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CHURCHILL APPEALS TO U.S. TO HELP REALIZATION OF ANGLO-AMERICAN REPORT ON PALESTINE

LONDON, May 7. (JTA) -- An appeal to the United States to aid Britain in carrying out the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee was voiced here today by Winston Churchill at a ceremony at which he was presented with the freedom of the City of Westminster.

"Are we not entitled to ask our friends whose judgment is the same as ours to give us a helping hand?" Churchill said. He emphasized that it would not serve the interests of the democratic world if Britain were to leave Palestine. "Some voices," he declared, "bid us quit Palestine and India, but what would be the consequences? What other arrangements can be made to safeguard the millions of people there from the cruel fate which laid Europe in the dust?"

Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, today told a conference of the United Palestine Appeal here that there cannot be any question of Jewish acceptance of the inquiry committee's report as a whole. However, he emphasized that the committee's unanimous verdict about the necessity of a mass-exodus of Jews from Europe, with Palestine being the only country where most of them can go, can be considered an implied condemnation of the British White Paper policy and a vindication of the Zionist stand.

Expressing the hope that Prime Minister Attlee's statement on the report is not the last word of the British Government, Shertok said: "The question is whether there is a will to admit the 100,000 Jews from Europe to Palestine. If there is such a will, then a way will be found. If the will is lacking, then the prospect is grim, and Jews must brace themselves for a severe ordeal." He also pointed out that the demand for abandonment of the idea of a Jewish State "is tantamount to expecting Zionism to give up its soul."

SOVIET CONSUL MEETS WITH JEWS IN PALESTINE; SAYS RUSSIA HAS TAKEN NO STAND ON REPORT

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- Russia has not yet taken any official stand on the report of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, the Soviet consul at Beirut, M.N. Agronov, stressed today at a meeting in Tel Aviv with leaders of the League for Friendly Relations with Russia. Mr. Agronov denied the reports in the Arab press that the Moscow radio has criticized the committee's recommendations.

Mussa al Alami, Palestine Arab leader, whom the Arab Higher Committee is planning to send to Paris to confer with the ex-Mufti, and to London to threaten the British Government with Arab reorientation towards Moscow, has been denied an exit visa by the Palestine Government, it was reported here today.

Early wakers in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem this morning found the walls plastered with leaflets of the Irgun Zvai Leumi which charged that the Anglo-American committee's report "pronounces the death sentence on Jewish aspirations in Palestine and cuts off millions of Jews from Palestine." Declaring that Prime Minister Attlee's condition

that the resistance forces disarm before the committee's recommendations are carried out render the report worthless, the Irgun said: "Our fate binds us all, either freedom and independence or complete destruction and slavery, either a Jewish state or the concentration camp."

High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham is reported to be planning to go to England soon to report to the Government on the reaction here to the report. Today, Sir Alan lunched with Dr. Chaim Weizmann, but nothing was disclosed concerning their conversation.

Continuing to tread softly in all matters dealing with the ex-Mufti, the Government censorship in recent days has killed every dispatch from abroad referring to the Mufti except for official statements or remarks in Parliament. It has also barred any mention of a Jewish government for Palestine.

The meeting of the Small Zionist Actions Committee scheduled for today was postponed following a telephone conversation between Jewish Agency leaders and Moshe Shertok. Shertok apparently informed the Agency that the British Government's attitude towards the report was still unclear, and that no definite decisions have been reached

LASKI HITS ATTLEE ON PALESTINE IMMIGRATION, BUT BACKS HIS APPEAL FOR U.S. COOPERATION

LONDON, May 7. (JTA) -- Stating that "there is no possible doubt" that the Anglo-American report on Palestine called for the transfer to that country of 100,000 Jews without delay, Harold Laski, chairman of the executive of the Labor Party, today sharply criticized Prime Minister Attlee for placing conditions on British implementation of that recommendation.

Recalling the pro-Zionist stand taken by the Labor Party's executive when it was in the opposition, Laski writes an article for the Overseas News Agency: "Cabinet ministers of the highest rank are bound to this pledge. The measure of their sincerity will be judged by the way they handle this recommendation. Here I think one must be quite frank. There is no possible doubt about its intentions; it called for their transportation to Palestine without any more delay than organization makes inevitable. It is not, alas, clear that Prime Minister Clement Attlee, if his statement in the House of Commons is his final word, has accepted the recommendation in this spirit."

