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BRITAIN INVITES ALL ARAB RULERS TO CONFERENCE IN LONDON ON PALESTINE QUESTION

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- The British Government has decided to invite the rulers of all the Arab countries to a conference in London on the Palestine problem, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today from an unimpeachable source.

It has not yet been established what form a similar invitation to Jews will take, and whether the British Government will invite only representatives of the Jewish Agency, or also representatives of other central Jewish organizations.

The Jewish Agency refused to give any hint as to whether it has received any such invitation. Earlier in the day a spokesman for the Agency told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the British Government has not approached the Agency with regard to the report of the Anglo-American inquiry committee.

A report from Jerusalem today said that the Palestine Government has announced that the immigration schedule for the period from May 15 to June 14 will comprise 1,600 single immigration certificates, of which 1,500 are for Jews and 100 for Arabs.

Reuter's today carries an interview from Tel Aviv with a spokesman of the Jewish resistance movement quoting him as stating that Palestine Jews "will be loyal to any power that will save our massacred brethren, and assure a national existence in Palestine."

"We will struggle here and abroad against any power depriving us of our way to salvation," the spokesman said. "If Britain fulfills her promises to the Jews, she will be a reliable ally, but if the White Paper policy is pursued, we will do our utmost to deprive Britain of the right to rule in Palestine. Our policy is not based solely on written promises but on solid facts. If the British Government carries out the immigration of 100,000 Jews, Jews will keep the peace necessary for the immigration. But as long as the White Paper policy continues, we are in a state of war with the policy of its authors."

WAR DEPARTMENT DENIES REPORT OF PREPARATIONS TO TRANSFER 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- The War Department today denied a press report that the army is making temporary preparations for transfer of 100,000 displaced Jewish persons to Palestine from Germany and Austria.

The Department explained the necessity to plan for the contingency that it may be asked to participate in the movement of the refugees, but said that so far it is purely paper planning and not related to the yet unknown action by the American and British Governments.

If the War Department is asked to assist in transferring the 100,000, it pointed out, it would be a very substantial task. It also must have under consideration alternative plans should the inquiry committee recommendation for admission of the 100,000 not be carried out.

ADMISSION OF JEWS TO BIRO-BIDJAN ASKED BY BRITISH DELEGATE TO U.N. REFUGEE BODY

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- Sir George Rendel, British representative on the United Nations Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons, today asked the Soviet delegation whether the USSR would be willing to open the doors of Biro-Bidjan to Jewish refugees from other countries.

The Russian representative, M.R. Yezin, said that he was unable to reply immediately, but promised to place the suggestion before his government. He said he would submit an answer to the committee as soon as possible. Rendel pointed out that admission of refugees to Biro-Bidjan would "contribute to the solution of a difficult problem."

Over the opposition of Rendel, the committee has decided to follow the American and Russian suggestion that the international body to be established to handle the refugee problem should consist of representatives of the nations directly concerned with the problem, rather than be an agency of the United Nations. Such a recommendation will be made to the General Assembly by the committee.

BULGARIAN ZIONISTS JOIN FATHERLAND FRONT; PLEDGE FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM, FASCISM

SOFIA, May 16. (JTA) -- The United Zionist Organization of Bulgaria has joined the Jewish section of the Fatherland Front Party, it was announced here following the signing of an agreement between the organizations last night.

Under the agreement all Zionist groups within the UZO will have equal representation on the central committee of the Jewish section of the party, as well as on other Jewish communal institutions. Each of these bodies will continue to function independently and will receive the active support of the Fatherland Front, but all will cooperate in the Front's basic program of fighting against all manifestations of anti-Semitism and fascism.

The United Zionist Organization will also receive equal representation on all special welfare commissions. The Fatherland Front pledged its efforts toward finding a solution to the economic problems facing the Jews, especially the liquidation of rehabilitation questions which still remain unsettled under the provisions of the Government's first restitution law.

