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Jews, Arabs Will Receive Today British Invitation to Confer on Palestine Report

JERUSALEM, May 19. (JTA) -- Jewish and Arab leaders were asked today to appear tomorrow morning at Government House, official residence of the High Commissioner, to receive a communication from the British Government. Dr. Bernard Joseph will represent the Jewish Agency.

It is believed that the British note will invite the Arabs and Jews to a conference to discuss implementation of the recommendations of the Anglo-American Palestine committee.

1,014 La Spezia Refugees Disembark in Palestine; Apologize for Using Certificates

HAIFA, May 19. (JTA) -- Shortly after dawn today, the 1,014 Jewish refugees whose detainment at La Spezia, Italy, created an international incident, began disembarking from the Fede and the Fenice, renamed the Eliahu Golomb and Dov Hov.

The vessels arrived in Haifa harbor late last night under the escort of British destroyer Charity, which met them 60 miles off the Palestine coast. They left La Spezia on May 8, but were delayed for 28 hours in the port of Candia, Crete, into which they put when one of the passengers complained of severe pains, which were diagnosed as appendicitis. They were not permitted to leave Candia until they had paid the harbor master a "ransom" of \$40.

Awaiting the arrivals were several of the 15 Jewish leaders who went on a hunger strike to protest their detention, representatives of the Jewish Agency and relatives. The first to disembark were five sick men and women who were brought from the ship in a lighter. They were followed by 100 pregnant women and 16 limbless partisans. The first passenger to step ashore was Chaya Ivanski, 20, from Stopnitz, Poland, who walked to a Red Mogen David ambulance on which was inscribed "Gift of Boston Jewish Community."

There were about an equal number of men and women on board, ranging from youngsters to elderly veterans of concentration camps. About 200 of them are former partisans. Although they had sufficient food and water, most of them were weary from their long confinement. Despite this, they sang happily as they waited their turn to enter the launches which carried them to the dock. Some of the arrivals were apologetic that they were using immigration certificates, explaining that "we tried to enter illegally."

As soon as the disembarkation was completed, the immigrants were taken to a quarantine station, where they were fed and sprayed with DDT by volunteer nurses. Six hundred were then moved to a new immigrant transit camp near Hadera, while the others were taken to Kiryat Shmuel.

Prior to the landing, police cars patrolled the area of the docks, alert for any trouble, as there had been rumours that Arab demonstrators would protest against the landings. The vessels were originally scheduled to dock at Tel Aviv, but the Charity directed them to Haifa.

FIRST TRANSPORT OF 867 DISPLACED PERSONS LANDS TODAY IN NEW YORK AS QUOTA IMMIGRANTS

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- The first post-war immigrant ship from Germany, the Marine Flasher, will land at New York tomorrow morning bringing 867 displaced persons from Europe, the majority of them Jews, who comprise the first group of refugees permitted to enter the United States on immigrant visas under President Truman's directive.

The Jewish immigrants will be met at the pier by representatives of the HIAS, National Refugee Service, Council of Jewish Women, Vaad Haatzala, International Rescue and Relief Committee and other organizations who provided corporate affidavits for them and paid their transportation costs. Passage for 444 of the 867 arrivals was arranged by the Joint Distribution Committee.

Among the immigrants are about 70 orphans whose parents were murdered by the Nazis. Among the passengers are 343 who received their visas under the Polish quota; 218 from Germany; 45 from Latvia; 31 from Soviet Russia; 30 from Hungary; 22 from Yugoslavia; 27 from Czechoslovakia and 17 from Rumania. A second immigrant ship, the Marine Perch, is now en route to the United States, having left Germany a week ago.

Many of the immigrants will be reunited with their relatives, but those who have no relatives will be taken to shelters arranged for them by the Jewish organizations. The President Hotel in Long Beach, Long Island, has been set aside as a residence for homeless immigrants who arrive on corporate affidavits of the orthodox organization Vaad Hatzala, while the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society will place many of the arrivals in its own shelter in New York.

The Joint Distribution Committee today announced that it expended over \$95,000 for the passage of more than 400 immigrants as well as for processing in Germany during the last month of more than 1,000 Jewish persons for immigration to the United States. The International Rescue and Relief Committee revealed that it paid transportation costs for a group of Polish-Jewish labor leaders on the "Marine Flasher," who distinguished themselves in anti-Nazi activity, and spent several years in concentration camps in Germany.