Expressing regret that Attlee "has set conditions for fulfillment of this pledge," Laski says: "It is quite obvious that this must have come as a surprise to President Truman. It is equally obvious that Mr. Attlee is making the future of these hapless and homeless refugees dependent upon the decisions of a body they cannot control. He, in fact, would hold the refugees as hostages for the good conduct, as the British commander in chief judges this conduct, of the Palestinian Jews."

"I do not speak without knowledge when I say that all issues between the Jewish Agency and the British Government could have been freely discussed and, I think, honorably settled if there had been a forthright and magnanimous acceptance of the obligation to do what is unanimously recommended," Laski continues. He points out that the Jewish Agency has no influence on the Stern Group and also that as a result of the White Paper, "Jewish trust in the goodwill of the British officials in Palestine is at a low ebb."

The Labor Party chairman, however, wholeheartedly supports the Prime Minister's appeal for U.S. aid in carrying out the recommendations, since "it will not be easy to implement the report in the face of strong Arab opposition." American assistance, he says, must take the form of troops as well as financial and administrative aid. "It is for the American Government," he concludes, "to prove that things like Congressional resolutions are more than empty words."

TWO JEWISH GUARDS AT NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP SENTENCED TO DEATH BY BELGIAN COURT

BRUSSELS, May 7. (JTA) -- Fourteen of the 21 guards at the Breendock concentration camp near Antwerp were today convicted of torturing and murdering 4,000 prisoners, most of them Jews.

Two of the defendants--both Jews--were sentenced to death, while the other 12 received terms ranging from 15 years to life imprisonment. The doomed men are Walter Obler, from Berlin, and Sally Lewin, from Wingrowicz in Poland. A third Jewish defendant, Leo Schwandt, of Berlin, received a 15-year sentence.

U.S. PROSECUTION LINKS NAZI ECONOMIC EXPERT WITH PERSECUTION OF JEWS BY GESTAPO

NUREMBERG, May 7. (JTA) -- U.S. Prosecutor Thomas Dodd today produced an affidavit by Emil Puhl, right-hand man at the Reichsbank of Dr. Walther Funk, former head of the institution, declaring that Funk cooperated closely with the S.S. and the Nazi Ministry of Finance in arranging for the deposit at the Reichsbank of gold and jewelry stolen from Jews, or stripped from them when they were executed in concentration camps.

Puhl said that Funk had told him that he had arranged with Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler to receive in the bank's safe deposit vaults gold, jewels and other valuables seized by the S.S., including watches, gold spectacle frames and dentures. Funk's claim that he was not aware that the bank carried on such activities was disputed by the prosecution which presented a film taken immediately after the bank's capture which showed huge piles of such objects.

ANTONESCU AND EX-COMMISSAR FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS GO ON TRIAL AS WAR CRIMINALS

BUCHAREST, May 7. (JTA) -- Rumania's major war criminals, including Radu Lecca, former Commissioner of Jewish Affairs and ex-Premier Mihail Antonescu, went on trial here yesterday before the Peoples Court.

Among the charges on which they will be tried is Rumanianization of Jewish property. All of the 18 defendants face the death penalty.

POLISH JEWISH PARTISAN LEADER PLEDGES STRUGGLE FOR PALESTINIAN REPUBLIC

WARSAW, May 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Adolf Berman, Jewish deputy in the Polish National Council, and partisan leader during the war, today called for an intensified struggle for "a workers and peasants republic in Palestine," in a broadcast over the Warsaw radio.

Dr. Berman pledged the cooperation of the Jewish people in the rebuilding of a democratic Poland, and warned that the Jewish workers and youth, who fought courageously during the uprisings in the Warsaw and Bialystok Ghettos, would not tolerate the continued fascist murders of Jews. He also expressed satisfaction with Premier Edward Osobka-Morawski's recent declaration favoring a Jewish national home in Palestine.

HEBREW PRESS IN PALESTINE SAYS THERE WAS NO PLOT TO BLOW UP BRITISH DESTROYER

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- The Hebrew press today publishes a demand that the British Government amend its official communique of last Tuesday in which it announced an alleged plot to blow up a British destroyer in the harbor at Haifa.

