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BRITAIN ANNOUNCES IT WILL CONSULT U.S., JEWS, ARABS, BEFORE ACTING ON PALESTINE REPORT

LONDON, May 15. (JTA) -- The British Government announced today that it is continuing its study of the recommendations of the Anglo-American Palestine committee, but will have no statement to make until it has completed consultations with the United States Government and Arab and Jewish representatives. The full text of the statement, which was released by the Foreign Office, reads as follows:

"His Majesty's Government are continuing their examination of the report submitted by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry regarding the problems of European Jewry and Palestine. They will not be in a position to announce their decisions on the committee's recommendations concerning Palestine until they have completed their consultations with the United States Government and have also consulted leaders of both the Arabs and the Jews.

"This procedure is in accordance with pledges given by His Majesty's Government when the formation of the committee was announced, and on earlier occasions. They note that the United States Government have given a similar assurance that their decision on the report will not be taken until Arabs and Jews have been consulted."

A majority of the external affairs group of the Labor Party in Parliament was understood today to have approved the report of the Anglo-American Committee, while the minority argued that other nations than Britain should assist in finding homes for displaced Jews.

(The Syrian Government last night issued an official denial of a report that the Soviet minister in Damascus had assured the Government that Russia would back Arab demands, if the Arab League took the Palestine issue before the U.S. Security Council.)

In the House of Commons today, Colonial Secretary George Hall denied knowledge of an alleged scheme to settle 30,000 Jews on the island of Cyprus. He said that at present there are only 107 Jews on the island, which offers no opportunity for large scale settlement.

ARABS DEMAND DISSOLUTION OF JEWISH AGENCY; EGYPTIAN KING SUMMONS ALL ARAB RULERS

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- The immediate dissolution of the Jewish Agency is demanded in a memorandum which the Arab Higher Committee will submit to the High Commissioner, it was officially announced today by the secretariate of the Committee.

From Cairo, it is reported today that Abdel Aziz Badr, chief of the Arabic section of the Royal Palace, has left Cairo in an Egyptian military plane to visit Beirut, Damascus, Bagdad and capitals of other Arab states to convey an invitation from King Farouk to all Arab rulers to meet on the Palestine question. At the headquarters of the Arab League it was announced that all Arab kings and presidents will meet "very shortly" at an unidentified place in Egypt to exchange views on Palestine.

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NEW ATTACK REPORTED FROM PALESTINE; PLAN FOR PALESTINE SUGGESTED IN LONDON

LONDON, May 15. (JTA) -- The British Broadcasting Corporation today reported from Tel Aviv that five armed Jews this morning seriously injured a British paratrooper and escaped. No details are available.

The establishment of a new government in Palestine composed jointly of Jews and Arabs, under a head of state to be appointed by the United Nations, was urged by Sir Hubert Young at a meeting of the Liberal Luncheon Club in London today.

Sir Hubert, who was associated with "Lawrence of Arabia," urged the division of Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish regions, and suggested that the head of the state should work with a council composed of Jews and Arabs, each with an equal voice, to run the affairs of the government.

REICHSBANK PARTICIPATED WITH GESTAPO IN LOOTING JEWISH PROPERTY, NUREMBERG COURT HEARS

NUREMBERG, May 15. (JTA) -- Testimony given today at the war crimes trial here left no doubt that the administration of the Reichsbank participated with the Gestapo in looting Jewish property and in administering it.

The witnesses testified that two Gestapo officials and two officials of the Reichsbank formed a special body supervising the administration of the huge amount of money and valuables confiscated from Jews in all parts of Europe. The Reichsbank insisted on "helping" the Gestapo in administering the Jewish property "because the Gestapo men were not specialists," one of the witnesses stated.

DISPLACED JEWS CELEBRATE YEAR OF LIBERATION; HONOR VICTIMS OF NAZIS AT MEMORIAL SERVICES

LANDSBERG, May 15. (JTA) -- All displaced Jews in the American zone of Germany today observed the first anniversary of their liberation from the Nazis and mourned the millions of Jews who were murdered.

In the Landsberg camp, more than 4,500 displaced Jews marked the observance with a torchlight parade in the evening within the camp. Young people, carrying blue-white flags and singing Hatikvah, marched past a stand occupied by UNRRA officials. They were addressed by Dr. Samuel Gringaus, leader of the camp. Huge bonfires were set later and various groups sang and danced.

The first 30 refugee nurses to be graduated from the hospital which the displaced Jews have established in the Landsberg camp received their diplomas tonight.