MAGNES EN ROUTE TO U.S., CONFERS ON BI-NATIONAL STATE WITH ARAB LEAGUE LEADER

JERUSALEM, May 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University, who is en route to the United States, paused at Cairo for a two-hour discussion with Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, secretary general of the Arab League, it was reported here today. Dr. Magnes is understood to have sounded out Azzam Bey on the Arab stand on the proposal for establishment of a bi-national state in Palestine.

Meir Yaari, head of the Hashomer Hazair in Palestine, addressing a conference of that organization in Tel Aviv today, stressed the necessity to fight for Arab-Jewish rapprochement in Palestine, which, he said, "would break up the national complex" in this country. He emphasized that the Hashomer Hazair will never agree to dissolution of the Hagana, but added that it would combat terrorism.

Referring to the efforts to achieve a united labor front at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, Yaari said that the Hashomer Hazair would not agree to the principles of the Biltmore Declaration--which calls for the immediate creation of a Jewish Commonwealth--in return for labor unity.

JEWS AT DP CAMP REPORTED TO HAVE ATTACKED CARS OF RUSSIAN REPATRIATION MISSION

LONDON, May 19. (JTA) -- The Exchange Telegraph reports from Munich that Jews at a DP camp near there stoned the cars of a Russian repatriation mission which came to inspect the camp. American troops restored order.

SILVER URGES FIGHT ON DELAYING TACTICS ON PALESTINE; CALLS NATIONAL PARLEY IN WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- The mobilization of the entire American Zionist movement for an all-out struggle against "the delaying tactics designed to keep the doors of Palestine shut to Jewish immigration, currently being pursued by the British Government and, it would seem, also by our own State Department - in direct opposition to the position taken by President Truman," was announced today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the executive committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

In a statement issued here, Dr. Silver disclosed that a National Conference of Zionist leaders, representing more than 400 communities, will take place at the Statler Hotel, Washington, D.C., on Thursday, May 23. A program of action will be formulated at the conference "to fight the present policy of evasion and equivocation" on the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry's recommendation to admit 100,000 homeless Jews into Palestine immediately.

"REASONABLE LIFE" OUTSIDE EUROPE ONLY SOLUTION FOR DP'S, SAYS WAR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN

WASHINGTON, May 19. (JTA) -- An assurance of "a reasonable life" outside Germany and Europe was stated today to be the only solution for Jewish displaced persons, by Assistant Secretary of War Howard C. Petersen.

Speaking on a nation-wide broadcast on Germany and the occupation, together with Assistant Secretary of State John H. Hildring, Petersen, who is charged with administration of occupied areas, pointed out that the majority of observers have reported the desire of most of the Jewish displaced persons to go to Palestine. "As long as they continue to remain in camps in Germany even under the best of conditions," Petersen declared, "there is an increased danger of breakdown of morale, violent protests and even large-scale suicides."

ROMANIAN MINISTER FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS AMONG 13 WAR CRIMINALS SENTENCED TO DEATH

BUCHAREST, May 19. (JTA) -- Radu Lecca, former Minister for Jewish Affairs, in the pro-Nazi Antonescu regime, was among the twelve Rumanian war criminals who, together with former Premier Ion Antonescu, were sentenced to death by a People's Court over the week-end.

It is expected that the thirteen condemned men will appeal for a pardon. If Premier Petre Groza and Defense Minister Gen. Vasiliu Rascanu forward a request for pardon to the King the sentence could be changed to life imprisonment.

FRENCH INTERIOR MINISTER PROMISES EUROPEAN JEWS ASYLUM, TRANSIT THROUGH FRANCE

PARIS, May 19. (JTA) -- French Minister of Interior Andre Le Trotyer today promised a delegation of the Federation of Polish Jews that France will offer asylum and transit facilities for Jewish refugees in Europe. The delegation included Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the American Federation of Polish Jews, and Pierre Skornicki and S. Rosenblum, of the French organization of Polish Jews.

(At a press conference Dr. Tenenbaum said that during his five-week stay in Poland, President Boleslaw Bierut told him that Poland would raise the question of facilitating the emigration of Polish Jews before the United Nations.)

ARAB POLICEMEN OPEN FIRE ON PARTY OF JEWISH WORKERS, WOUNDING TWO

JERUSALEM, May 19. (JTA) -- Two Jews were wounded today when a party of Jewish workers were shot at by Arab supernumerary policemen. The Jews were en route to their jobs at a military camp near the colony of Nathanya when the Arabs opened fire.

