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BRITISH INTERCEPT SHIP CARRYING 1,800 JEWS FROM RUMANIAN PORT TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 13. (JTA) -- A vessel carrying 1,800 refugees to Palestine was intercepted today by a British naval vessel outside of Palestine territorial waters and is being escorted to Haifa. The ship is believed to have sailed from a Rumanian port. She is due in Haifa tonight.

BEVIN MADE NO ADVANCE PROMISES ON PALESTINE TO INQUIRY COMMITTEE, BRITISH OFFICIAL SAYS

PARIS, May 13. (JTA) -- British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin never promised the members of the Anglo-American inquiry committee that the British Government would accept their recommendations and make them effective soon in the event that they were adopted unanimously, a spokesman here of the British Foreign Office today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The British Government, he said, could not possibly commit itself in advance on a document it had not seen. He pointed out that the statement made in the United States by Bertley Crum, a member of the inquiry committee, in which he alleged that Bevin gave definite assurances that the recommendations of the committee would be carried out if they were unanimous, "may have been based on a chance remark exaggerated to the point of being an official statement."

The British Government, the official continued, has explained and will continue to explain its position on Palestine, but there has been no advance commitment on the part of Mr. Bevin.

PALESTINE JEWISH SETTLERS END FOUR-DAY HUNGER STRIKE AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY

JERUSALEM, May 13. (JTA) -- The 24 Jews from the Mizrahi colony of Birya ended their four-day hunger strike today when they were promised that their charge that they were beaten by police when they refused to be finger-printed would be investigated.

Earlier, the Jewish National Council had sent a protest to the Government against the police brutality which helped to precipitate the strike. The council demanded an immediate investigation of the Jews' charges.

It was learned today that the censor had held up for four days publication in the local press of the reported beatings and the strike. The Voice of Israel, underground transmitter of the Jewish resistance forces, said today that one of the reasons for the strike was the fact that the prisoners, who were arrested on Feb. 28, have never been brought into court for a hearing or a trial.

The secret radio yesterday broadcast a warning to the British Government that if it continues to refuse to implement the "modest recommendations" of the Anglo-American Committee, everything possible will be done to prevent the conversion of Palestine into a British military base.

U.N. REFUGEE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS INTERNATIONAL AID IN RESETTLING JEWS IN PALESTINE

LONDON, May 13. (JTA) -- The United Nations Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons voted today to add a special appendix to its report to the U.N. Social and Economic Council recommending international assistance, financial and otherwise, in the resettlement of Jews in Palestine and other countries.

The recommendation was one of several made by a special sub-committee which studied memoranda submitted by Jewish organizations. Among its other recommendations were:

1. The Jewish Agency should be enabled to cooperate with whatever international agency is established to deal with the refugee problem and should be assisted in obtaining travel documents and transportation for refugees it wishes to bring to Palestine.
2. Emergency measures should be taken to meet the immediate needs of Jewish refugees and DP's, including retraining, and religious education of orphans.
3. Creation of a special fund from unclaimed Jewish property in Austria and Germany.
4. Creation of a liaison department in the new international refugee agency to work with Jewish organizations.
5. Easing of naturalization laws to enable refugees who have found havens during the war or afterwards to obtain citizenship.

U.N. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS HEARS RECOMMENDATIONS OF JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH LEADERS

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, James N. Rosenberg and a number of non-Jewish leaders today appeared before the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and urged the formulation of an International Bill of Rights of the United Nations.

Judge Proskauer, speaking for the American Jewish Committee, recommended the integration of the proposed International Bill of Rights into the body of international law, with infractions coming under the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice. He also urged the adoption of constitutional measures by all nations prohibiting any governmental conduct or action which would tend to impair fundamental rights or freedoms, and suggested that the United Nations issue a declaration stating that it is the duty of every nation to promote effective legal measures for the enforcement of the International Bill of Rights.