HOUSE GETS RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES OF ARAB OFFICE IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- Congressman Emanuel Celler, Democrat of New York, today introduced in the House of Representatives a resolution to investigate charges made recently by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League concerning organized propaganda activities of the Arab League and its Washington agency, the Arab Office, as well as of the Institute for Arab-American Affairs and other unofficial agencies operating in concert.

The Celler resolution would authorize the House Judiciary Committee, or a special sub-committee, to investigate organized propaganda activities of these agencies, especially in connection with American groups which are engaged in stirring up religious bias and bigotry for the purposes of influencing adversely the attitude of the Administration concerning the recommendation of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, that 100,000 Jews be admitted into Palestine.

CRUM SAYS TRUMAN SHOULD ORDER ARMY TO PLAN TRANSFER OF 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16. (JTA) -- President Truman should immediately issue a directive to American military authorities in Germany directing them to prepare plans for the transfer of 100,000 displaced Jews from Germany, Austria and Italy to Palestine, Bartley Crum, a member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, said last night, addressing a meeting here under the auspices of the Associated Jewish Organizations.

Although the committee's recommendations did not call for establishment of a Jewish state, they make possible the ultimate establishment of "a democratic commonwealth, the majority of which are Jews," Crum said. He appealed to American Jews not to press for a Jewish commonwealth now, but to unite in demanding the immediate transfer of the 100,000 Jews.

"I urge you to unite to make that the present consideration," he continued, "I urge you not to pass resolutions now for the immediate creation of a commonwealth in Palestine. Such a commonwealth now would mean an Arab state, because today there are 1,200,000 Palestinian Arabs as against 600,000 Palestinian Jews. Leave the political structure for some time in the future. Not that I wish to interfere either with your programs or with your political views, but the immediate admission of the one hundred thousand to Palestine may be lost altogether--the repeal of the White Paper of 1939 may be further delayed--if the issue is confused now by agitating and campaigning for what is impossible today."

British Military Said Arab Threats of Soviet Aid Were Bluff

Discussing recent Arab threats to appeal to the Soviet Union for aid, Crum said: "I say without any hesitation that it is a colossal bluff designed to intimidate a timid British Foreign Office. That it is a bluff was testified to us in camera by the commanding general of the British general staff in the Middle East and by the commanding general in Palestine.

"No single Arab country or possible combination of Arab countries could effectively fight the forces which the Jews of Palestine alone can raise, arm, and put into the field. The Jews of Palestine have had twenty years to raise a secret army of some sixty thousand men. These are well trained. At least forty thousand of them have, in addition to their ground training, served in the armed forces of his Britannic Majesty. They know how to use weapons, having been trained by the British when Rommel was knocking at the gates of Cairo.

"In fact, we were told by the commanding general of the British forces in Palestine that if every British soldier were withdrawn tomorrow, the Haganah or secret army of Palestine Jewry would take over all of Palestine and hold it against the entire Arab world--without the slightest difficulty," Crum added. "In addition, there are over 100,000 British troops in Palestine, veterans of the war against Hitler, and more troops are coming every day from Egypt. There will be no bloodshed in Palestine. There will be no violence in Palestine unless the great powers concerned will it thus."

Crum reiterated that the committee had considered and rejected the condition that the Haganah surrender its arms in return for the immigration of 100,000 Jews from Europe. "What our committee decided," he said, "was not to deprive the Haganah of its arms, but to remove the cause for bearing arms." He stressed that "we knew from the

testimony of the Palestine police and military authorities themselves that to invite the Jews of Palestine to lay down their arms at this time would be quite literally to ask for a recurrence of Arab terroristic acts which the whole world witnessed from 1929 to 1938."

The San Francisco attorney said that both the Jewish Agency and the Palestine Government had assured the committee that 100,000 Jews could be absorbed in Palestine without too much difficulty. In this connection he praised the achievements of the Jews in reviving the land and stressed that the committee's recommendation for development of the Jordan Valley Authority was practical.