BUXTON WARNS AGAINST DISARMING JEWS AND ARABS IN PALESTINE; SAYS ACCORD POSSIBLE

BOSTON, May 19. (JTA) -- A warning against "the impracticability of trying to disarm either the Jews or the Arabs at this time" was voiced here by Frank W. Buxton, a member of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee on Palestine, speaking at a private dinner. He expressed confidence in the ability of the rank and file Jews and Arabs to dwell together in Palestine in peace.

Mr. Buxton, editor of the Boston Herald, said that the presence of well-armed semi-military groups in both camps was a deterrent, rather than an invitation to open conflict in Palestine, and that killings of Jews and Arabs in the past have been due to the fact that the Arabs were armed while the Jews were defenseless.

"From personal interviews with many scores of persons intimately associated with the scenes of strife," he said, "I feel sure of the ability of the great bulk of Arabs and Jews to live in harmony. I actually saw instances of Jews and Arabs living side by side in many parts of that restless land, while treating each other with neighborly respect."

Asked if he thought the Committee's recommendations against establishment of either a Jewish or Arab state in Palestine and its proposal for an international government of some form offered a solution to conflicts in that land, Mr. Buxton replied: "It would be presumptuous of anyone to answer that question in the affirmative. All I can say is that the Committee debated the long-term problem in Palestine for days, and concluded that the best interests of all concerned would be served by international controls." He said the Committee entered into its discussions fully cognizant of the traditional problems involved in its investigations.

Predicts No One Would Surrender Arms; Forecasts Great Improvements

Returning to his original warning against the disarmament of the semi-military groups, Mr. Buxton stated that enforcement of disarmament was "virtually impossible, anyway," and hence, not worth incurring the ill feelings "that certainly would follow the attempt at such enforcement." The Jews and Arabs are both well armed, he said. He estimated that there were probably 50,000 to 60,000 well armed Jews in Palestine.

"These arms would disappear like magic," he pointed out, "if the owners were called upon to surrender their equipment. Blood-hounds could not find them. An arms prohibition at this time would be futile, and an encouragement to the outbreaks of violence."

"Under United Nations rule, and with the bulk of Arabs and Jews willing, I believe, to live in peace," Mr. Buxton continued, "I predict great improvements in Palestine during the next decade. Under progressive supervision, its people can be better educated, its resources tapped, and its historic shrines can become the mecca for thousands of world tourists."

As for Russian influence in Palestine, the Committee member saw none during his intensive research. "There is considerable talk," he said, "about the Russians doing this, or that, and of Jews smuggling in arms from the north, presumably from Russia. But I firmly believe there is no basis to these rumors, and I certainly could detect no signs of Russian influence, one way or another, during the scores of interviews held by the Committee."

BRITISH SOLDIERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN RIOT IN PALESTINIAN TOWN PUNISHED

JERUSALEM, May 19. (JTA) -- Several soldiers of the Sixth Airborne Division who participated in a riot at the Jewish settlement of Beer Tuva on April 28 have been punished and one was sentenced to one month in jail, it was disclosed here today. The disturbance occurred when the soldiers broke into the town shouting "Hitler must come to Palestine," and assaulted residents.

MORTALITY RATE AMONG VIENNESE JEWS TRIPLED BETWEEN 1938 AND 1945; 15 DYING MONTHLY

VIENNA, May 19. (JTA) -- The death rate of the Vienna Jewish community tripled in the period from 1938 to the middle of last year, an official survey reveals.

The mortality rate has increased from 12 per 1,000 eight years ago to 36 per 1,000 last year. As of May 1, this year, the Jewish community of Vienna, which once numbered 180,000 people, had 4,037 Jews enrolled. An average of 15 Jews have died monthly since the liberation of Austria.

The increased mortality is ascribed primarily to the effects of the physical torture and starvation which the Jews suffered in concentration camps or in hiding from the Nazis--often without a food ration card. The inadequacy of the present diet and crowded living quarters have also taken their toll. Because their weakened physical condition does not permit the majority of the Jews to engage in heavy labor, the official ration permitted them is only 1,000 to 1,200 calories daily. This vicious circle makes no provision for the physical rehabilitation of the Jews.

Better conditions exist only in the U.S. zone of the city where the American Red Cross distributes twice monthly a large number of food parcels to all victims of the Nazis. Unfortunately, the majority of Viennese Jews do not live within the American zone and are almost entirely dependent upon the Joint Distribution Committee. Jewish leaders complain that since the J.D.C. began operations in the city it has only distributed four food packages.

