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STATE DEPARTMENT STRESSES RECOMMENDATIONS OF ANGLO-U.S. COMMITTEE ARE NOT BINDING

WASHINGTON, May 21. (JTA) -- The State Department today released the text of a memorandum and letter sent to Jewish and Arab organizations in this country in which it asked for their views on the report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, stressing that the report was "advisory in character" and "its recommendations are not binding."

The organizations which received the letter and memorandum from the Department were the American Zionist Emergency Council, the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Conference, the American Council for Judaism, the American Jewish Congress, Agudas Israel of America, the New Zionist Organization of America, the American League for a Free Palestine and the Institute for Arab American Affairs, all of which testified at the Washington hearings initiating the work of the inquiry committee. In the letter, Dean Acheson, Under Secretary of State, assured the recipients that their views "will receive the close attention of this Government."

American representatives in the Near East, the Department said, were instructed to furnish copies on May 20 of the committee's report and of the memorandum to the Jewish Agency, and the Governments of Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Transjordan and Yemen, also to the Arab Higher Committee and the League of Arab States.

Text of State Department Memorandum to Jews and Arabs

The text of the State Department memorandum follows:

"In inviting comments and suggestions on the report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, the Government of the United States desires to make the following observations:

"1. The report is advisory in character, consequently, its recommendations are not binding. However, the United States Government is giving careful consideration to the report in view of the standing of the members of the committee, of the fact that the report was unanimously approved by them and of the fact that they were entirely free to arrive at any conclusions which to them seemed fair and reasonable. The United States Government will also give careful consideration to the views of the governments and organizations which it is now consulting. Judging from preliminary reactions to the report in various quarters, criticism is to be expected. In view of the importance of this problem and the sincere desire of the United States to arrive at a policy with regard to Palestine which will be both humane and just, this Government greatly hopes that the general character and trend of the observations and suggestions may, so far as possible, be of a constructive nature.

"2. By means of the participation of American citizens in the work of the committee, and through the present consultation, the Government of the United States is seeking information and assistance looking to the formulation of its policy on several difficult and complex problems. It readily recognizes that other governments and organizations will have their own respective attitudes in regard to these ques-

tions which may or may not be similar to the attitude which shall be adopted by the United States. The United States Government is grateful for the cooperation and help which have already been accorded to the committee of inquiry and hopes that assistance and collaboration will continue to be forthcoming as these matters develop. The United States Government, for its part, will be prepared at all times to reciprocate to the best of its ability the many courtesies which have been afforded to its citizens and representatives by the interested governments and groups.

"3. The interest of the United States in the questions considered in the report is believed to be legitimate and is based upon the following:

"(A) Compassion for and a desire to assist victims of Nazi and Fascist persecution, both Jews and non-Jews.

"(B) The fact that for a number of years American citizens have been contributing substantial assistance to the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine, and that there is every reason to expect that their interest will continue.

"(C) The deep interest which the American Government and its citizens have in maintaining and promoting mutually beneficial and harmonious relations between the United States and the countries of the Near East in the political field, in education and other cultural activities, in trade, and in economic development.

"(D) The value placed by the United States upon the contributions which the Near Eastern countries have made and will doubtless continue to make to the cause of world peace and prosperity and to the upbuilding and effectiveness of the international organization created for these purposes.

"4. This Government will be glad to receive comments and suggestions regarding the report as a whole or any part of it, and would be grateful if these could be received, at the latest, thirty days from today."

WEIZMANN SAYS INQUIRY REPORT DOES NOT SOLVE PROBLEM; ASKS SHIFT IN CONGRESS DATE

JERUSALEM, May 21. (JTA) -- Addressing a meeting today of the Small Zionist Actions Committee, called to discuss the notes submitted to the Jewish Agency yesterday by the British and American Governments, Dr. Chaim Weizmann declared that the report of the Anglo-American inquiry committee offers no solution of the Palestine problem.

He added, however, that if the recommendations for immediate admittance of 100,000 Jews from Europe and removal of the land restrictions were carried out, it would open the door to renewed efforts by Jews to develop the country. At the same time, he urged that the time and place of the World Zionist Congress--which is scheduled to open here on Aug. 7--be changed.

