up their legitimate and natural aspirations to become a self-determining people," the statement issued by the Conference said. It described the abrogation of the obnoxious features of the 1939 White Paper as a "posthumous victory" for the millions of Jewish dead in Europe, "many of whom might have been alive today in Palestine but for the White Paper."

American Council for Judaism Finds All Recommendations Gratifying

PHILADELPHIA, May 1. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism today hailed the recommendations of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry for the settlement of 100,000 displaced European Jews in Palestine on terms which, it said, separate the humanitarian problem from the political problem of the future of Palestine.

The Council expressed special gratification that the report adopted the viewpoint of the Council that Palestine shall be neither a Jewish state nor an Arab state. "This recommendation," the statement declared, "confirms our often expressed view that the humanitarian problem of the displaced Jews of Europe must not be confused by political demands for a Jewish state to which many are opposed on grounds of fundamental principles.

"This action in behalf of 100,000 displaced Jews clears the atmosphere for a broader consideration of the problem of European Jewry as a whole. The status of the Jews who remain in Europe is of paramount concern to us. They must be given a sense of security and belonging. Their future must be provided for as equal citizens, integrated into the countries in which they live, and endowed with equal rights and obligations.

"While gratefully acknowledging the recommendations of the Commission, we urge that the world open its gates to receive the comparatively small number of Jews of Europe who may still need to resume their lives elsewhere."

Council of Jewish Women Says It Will Continue to Press for Free Entry

NEW YORK, May 1. (JTA) -- Commenting on the report of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee on Palestine, Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, of Detroit, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, today stated:

"The National Council of Jewish Women welcomes the recommendation to permit immediate entry of 100,000 Jews into Palestine as an important contribution toward the alleviation of the pitiful plight of the homeless and dispossessed Jews of Europe. As a matter of minimum justice and humanity, no less could have been done.

"At our last triennial convention, Council recorded itself 'in favor of the unrestricted immigration of Jews into Palestine.' Our goal has not yet been achieved, and we will continue our efforts toward its realization. In keeping with Council's Program, we hope that the Committee's decision marks the beginning of a changed and more favorable attitude toward an open-door policy for Palestine. The rescue and rehabilitation of the remnants of European Jewry remains a challenge to all people and governments."

WHITE HOUSE RECEIVING FAVORABLE REACTION TO PALESTINE REPORT, SAYS TRUMAN AIDE

WASHINGTON, May 1. (JTA) -- The little reaction received so far at the White House to the inquiry committee report on Palestine has been "highly favorable in the main," the President's press secretary, Charles G. Ross, said today in response to questions. It has come from Jewish organizations and individual Jews who, with the President, are gratified at the recommendation for immediate entry of the 100,000 Jews into Palestine, he added.

Ross said that he did not know whether the President is contemplating a message to Congress recommending relaxation of the immigration laws to permit increased entry of Jews into the United States.

Members of Congress who would comment on the recommendations of the inquiry committee today expressed gratification at the portion of the committee's report which urges the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine. Senator Robert Wagner of New York, however, expressed his "grievous disappointment" at the committee's long-range recommendations as to the political future of Palestine. Similar views were expressed by Senator James M. Mead of New York who declared: "I am led to believe at the first glance at the report that Palestine may remain a British colonial possession for a prolonged period of time."

Representative John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, House majority leader, criticized the committee for having bypassed a permanent solution of the Palestine problem. Senator Owen Brewster of Maine said that the report represents "a naive and unwholy alliance of Machiavelli and Pollyanna," since it only provides for 100,000 Jews to be rescued and leaves a million Jews in Europe to starve, "although Palestine can easily provide them with a livelihood in accordance with the pledge of all the nations and the repeatedly voiced demands of the Congress of the United States."

Senator Style Bridges of New Hampshire expressed the hope that the 100,000 Jews will be admitted to Palestine as rapidly as possible. Senator James W. Huffman of Ohio was glad to see that Britain "has finally come around" to what has long been the stand of the U.S. Government.

Representative Sol Bloom of New York, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, expressed himself as highly encouraged by the recommendation for immigration of 100,000 Jewish survivors in Europe and for abrogation of the White Paper.

Representative Augustus Bennett of New York said that he was "very much disappointed" in the report, because it presents no real solution to the problem of the homeless Jews of Europe, fails to recognize Palestine as the Jewish Homeland or to suggest a long-range solution of the Palestine question.