At a recent conference between J.D.C. representatives and Jewish community leaders it was decided to institute a health program for all the Jews in the city. Under the plan, which will be inaugurated next week, children up to the age of 16 will be examined and, if found to be undernourished, will be sent to special homes where they will receive 3,000 calories per day. Half the food will be supplied by the American Army and the other half by the J.D.C.

Examination of adults between 16 and 40 will establish whether they are physically able to work, and an attempt will be made to adjust their diet accordingly. The conference also considered proposals for the establishment of technical training schools for Jewish youth desiring to emigrate.

SHANGHAI JEWISH COMMUNITY CENSUS REVEALS NORMAL PERCENTAGES OF ALL AGE GROUPS

SHANGHAI, May 19. (JTA) -- A recent survey of the age groups in the Jewish refugee community of Shanghai has revealed that unlike Jewish refugee groups in other countries the age and sex divisions among Jews in Shanghai are similar to those found in normal communities elsewhere.

Of the more than 12,000 refugees half fall into the age group between 36 and 55. There are over 1,000 children up to the age of 16, some 2,200 young men and women between 17 and 35, and an equal number in the 56 to 65 category. In the oldest group, over 65, there are 440 men and 350 women.

In an attempt to improve living conditions for the oldest people in the community, Charles Jordan, Joint Distribution Committee representative, has purchased and renovated a large building for use as a home for the aged. When all repairs are completed the home will be able to accommodate upwards of 150 men and women.

BRITISH DOMINIONS SECRETARY THANKS CANADIAN JEWS FOR CONTRIBUTION TO WAR EFFORT

OTTAWA, May 19. (JTA) -- Malcolm MacDonald, former British Secretary of State for the Dominions, and until recently High Commissioner in Canada, has thanked the Jewish community for the "very generous help which you gave to our people during the war," in a letter addressed to Saul Hayes, national executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, made public here today.

"Among the people of the United Kingdom," wrote Mr. MacDonald, "there are countless men, women and children who remember with profound gratitude the kindness of friends in Canada during the difficult years of the war. That manifestation of your friendship with us, of your faith in our common cause, was a constant source of courage and inspiration to us both at home and abroad."

HEARST FOUNDATION PRESENTS \$100,000 TO JEWISH TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL AT DENVER

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- A gift of \$100,000 was presented last night by William Randolph Hearst, Jr., a trustee of the Hearst Foundation, to the Jewish National Hospital at Denver at a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Mr. Leonard Ginsburg, president of the Hearn department store, accepted the check for the hospital, which is a free non-sectarian tuberculosis institution, one-third of whose patients are former residents of New York. Other contributions announced by the Foundation, totalling \$650,000, were presented to the University of California, Oglethorpe University, University of Notre Dame, and the Los Angeles County Museum.

HADASSAH CABLES \$320,000 TO JEWISH AGENCY FOR CARE OF REFUGEE CHILDREN IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- Hadassah announced yesterday that it has cabled \$320,000 to the youth immigration department of the Jewish Agency.

This sum will provide the major share of funds needed for one year's care of 700 Jewish children who arrived in Palestine several weeks ago on the liners Champollion and Cairo City. This brings Hadassah contributions to the youth immigration department to \$935,000 since the beginning of 1946. The organization is pledged to raise \$1,000,000 before September.

20,000 JEWISH WAR VETERANS PARADE IN NEW YORK; J.W.V. HOLDS 51st ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICES

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- Twenty thousand Jewish war veterans today marched down Fifth Avenue in a parade which preceded the 51st memorial services of the Jewish War Veterans of America. The religious services were held at Temple Emanu-El.

The parade was reviewed by Senator Warren G. Magnuson of Washington, Mayor William O'Dwyer, numerous Congressmen and representatives of the Army and Navy as well as Jewish communal leaders. Music was provided by 20 bands from J.W.V. posts, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other veterans organizations.

COLONY NAMED IN HONOR OF STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS INAUGURATED IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 19. (JTA) -- The colony of Nachlat Massachusetts, named in honor of the State of Massachusetts, was formally inaugurated today. A document recording the redemption of 1,500 acres of land, on which the colony will be built, was presented to Fred Monson of Boston who headed the drive for funds for the settlement which were raised by the New England JNF. The presentation was made at the Ain Harod colony which Monson and 14 other American businessmen visited on their tour of Palestine.

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