Mr. Rosenberg, chairman of the Committee on Human Rights of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, also urged the importance of an International Bill of Rights to become a basic part of international law and pledged the cooperation of the National Conference of Christians and Jews to aid the work of the Commission on Human Rights. "There is but one answer to the threat of atomic energy," Mr. Rosenberg said. "This is the human energy of men and women of goodwill throughout the world."

Others who appeared today before the Commission, which met under the chairmanship of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, included: J. Fred Rolds, for the Federal Council of Churches of Christ and Missionary Organizations; Judge William L. Ransom, for the American Bar Association; Roger Baldwin, for the Civil Liberties Commission; and Rose Schneiderman, for organized labor.

TRIAL OF LANDSBERG DP'S OPENS: DEFENDANTS REFUSE OFFER OF U.S. DEFENSE COUNSEL

AUGSBURG, Germany, May 13. (JTA) -- The trial of the 20 Jewish DP's arrested following the April 28th disturbance at Landsberg opened today before the American Military Government General Court here.

The morning session was devoted to questioning of the defendants by the court. Each gave his name, his marital status and the number of concentration camps in which he had been imprisoned. Asked how they had come to Germany, all of them replied that they had been brought there by the S.S.

When court resumed after the luncheon recess, the prosecution amended its complaint, dropping the charge that the DP's had "broken into homes and assaulted civilians." The remaining charges are: participating in a riot, resisting arrest, assaulting troops and participating in a public disturbance.

The prosecution presented three witnesses today. Adolph Holl, a draftsman from Augsburg, who drew a map of the Landsberg camp, which was included among the exhibits, and Alois Schmell and Vittes Rutsch, who testified that they had driven a milk truck through Landsberg on the day of the disturbance. They said that the truck had been stoned, but added that neither of them had been injured, and neither could identify any of the defendants as having been among the group which stoned them.

This morning the defendants refused an offer from Rep. Adolph Sabath of Chicago, conveyed to them through Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, U.S. commander in Germany, that an American trial lawyer be sent to Germany to aid their defense and that the trial be postponed until he arrived.

Jews BEING TRANSFERRED FROM ITALIAN CAMP WHERE TWO WERE KILLED BY ANTI-SEMITIC DP'S

ROME, May 13. (JTA) -- The 1,000 Jews in the Reggio Emilia camp, where two Jews were killed last week in clashes with fascist Ukrainians, are being transferred to exclusively Jewish camps in southern Italy, it was disclosed today by Antonio Sorieri, deputy relief chief of UNRRA.

The Jews were taken to the Reggio Emilia camp, the UNRRA official explained, because UNRRA was informed that they were wandering the streets of Milan, homeless and destitute. He emphasized that 2,000 to 3,000 Jews enter Italy monthly in the hope that through it runs the road to Palestine.

58 OFFICIALS OF MAUTHAUSEN DEATH CAMP SENTENCED TO DEATH BY U.S. MILITARY COURT

DACHAU, May 13. (JTA) -- A United States military court today sentenced 58 officials of the notorious Mauthausen concentration camp to death. Three other defendants received life sentences.

The 61 prisoners were found guilty of torturing and murdering hundreds of thousands of persons, including many Jews, at the Austrian death camp. Their trial lasted 36 days.

RABBI PHILIP BERNSTEIN NAMED ADVISOR ON JEWISH AFFAIRS TO U.S. ARMY IN GERMANY

WASHINGTON, May 13. (JTA) -- Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein of Rochester, N.Y., has been appointed by General Joseph T. McNarney, Commander in Chief of United States Armed Forces in Europe, as his special advisor on Jewish affairs, the War Department announced tonight. He succeeds Judge Simon F. Rifkind.

40,000 JEWS REPATRIATED FROM USSR TO POLAND; INFUSING NEW LIFE IN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

WARSAW, May 13. (JTA) -- More than 40,000 Polish Jews have been repatriated from the Soviet Union and are being reintegrated rapidly into the economy of the country despite overcrowding in many districts and a general shortage of food.