Crum expressed surprise and dismay that among the Jewish DP's in Europe, who desperately need a place to settle, he found reluctance to emigrate to the United States, if that were possible, because of what they have heard of the prevalence of anti-Semitism in this country. He urged repudiation of "those native fascists and rabble-rousers who are trying to build themselves to power and influence by fomenting prejudice against the Jews in America."

ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION ASKS PROMPT ACTION BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON INQUIRY REPORT

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- Prompt action on the unanimous recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, particularly on the proposal for the immediate transfer of 100,000 displaced Jews from Europe to Palestine, was urged upon the British Government by the Anglo-Jewish Association.

In a statement released today the Association welcomed "the constructive proposals" of the inquiry committee and expressed satisfaction that the group affirmed that "no government of Palestine can fail to do its best not only to maintain a Jewish national home there, but to foster development of the country, including immigration."

The Palestine military and police contingent, which will march in the British Empire victory parade in London on June 8, is expected to arrive in Liverpool next Monday, it was announced today. The Jewish members of the Palestine regiment will be met there by representatives of the Jewish Agency and later the Agency will tender a reception in their honor.

The Palestine troops will march among the colonial detachments, while the Arab Legion will march with representatives of allied nations, in view of Transjordan's recently granted independence.

The Colonial Office official announcement on the participation of colonial troops emphasizes that Palestinians were among the first colonial troops to actively participate in World War II. The statement points out that the first Palestinian Pioneer company saw action in France in 1940. Later, companies were transferred to Egypt and eventually served with British and Anzac forces in Greece. At that time there were 2,600 Jews and 1,200 Arabs from Palestine in the British services.

Referring to the Jews' persistent demands for a separate Jewish fighting force, the Colonial Office statement says that the Jewish Brigade was organized in 1944 and actively engaged the enemy in Italy from March to May 1945, suffering 200 casualties. Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander praised their performance and stressed that they were most eager to close with the enemy in hand-to-hand combat. It has not yet been revealed which detachment of the Brigade will march in the contingent of the British Army of the Rhine.

TENSION AMONG JEWISH DP'S CAUSED DISTURBANCE AT LANDSBERG, UNRRA AIDE TELLS COURT

AUGSBURG, Germany, May 16. (JTA) -- A.C. Glassgold, UNRRA director of the Landsberg camp, today told the military court trying 20 of the camp's residents for participation in a riot there on April 28 that the recent deaths of Jewish DP's during outbreaks in Stuttgart and Regensburg, "plus an occasional outburst at Landsberg," were the chief contributing factors to the disturbance. The incident which touched off the fracas, he said, was the disappearance of two DP guards.

Testifying at the fourth day of the trial, Glassgold said that the disturbance was "unquestionably impulsive, with no sign of any plan of cohesive action." He added that their past experiences had made the DP's emotionally unstable. The UNRRA director praised the general conduct of the military police during the riot, but criticized the "display of force," consisting of numbers of armed troops and machine guns, after things had quieted down.

The prosecution presented ten military witnesses, including Sgt. William Fitzpatrick, who with a private named Martin, reported the first meeting of most of the defendants at the rear of the camp, but did not arrest any of them, merely stopping them from leaving the camp. Both said the defendants offered no resistance. Fitzpatrick confirmed the fact that the Provost Marshal had agreed to free all of the defendants except Simmel Nussbaum, who had a knife, but they refused unless all were freed.

The witnesses identified four of the 20 as having being mixed up in the disturbance. The prosecution plans to wind up its case tomorrow and the defense will open its presentation on Monday.

J.D.C. Aides Describe Growing Demoralization Among Jewish Survivors

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Three Joint Distribution Committee field representatives who returned from Europe today told of a growing deterioration in the situation confronting Jewish displaced persons in Austria and Northern Italy which threatens to offset the improvement in their morale and spirit which has taken place since liberation a year ago.