CROSSMAN SAYS RECOMMENDATION OF 100,000 VISAS WAS NOT RESULT OF U.S. PRESSURE

BERNE, May 1. (JTA) -- The Anglo-American inquiry committee's recommendation that 100,000 Jews be admitted to Palestine immediately was not a British concession to the American members of the committee, Richard Crossman, a British member, said here last night.

Crossman denied that the six Britons on the committee had received any directives from Foreign Minister Bevin and said that the recommendations resulted from mutual concessions by both groups.

U.S. PRESS BACKS COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF 100,000 VISAS, REJECTION OF JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, May 1. (JTA) -- The American press, with minor exceptions, today welcomes the report of the Anglo-American committee on Palestine, particularly the recommendation for the admission to Palestine of 100,000 European Jews. Most newspapers agree with the committee that the establishment of a Jewish state would not be a just solution of the problem.

The New York Times says that although the recommendation that 100,000 Jews be admitted "flies in the face of strong Arab protests" and raises some doubts "regarding the physical ability of Palestine to solve the refugee problem," the problem is "so acute, in terms of widespread, poignant human suffering, that Arab opposition must be met squarely and overcome."

"We strongly support this recommendation of the commission," the Times continues. "We bespeak for it, in the event of its adoption, the generous support through UNRRA and other public and private agencies which so great a mass movement of people will need and ought to have." The paper feels that the committee's opinion that Palestine "must ultimately become a state which guards the rights and interests of Moslems, Jews and Christians alike," is sound. It also appeals for political peace in Palestine.

The Washington Post says that the report reveals the "complete and utter bankruptcy of the White Paper policy." It states that Britain cannot now "in good faith" reject the recommendations of the committee.

"The committee's report, with its emphasis on the international concern with Palestine, on the peremptory need of peace between Jews and Arabs, and on the fact that the policy recently pursued by Great Britain is bankrupt, is at least a useful point of departure," the Post states. It points out that "the manner--and speed--in which Great Britain carries out that recommendation will be the acid test of British policy."

The New York Herald-Tribune is somewhat pessimistic about the committee's hope that unity can be achieved in Palestine between the Jewish and Arab communities, but also believes that the report can be used as a "point of departure." It points out that although the 100,000 certificates will only provide for one-fifth of the European Jews who want to go to Palestine, they will at least be sufficient to empty the DP camps of Jews.

The Boston Globe writes that the heart of the committee report is not in the recommendation for the entry of 100,000 Jews, but in the steps outlined by the committee "to the end that Palestine may be rid of the curse of violence and feud and transformed into a cooperative community, in which Arab, Jew and Christian may hope to dwell together on better economic, social and cultural footing." It welcomes the fact that the report suggests that both the Jewish Agency and the Arab states be consulted on a vast economic development of the country.

The New York Post says that although some criticisms of the report are justified, "men of good will should get behind the recommendation of U.N. trusteeship for Palestine. The Commission suggestion that the ultimate solution for the victims of Nazi persecution lies in other quarters in addition to Palestine is equally sound and calls for a system of international citizenship," it continues.

The New York Sun writes that "world peace demands not only the formulation, but the enforcement of a fair program for Palestine."

BRITISH PRESS SAYS REPORT PLACES HEAVY BURDEN ON BRITAIN; ASKS U.S. SHARE RESPONSIBILITY

LONDON, May 1. (JTA) -- The British press is almost unanimous today in expressing apprehension concerning the tasks laid upon the British Government by the recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine.

Comment in papers ranging from the liberal pro-Zionist Manchester Guardian to the conservative London Times stress the necessity for the United States to assume some of the Palestine burden.

The Manchester Guardian urged that American troops be sent to Palestine, pointing out that the report will satisfy neither Jews nor Arabs, nor the British. It expressed regret that the committee had discarded partition, thus placing all responsibility on the British Government. "One would have liked to see," it wrote, "a definite recommendation that the United States, which has gone in for giving advice, should share in administration as a joint trustee. The Americans should realize that Arabs and Jews will be convinced of American readiness to share the responsibility only when they see American troops on Palestine soil."