Many Jews are being resettled in the Silesian territory ceded to Poland by Germany. They are infusing new life into the Polish-Jewish community and are establishing a new communal life in the new Polish cities. Many have settled in Kladzko, Zgorzelice, Rychbach and Stargard. In the western territory almost all traces of anti-Semitism have been wiped out and the population has welcomed the new Jewish settlers despite many hardships facing the communities.

The Government is making an effort to supply the Jews with food, clothing and homes. A recent grant to the repatriates included 200 tons of wheat, 20 tons of condensed milk, and ten tons of herring. However, there is still an extreme shortage of food and the Jewish communities are finding it extremely difficult to obtain adequate quantities. Through cooperation between the Government and local Jewish committees, thousands of the repatriates have been placed in jobs in industry, and many others are working in artisan cooperatives.

ORTHODOX JEWISH LEADER FINDS POSITION OF JEWS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA DISAPPOINTING

PRAGUE, May 13. (JTA) -- A statement that he was "very much disappointed" with the Jewish position in Czechoslovakia, was issued here today by H.A. Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel of Britain, upon his return from Bratislava following a tour of Slovakian Jewish communities.

"After the intimate relations we had with the Czechoslovak Government in London during the war," he said, "the Jews in Czechoslovakia are entitled to hope for better treatment." Goodman especially deplored the "serious difficulties" of the Carpathian Jews, whose problem, he said, must be settled.

BULGARIAN JEWS SAY FINDINGS OF ANGLO-U.S. REPORT DO NOT APPLY TO THEIR COUNTRY

SOFIA, May 13. (JTA) -- The Anglo-American inquiry committee's findings that most of the Jews in Eastern European countries, aside from the USSR, desire to emigrate does not apply to Bulgaria, the Central Jewish Consistory said today.

In a statement challenging the committee's observations, the Consistory pointed out that despite the anti-Semitic policy of the former fascist governments, not a single Bulgarian Jew was deported because of the resistance of the Bulgarian people. It also stressed that the anti-Semites have been punished and that a law restoring confiscated Jewish property and barring racial hatred has been issued by the present government.

The statement further expressed the hope that the peace conference will take these actions into account when deciding upon terms for Bulgaria.

FEDERATION OF POLISH JEWS HEAD PRESENTS WARSAW WITH 500,000 ZLOTYS FOR RECONSTRUCTION

WARSAW, May 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the American and World Federations of Polish Jews, has presented Warsaw's mayor with a gift of 500,000 zlotys to be used toward the reconstruction of the city, before leaving Poland, the Warsaw radio announced today.

JEWS REPORTED ARRESTED BY SYRIAN POLICE AS THEY ATTEMPT TO ENTER PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, May 13. (JTA) -- The Arab press reports today that 15 visaless Jewish immigrants were arrested on the Syrian border as they attempted to slip into Palestine.

Twenty Tripolitanian Jews who have been in possession of Palestine immigration certificates for more than a year are unable to come here because the Egyptian government refuses to grant them transit visas, it is reported here.

A new settlement for Jewish veterans and their families was established yesterday near the village of Tel Mond, 22 miles from Tel Aviv.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS ASKED TO KEEP PROMISE TO REFUGEES WHO FOUGHT IN NORTH AFRICA

LONDON, May 13. (JTA) -- The British Government was urged today not to disclaim its moral responsibilities to a group of several hundred Jewish and non-Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria who broke out of the Vichy Government's slave labor camp in the Sahara Desert when the Allies invaded North Africa and offered their services to the British Army.

The appeal is made in an editorial in the London Times which claims that Britain is not fairly meeting her debt of honor, "with regard to these refugees "who were not compelled to fight, but who voluntarily joined the British forces because they saw in the Allied war effort a practicable means of furthering a crusade for European freedom.

"One of the British officers responsible for enlisting them, now a member of Parliament, has recently called attention in public to the value of their services and their fine anti-fascist record," the Times writes. "He states that 'when they enrolled we told them that, although there could be no 'blanket' promise of naturalization, they could trust the British Government not to let them down,' and in 1943 there followed an official promise that all such 'locally enlisted personnel' would, on completing their service, be given the option of release in the United Kingdom.