The press insists that it has now been established beyond all doubt that no attempt at sabotaging the warship was made and that only three Jews were among the thirteen arrested seamen on board the vessel.

JEWISH DP'S DEMORALIZED AND TENSE ON FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF V-E DAY; OUTBREAKS FEARED

MUNICH, May 7. (JTA) -- While people throughout Europe will observe tomorrow the first anniversary of their liberation, the displaced Jews in Germany and Austria will have little cause for rejoicing.

The best indication of their feelings a year after V-E Day is their almost complete apathy towards the recommendations of the Anglo-American Palestine report. Their utter demoralization is illustrated by the recent events in the Landsberg camp.

Their discontent is expressed constantly in the simple statement: "Why are we still here in a country which caused all our troubles?" They have been repeating that statement for many months and receiving evasive answers, glowing promises and official tributes. They have filled out so many questionnaires and have had their hopes dashed so many times that their pessimism and cynicism have now reached the point where their demoralization may result in violence.

Meanwhile, the Army, whose chief job is to maintain law and order, has been cracking down harder each month. There have been, unfortunately, too many cases where the Army showed greater concern for the welfare and protection of the Germans than of the DP's. The latest example is the incident at Landsberg, where the initial Army reports bent backwards to condemn the Jews.

The DP's feel that military justice is swift where they are concerned, but slow and inept where Germans are involved. They, therefore, have come to believe that the military is hostile to them. They have, of course, encountered many sympathetic officers, and, perhaps, this is the reason why there have not been more disturbances.

The situation has now reached the point where the general discontent is at its highest pitch because of the continued delays in their emigration and resettlement and the strong, and generally not sympathetic, military attitude. This discontent is bound to increase with each passing day, with a possible explosion in the offing if the 20 DP's arrested following the Landsberg riot are punished by the military court.

UNRRA Aides Worried; Try to Placate DP's as Army Probe Causes Unrest

The UNRRA and voluntary agency officials at the camp are frankly worried and have been attempting to placate the DP's, but the Army's chief contribution to easing the tension has been intensified investigations by the counter-intelligence and the military government for evidence that the disturbance was really a general conspiracy and was incited by certain individuals or organizations, or both.

It was announced today that Monday has been set for the opening of the trial of the 20 arrested Jews before a five-man AMG court at Augsburg which can mete out sentences up to the death penalty. The defense is seeking the services of an Army lawyer to assist the two DP attorneys, and may seek a postponement if it is not able to secure one by Monday.

(The Associated Press reports today from Budapest that the American commander in Vienna, Maj. Gen. William S. Key, has protested to the Allied Control Council in Hungary against the continued infiltration of Jews from that country into the U.S. zone in Austria. In a letter to Lieut. Gen. V.P. Sviridov, acting chairman of the Central Council, Gen. Key said that approximately 2,700 Jews have arrived in Vienna from Hungary, and that such mass migrations could not occur if the Hungarian Government had made any attempts to halt the movements. On April 13 the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Vienna reported that the U.S. authorities had closed the border between Austria and the American zone in Germany, stranding hundreds of Jews in Vienna.)

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS WIDESPREAD THROUGHOUT U.S., NCRAC SURVEY SHOWS

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- A sharp rise in discrimination against Jews, including Jewish veterans of World War II, was revealed in a report issued today by the National Community Relations Advisory Council. The report is based upon a survey conducted in 15 major industrial centers at the request of the FEPC.

Discrimination was shown to be widespread in all the cities surveyed. The lowest incidence of discriminatory practices was found in New York where a state law prohibiting discrimination has been in operation. Apart from any consideration of administration therefore, it seems clear that the very existence of a FEPC statute has served as an effective deterrent to overt discrimination. Major findings for the country as a whole contrasted with data from New York follow:

1. A comparison of discriminatory religious specifications in newspaper help wanted ads showed an increase of 195 percent in 1946 over 1945 - despite a decline in the total volume of advertising. No discriminatory ads were published in New York City newspapers.

2. Ninety-three percent more complaints of employment discrimination were filed with Jewish agencies in the six months following V-J Day than in the corresponding period a year ago. There was a decline of six percent in the volume of complaints in New York.

3. Of 241 private employment agencies, 89 percent required applicants to state their religion and lineage. The corresponding figure in New York was two percent.