Memorial Services for Thousands Murdered By Nazis Held at Theresienstadt

PRAGUE, May 15. (JTA) -- Memorial services for the thousands of persons who died at the concentration camp and ghetto established by the Nazis in the Theresienstadt fortress were held here with high-ranking government officials and Czech and Jewish leaders attending. Speakers stressed that vigilance must be maintained to prevent the recurrence of fascism.

UNIFICATION OF TWO FACTIONS OF GENERAL ZIONISTS EFFECTED IN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, May 15. (JTA) -- Unification of the General Zionist movement was effected yesterday when a special conference of the General Zionists B voted 86 to 21 to amalgamate with the A group. The trade union affiliated with the B faction, however, reserved the right to maintain its own independence and specified that it would not feel obligated to join the Histadruth.

WATCH JEWS MAKING RAPID STRIDES IN SECURING RETURN OF CONFISCATED PROPERTY

AMSTERDAM, May 15. (JTA) -- The restoration to Jews in Holland of their former rights, positions and property is being accomplished at a rate in keeping with the political, social, and economic recovery of the country. Their political rights have been restored, and the Netherlands Government is making great strides toward restoring them to their former positions and returning land, houses, businesses, and other property.

Jews who were ousted from positions in official and semi-official agencies have been rehired. Included among these are public officials in city councils, higher government posts, and employees in utilities such as telegraph and telephone agencies.

The problem of Jews who were employed in private industry has not been settled quite as easily. Unofficial surveys tend to establish that most private employers have rehired their Jewish employees when the volume of business made it possible to add new employees to their staffs, but in many factories and offices extreme shortages hamper business recovery and employment requirements have not increased sufficiently for the hiring of new employees.

The restitution of real estate, large-scale enterprises such as factories, and land is proceeding at a much slower pace. Under "Law 100" of the "Laws of Recovery," enacted shortly after the liberation, all German legal and illegal seizures of Jewish property were annulled. In practice, however, it does not work out as simply as that. Jewish property, after seizure, was sold to other parties, some of whom were not collaborators and bought it in good faith. In order to establish legal ownership and to recompense innocent parties in such cases a special investigating and judicial body has been established--the Council for Restoration of Rights.

This procedure is easiest to follow in cases where a large business or factory was not liquidated by the Germans, but merely placed under the control of a Nazi custodian. Most of the owners, however, find their assets dissipated and the business in poor shape. Although their property has been, or will be, returned, they face long years of arduous effort before their businesses will flourish again. The small businessmen are probably in the poorest condition. Their shops and stores were closed or taken over by the Germans and few of them exist today.

Property belonging to deported Jews who have not returned cannot be claimed by the heirs, but is placed in the custody of the Institution for Management and Administration. Wherever possible, however, this bureau has named former Jewish owners or their heirs as official custodians. In effect, therefore, these businesses are back in the hands of Jewish owners.

MASS UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG JEWS IN BULGARIA; LOOK TO U.S. JEWRY FOR ASSISTANCE

SOFIA, May 15. (JTA) -- A tour of the principal Jewish communities of Bulgaria, just completed by a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, reveals the same picture everywhere: mass unemployment due to loss of businesses during the fascist regime.

The Jewish population is looking to American Jews for aid. They especially need machines, tools and funds to provide small loans as a first step towards economic rehabilitation.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY REPORT UNPRECEDENTED INCREASE IN CONTRIBUTIONS

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Although seeking amounts which overshadow all previous campaign efforts, success seems assured in scores of Jewish communities conducting Spring fund raising drives, according to reports received by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Current campaign goals established by 89 welfare fund members of the Council total \$80,440,000 as against \$32,883,000 in 1945--an increase of 145 percent. To match these goals communities disclose they are getting gift increases ranging from 800 to 1,600 percent over last year. All elements in every community are getting behind the campaigns in an unprecedented display of complete unity, the reports emphasize.

High increases have been commonplace occurrences in cities which have just completed substantial and highly successful capital fund campaigns. One such city, Philadelphia, out for \$6,000,000 as against \$2,225,000 last year, raised \$1,500,000 from a small group who last year gave \$400,000. Philadelphia reports increases from \$25,000 to \$150,000, naught to \$100,000, \$2,000 to \$50,000, \$1,000 to \$20,000. Another, Hartford, has already passed \$943,000 as against \$537,000 last year and a goal of \$875,000 this year; while New York is beginning to roll by passing the \$12,000,000 mark.