"They are due for demobilization, but the War Office now insists, even though some of them are actually stationed in this country, that they must be released either in the country where they enlisted or in the countries, other than Britain, where they are now serving, or just accept repatriation as 'displaced persons' to the home countries which discovered them."

ANTI-SEMITIC VANDALS BREAK INTO LONG ISLAND SYNAGOGUE; PAINT ANTI-JEWISH SLOGANS ON WALLS

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y., May 13. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic vandals broke into the Rockville Centre Synagogue over the week-end and painted the walls with "Heil Hitler" and other anti-Jewish slogans and obscenities, county police officials revealed last night.

This is the latest in a series of desecrations of the synagogue, and a day school run by the Long Island congregation, which have taken place within the past two weeks. Previously the hoodlums had confined their activities to smearing the walls, steps and sidewalks of the building. This time they broke a window and entered the premises smashing a wall clock, and littering the synagogue with paper. Police Chief Joseph Etkin has established a special guard to protect the school and the synagogue.

REVISIONIST LEADER SAYS PROVISIONAL JEWISH GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY BE PROCLAIMED

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- A provisional Jewish Government for Palestine "will shortly be proclaimed," it was announced at a press conference here today by Dr. L. Altman, chairman of the executive of the World New Zionist Organization, who has just arrived in this country. Its primary task, he said, must be the speedy transfer to Palestine of all Jews in Europe, in Arab lands and in other countries, who wish to settle there. The immediate goal is the transfer to Palestine of 1,000,000 Jews in the first year, he added.

"In an effort to secure her grip over Palestine, Britain is using certain elements in Arab countries as a spearhead in her campaign against Jewish Palestine," Dr. Altman charged. "It is generally understood, however, in the Middle East that the conflict is not between Jews and Arabs - as the British present the case - but between Jews and Britain." He added that "it is the growing conviction among the Jews of Palestine that unless radical steps are taken by the United States to ensure a just solution of the Palestine problem, they will have to take matters into their own hands."

JEWISH COUNCIL FOR RUSSIAN RELIEF PLEDGES \$3,000,000 IN 1946; 2,000 ATTEND CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- A pledge to send at least \$3,000,000 in relief supplies to the Soviet Union this year was made last night by 2,000 delegates of Jewish organizations to the fifth annual conference of the Jewish Council for Russian War Relief, which met at the Astor Hotel.

Speakers at the conference included Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress; Ilya Ehrenburg, famed Soviet war correspondent and author now touring the United States; Louis Levine, national chairman of the Council, and Acting Soviet Consul-General Vasil Kazanov. Prof. Albert Einstein sent a message to the conference voicing support of its aims.

ORT WOMEN IN AMERICA WILL "ADOPT" 1,000 JEWISH ORPHANS IN EUROPE, CONVENTION HEARS

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- The women's section of the American ORT will "adopt" 1,000 Jewish war orphans in Europe and will support them in ORT schools in their countries of residence, it was reported here today at the ninth biennial convention of the organization being held at the Commodore Hotel.

Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State, addressing the convention tonight praised the ORT for its accomplishments in aiding the rehabilitation of the Jews of Europe. He declared that the ORT approached the problem of aiding human beings with "deep understanding."

Dr. David Lvovitch, vice-president of the World ORT Union, reported that 15,500 persons are receiving training in the ORT schools and farm projects throughout the world. He disclosed that \$350,000 in tools, machinery and materials have been sent abroad since V-E day.

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF U.P.A. LEAVES FOR PALESTINE TO STUDY USE OF AMERICAN FUNDS

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, sailed yesterday on the S.S. Vulcania to make an intensive study of the refugee settlement program in Palestine and of the progress that has been made there in the absorption of Jewish refugees with the funds provided by the U.P.A. Mr. Rosenbloom will spend several months in Palestine.

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