4. Of 1,251 Jewish job seekers, 60 percent were asked their religion in interviews with one or more firms. The corresponding figure in New York was 15 percent.

5. Of 651 veterans applying for jobs, 47 percent were asked their religion. The corresponding figure in New York was 19 percent.

6. Of all business firms approached, 34 percent requested information about applicants' religion. The corresponding figure in New York was eight percent.

7. Of the applicants, 15 percent indicated they were refused jobs solely because of their religion. The corresponding figure in New York was seven percent.

Agencies contributing data for the survey were the American Jewish Congress, the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., and local Jewish community relations councils and vocational services.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE WILL BUILD HOME FOR DISPLACED JEWISH CHILDREN IN FRANCE

DETROIT, May 7. (JTA) -- The Workmen's Circle, largest Jewish fraternal labor organization in the United States, will build a \$100,000 home for displaced Jewish children in France, it was announced here today at the 46th anniversary convention of the organization.

A check for \$15,000 was presented at today's session to Reuben Guskin, president of the group, by the youth division of the organization. The home will be named after the late B. Charney Vlodeck, American Jewish labor leader.

Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, addressing the convention, endorsed the Anglo-American committee's recommendation for the transfer of 100,000 European Jews to Palestine and called for an early fulfillment of this proposal. He also urged that the United States permit the entry of displaced Jews beyond the regular quotas.

STATE OFFICIAL DISMISSED AS RESULT OF INVESTIGATION OF KU KLUX KLAN IN NEW YORK

ALBANY, N.Y., May 7. (JTA) -- Horace A. Demarest, Deputy New York State Motor Vehicle Commissioner, and one of the organizers of the Ku Klux Klan in this state, was dismissed yesterday as the result of an investigation into the organization and activities of the Klan by Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein.

Proceedings to revoke the charter of the anti-Jewish, anti-Negro, anti-Catholic, and anti-labor Klan were started last week after a resurgence of the organization's activities were brought to light by Dorothy Langston, executive secretary of the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport, who received a threatening letter from the Klan. Goldstein revealed that the Klan had first been organized in 1923, when it applied for and received a state charter as the Alpha Pi Sigma. Two years later it changed its name to Knights of Ku Klux Klan.

Demarest's dismissal was recommended by Goldstein after his testimony to the Attorney General's office was found to vary from earlier statements made to the New York County District Attorney. Goldstein estimates that it will take about six weeks before the Klan's charter is legally revoked.

HILLMAN CALLS ON TRUMAN TO FORCE BRITAIN TO IMPLEMENT PALESTINE REPORT WITHOUT STRINGS

ATLANTIC CITY, May 7. (JTA) -- Urging President Truman to force Britain to withdraw Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee's conditions on implementation of the Anglo-American committee's recommendation for the immigration of 100,000 European Jews to Palestine, Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, said that the "democratic world cannot permit narrow national or imperial interests to stand in the way of simple justice to the Jewish people." He spoke at the opening of the union's 15th biennial convention yesterday.

Hillman described the Nazi concentration camps he had seen on his recent trip to Europe and called for complete destruction of the economic and social roots of Fascism, warning that another war, which might be brought on by a resurgence of Fascism, would mean the total destruction of all human life.

3,000 DISPLACED JEWS RECEIVING TRAINING AT ORT SCHOOLS IN 17 CAMPS IN AMERICAN ZONE

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- More than 3,000 displaced Jews in 17 DP camps in the American zone of Germany are attending ORT training courses, the New York office of the organization announced today. In addition the ORT is offering five courses in camps in the French zone and plans to open a school at Neustadt, in the British zone, where 2,000 Jewish DP's are now living.

The organization will also open a new training farm for young displaced Jewish boys and German Jewish families at the former Jewish agricultural school at Ahlem, near Hanover. The school belonged to the Jewish community of Hanover and until 1943 was supported by the Berlin ORT, after which the Nazis turned it into a concentration camp. Recently it was used by British authorities to house non-Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe.

PALESTINE JEW MURDERED; SUSPECT RESIDENTS OF NEIGHBORING ARAB VILLAGE

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- Alexander Shapiro, 38, a foreman of an orange grove near Hadera, was found dead late yesterday in the grove. Tracks led from his bullet-riddled body to a neighboring Arab village.

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