Times Says Only U.N. Can Solve Problems of Palestine, Europe's Jews

The Times said that "the recommendations are notable for their clear acknowledgment that the twin problems of Jewish distress in Europe and the position of Jews in Palestine both involve responsibility that can only be discharged by joint effort of the United Nations and that both demand fearless application of certain general principles. If the report is adopted by Britain and by the United States and finds broad acceptance as it deserves to do elsewhere, its translation into action cannot be successfully challenged. Partisan criticism no matter how sincere must not be allowed to disguise the honest impartiality of the findings or to prejudice the possibility which they offer of steady progressive resolution of two problems which at present obstruct rehabilitation both in Europe and the Middle East. No threats of violence, nor organized terrorism can be allowed to frustrate action along the lines suggested."

The Daily Telegraph, stating that "the report cannot be lightly rejected, nor lightly accepted," says that it is impracticable to admit so many persons to Palestine in so short a time. It points out that it must be realized that the 100,000 are only an advance guard of those who want to immigrate into Palestine, and "thus the committee's refusal to suggest any later quota is prudent, although embarrassing to those responsible for policy." The Telegraph's military correspondent, Lieut. Gen. H.G. Martin, says that the report will almost certainly lead to an outbreak of Arab unrest in Palestine, and may endanger Britain's current negotiations with Egypt.

The News Chronicle writes that as far as the question of Palestine itself is concerned, the recommendations are more ones of hope rather than convincing policy. It adds that a Holy Land of mixed peoples living side by side in cooperation and friendship is certainly an ideal solution, if obtainable.

The Daily Mail sees the report as a complete vindication of British authority in Palestine. It expresses the hope that reason will prevail on both sides. Describing the outlook as dark, it says that the first move to lighten it could be taken by the Jewish Agency, through an attempt to improve relations with the British Government.

Jews Arrested During Landsberg Riot Will Be Tried by AMG Court on Friday

MUNICH, May 1. (JTA) -- Twenty displaced Jews who were arrested on Sunday in connection with a clash at Landsberg between Jewish DP's and German civilians will go on trial Friday morning before an American Military Government court at Kaufbeuren, near Landsberg, on charges of participating in a riot, resisting arrest and assaulting members of the Allied forces, it was announced here today.

Eugene Valens, United Press correspondent, was escorted back to Munich under armed guard after he attempted to enter the Landsberg camp. The chief of staff of the Ninth Division of the Third Army, which controls the area, admitted that the camp was out of bounds today, but added that it would be open again by tomorrow.

Last night, it was announced that the AMG authorities have issued warrants for several more of the DP's involved in the disturbance at Landsberg. The announcement confirmed that those under detention have been on a hunger strike since early Monday.

The AMG announcement stressed that the Germans involved were orderly and that there was no trouble with them whatsoever. It charged that after some of the Jews had been forced back into the camp by American military police, other DP's looted homes and assaulted civilians.

The only authority quoted by the AMG as the basis for its report was the German Minister of the Interior in Bavaria, who claimed that two Germans were killed, which, the report adds, was not confirmed.

Charging that the American MP's had been stoned and insulted, the report added that the crowd "appeared incited rather than controlled by the DP police."

NO ANTI-JEWISH POLICY EXPECTED IN ARGENTINA, WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS LEADER SAYS

NEW YORK, May 1. (JTA) -- The majority of Jewish leaders in Argentina do not believe that an anti-Jewish drive is imminent in that country, Dr. Leon Kubowitzki, general secretary of the World Jewish Congress, declared here today at a press conference following his return from a visit to South America.

The Jews in Argentina, he said, are disturbed, however, that a number of outspoken anti-Semites hold high positions in the government. Argentine Jews, he reported, are also concerned over a new decree which provides for the creation at the Department of Immigration of a special office to conduct an ethnographic and anthropological study, in order to establish the extent to which certain categories of immigrants are able to adjust themselves to Argentine life.

On the whole, the Jews of Argentina are fully capable of defending their rights, Dr. Kubowitzki emphasized. He said that the attitude of American Jews towards the Argentine situation should be one of watchfulness, but not of panic.

Earl G. Harrison, U.S. Member of Refugee Committee, to Receive Fraternity Award

NEW YORK, May 1. (JTA) -- Earl G. Harrison, American member of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, who first proposed the admission into Palestine of 100,000 displaced European Jews, will receive the tenth annual gold medal humanitarian award of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity at a dinner at the Essex House tomorrow evening. The award will be presented by Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.