At a press conference held at offices of the J.D.C., they described the increasingly harsher conditions faced by Europe's Jewish survivors; conditions which, they agreed, "may soon extinguish the flame of hope that burned so brightly on V-E Day." Despite the tremendous amount of aid provided by the J.D.C. in those areas from which the three representatives returned a few weeks ago--assistance such as food, clothing, medicines and social service help--the J.D.C. representatives joined in asserting that "Central Europe daily grows more impossible as a home for these first victims of Nazi cruelty."

The J.D.C. welfare workers are James Rice of Cleveland, Ohio, former director of the Committee's activities in the American and French zones in Austria; Norman Weinstein, Helena, Montana, who spent two years with the Red Cross in the China-Burma-India Theatre and then volunteered for relief work with the J.D.C. in Vienna and in the British zone in Austria; and Morris Lamb, of New York City, former head of J.D.C. relief and rehabilitation program in Northern Italy, who spent seventeen months in Europe for the J.D.C.

(The Herald-Tribune reported from Berlin today that 850 Polish Jews, the last such convoy that moved in U.S. Army vehicles, left there today for the city of Hanover from where some hope eventually to reach Palestine by devious routes and others will attempt to get into American DP camps. The military authorities in Berlin, in a move to discourage further infiltration from Poland, have announced that they will no longer transport refugee Jews into the interior.)

APPOINTMENT OF DR. BERNSTEIN AS JEWISH ADVISOR HAILED BY JEWS IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, May 16. (JTA) -- The appointment of Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein as advisor on Jewish Affairs to General Joseph T. McNarney, commander of U.S. forces in Europe, was favorably received here by representatives of various Jewish voluntary relief agencies and Jewish chaplains.

Nearly all officials agreed that it was necessary for the welfare of the displaced Jews that there be somebody to carry their case to the highest authority. A number of them asserted that much of the recent trouble between Jewish DP's and U.S. troops probably would have been avoided had there been a Jewish advisor during the period after Judge Simon H. Rifkind's return to the United States.

JNF DIRECTOR WELCOMES ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO EASE LAND LAWS

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- The recommendation of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry that the Palestine Government rescind its land laws, which imposes severe restrictions on Jewish land purchase in Palestine, was welcomed by Dr. Abraham Granovsky, head of the Jewish National Fund, in a message cabled from Jerusalem to Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the JNF of America.

"This recommendation which, next to the recommendation for the admission of the 100,000 displaced Jews, is the second positive proposal of the Anglo-American Committee, now awaiting implementation, constitutes a recognition of the Jewish people's will to secure its national freedom through the redemption of the soil of its ancient Homeland," the JNF director said. "Irrespective of the outcome of the negotiations between the Governments of the United States and Great Britain, the admission of the justice of our case in opposition to the vicious land laws which have been imposed by the Palestine Government is very gratifying."

NEW VETERANS' SETTLEMENT ESTABLISHED IN PALESTINE; NAMED FOR AUSTRALIAN JEWISH GENERAL

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- The 203rd Jewish settlement to be established by the Jewish National Fund was formally opened today at Kfar Monash on over 300 acres near the colony of Bethany.

The settlement, which was started by 100 families with a capital budget of \$132,000, has been organized by former members of the 534th Palestine Field Survey Company. The new veterans' community is named for Sir John Monash, first Jew to attain the rank of general in England. Sir John was the first Australian to lead Australian troops in France in the first World War.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE ESTABLISHES CHAIRS IN MEMORY OF ADOLPH OCHS, JULIUS ROSENWALD

CINCINNATI, May 16. (JTA) -- Establishment of the Adolph S. Ochs Chair of Jewish History and the Julius Rosenwald Chair of Jewish Social Studies at the Hebrew Union College, was announced here today by Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of the college.

The history chair is named in honor of the late publisher of the New York Times, who was an active supporter of the college and a son-in-law of the late Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, founder of the institution. The social studies chair is named in honor of the late Julius Rosenwald, who was "a devoted friend of the college," the announcement said. Dr. Jacob R. Marcus will occupy the Ochs Chair in Jewish History and Dr. Abraham Cronbach will occupy the Rosenwald Chair of Jewish Social Studies.

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