Many Cities Pass Their Last Year's Figures; Small Groups Give Large Sums

With from 50 to 75 percent of the gifts yet to be collected, many communities have already passed last year's final figures: Newark \$1,040,167 as against \$898,594 last year; St. Paul \$267,000 as against \$262,000; Syracuse \$204,000 as against \$190,000; Toronto \$498,000 as against \$421,000; Atlantic City \$180,000 as against \$129,897; Ft. Worth \$130,000 compared to \$73,000; New Haven \$500,000 or \$175,000 more than last year; Portland, Ore. \$238,000 as against \$155,000; Peoria \$290,000 versus last year's final total of \$117,736, and a goal of \$250,000; and Monroe \$70,000 in contrast to \$27,000.

Dallas set \$300,000 as its goal, to supplement \$100,000 already available to the United Jewish Appeal from the War Chest allocation. The sum actually raised was \$665,000 or well over twice the original goal. St. Louis, out for \$1,300,000, is rapidly approaching the million dollar mark. Dayton, seeking \$225,000, has raised \$122,000 from 49 contributors who had pledged only \$35,000 during that city's last independent fund raising drive.

Initial gift increases have already netted Indianapolis \$300,000 towards its \$500,000 goal. One group of 36, who pledged \$52,000 in 1942, came through with \$193,000 this year. Bridgeport, which raised \$74,000 in 1942, had to twice revise its 1946 goal upward. The first time they sought \$250,000. When 500 special gifts which netted \$40,000 in 1943 brought in \$220,000, the goal was raised to \$285,000. Later when a small group gave additional increases amounting to \$40,000, the goal was lifted to \$300,000.

Detroit, Milwaukee and Buffalo are among the War Chest cities which are discarding all previous standards of giving. Last reports from Detroit, which is seeking \$2,000,000, is that it is running tremendously ahead of its last independent campaign. Milwaukee is seeking \$1,000,000 as against its last independent effort of \$250,000. That the goal is inspiring a new tempo of giving was demonstrated when 20 persons who gave \$23,000 in 1942, subscribed \$185,000 this year. Buffalo intends to raise \$365,000 to supplement a War Chest allocation of \$150,950. Preliminary gifts received from 30 persons amounted to \$115,000 or five times better than they did in their last independent effort.

FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY APPEAL AGAINST "FREEZING" OF FUNDS FOR JEWISH CAUSES

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- A resolution pointing out that "there are other pressing needs outside of the scope of the United Jewish Appeal which must be met," was made public here today by the executive committee of the American Friends of the Hebrew University as part of an appeal for increased support of the institution.

The resolution says that "the policy of subordinating all minor projects to a major one is bad in principle, and unsound as a matter of all-around planning." It emphasizes that "freezing support of all causes and projects except one, especially those causes and projects which have expanding needs, will not only inflict irreparable harm on these projects, but will be a disservice to world Jewry."

KINSTEIN, MORGENTHAU, MRS. DAVID LEVY APPEAL FOR INCREASED AID TO UJA

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Appeals for the United Jewish Appeal came from three different sources yesterday as the UJA nation-wide drive neared the end of the Spring portion of its campaign.

In Princeton, New Jersey, Prof. Albert Einstein, making one of his rare public appearances, spoke at the opening of the UJA drive in that city, which hopes to raise \$15,000. Sharing the platform with him was Dr. Frank Aydelotte, director of the Institute for Advanced Study, who was a member of the Anglo-American Palestine committee.

In New York, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury, told a meeting of the radio and stage artists section of the New York UJA that since UNRRA does not aid former enemy countries, most of the needy Jews in Europe are dependant solely upon the UJA for assistance.

Also in New York, Mrs. David Levy, chairman of the UJA's women's division, speaking at an interim meeting of officers of the division, said that major responsibility for the care and rehabilitation of Europe's 150,000 Jewish child survivors must be assumed at once by the Jewish women of America.

DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF PALESTINE REPORT HIT AT DINNER OF LEAGUE FOR FREE PALESTINE

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Britain's delay in implementing the recommendations of the Anglo-American Palestine committee was attacked here last night at a dinner arranged by the American League For A Free Palestine to launch a \$3,000,000 drive "to force the gates of Palestine."

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson of Washington urged immediate admittance of 100,000 Jews and U.S. support for establishment of a "Hebrew nation." He asserted that the United States was being asked to join in abandoning 1,500,000 Jews in Europe.

Sen. Francis C. Myers of Pennsylvania disclosed that he is planning to introduce a resolution in the Senate urging the State Department to refuse to recognize the independence of Transjordan. "We cannot permit Palestine to be mutilated, because it is the sacred homeland of the Hebrew nation," he said.

Other speakers included Reps. Andrew Summers and Augustus Bennet of New York, who, with the two Senators, received awards from the League for their "contribution in Congress to the fight for Hebrew freedom." Peter Bergson, chairman of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, also spoke.