The meeting of the Actions Committee followed by a few hours the conclusion of a special session of the Jewish Agency, which was convened last night following receipt of the U.S. note, and which continued until early this morning.

The general Jewish reaction to the British and American invitations to the Jews and Arabs to give their views on the report was expressed by the Hebrew newspapers, which said that the move was designed to gain time, since the attitude of both the Jews and the Arabs was well known.

Arab reaction was equally unfavorable. Dr. Izzat Tannous, secretary of the Arab Higher Committee, said that the Arabs had already given their views on the re-

port in statements to the press and in telegrams to the United States and British Governments. He reiterated that the Arabs felt that the recommendations were "biased and unfair."

The United States was charged with being the real villain in the piece in a statement issued by Auni Bey Abdui Hadi, Arab extremist leader. He said that the Arabs believed that Britain was acting under pressure from the United States and were attempting to sacrifice their moral obligations to the Arabs to satisfy American election problems.

The Jewish Agency, which is going ahead with its plans to receive large numbers of immigrants in the near future, despite the unclear status of the committee's recommendations, has already placed orders for 1,600 prefabricated houses in Sweden. They will cost \$4,000,000.

The already tight housing situation in Palestine may grow even worse in the near future, if, as rumored here, British military headquarters in the Middle East are moved from Cairo to Jerusalem. There is no official confirmation, however, of the projected transfer.

DEFENSE COMPLETES CASE IN TRIAL OF 20 LANDSBURG DISPLACED JEWS ACCUSED OF RIOTING

AUGSBURG, Germany, May 21. (JTA) -- Defense counsel for the 20 displaced Jews being tried here by an A.M.G. General Court for participating in a riot at Landsberg on April 28 during which several Germans were injured, completed its case this morning.

Eight of the defendants, including three who had previously been identified by prosecution witnesses as among the participants in the disturbance, took the stand. The three who were allegedly identified denied taking part in the outbreak and insisted that the only reason they were arrested was because they "did not run fast enough, like the rest of the crowd." Two other defendants accused by Germans of assaulting them declared that they had arrived late in the disturbance and had remained out of curiosity.

After the morning session, the court ordered a recess until tomorrow when both the prosecution and the defense will make their concluding statements.

NON-SECTARIAN DRIVE FOR U.J.A. LAUNCHED; 1,000 NOTABLES HEAR APPEAL FOR AID TO JEWS

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- The non-sectarian community committee of the New York United Jewish Appeal officially launched its campaign tonight at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel addressed by Mayor William O'Dwyer, Governor Thomas E. Dewey, Henry Ford II, Nelson Rockefeller, chairman of the committee, and Edward M.M. Warburg, head of the New York U.J.A.

Gov. Dewey told the 1,000 notables present that the Jews of Europe who need aid "are our fellow comrades-in-arms in a war which for them began fourteen years ago and which only we, by our help, can bring to an end." Mayor O'Dwyer said that the gigantic problem of rehabilitating the Jews overseas cannot be met by the over-burdened governments of Europe or UNRRA.

Mr. Rockefeller, who presided, introduced the speakers, who were heard over a nation-wide network of the Columbia Broadcasting System. The dinner menu totalled only 700 calories in order to conserve food for shipment abroad.

HUNGARIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE WARNS AGAINST PRIVILEGES FOR JEWS AS SPUR TO ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, May 21. (JTA) -- In the interests of combatting anti-Semitism, it would be preferable not to create a "privileged Jewish class," Dr. Stevan Riess, Hungarian Minister of Justice, said here today.

Dr. Riess, who attended the international Socialist congress held at Clacton over the week-end, pointed out that a special fund to aid Jews has been set up by the Hungarian Government from the proceeds of property belonging to heirless Jews. He also cited legislation making anti-Semitism a punishable offense. The Minister of Justice pointed out, however, that Hungary is a badly damaged country and said that nothing should be done to give encouragement to the anti-Semitic agitation of reactionary forces.

Berl Locker and Moshe Shertok represented the Palestine Labor Party at the international Socialist conference. Locker reported to the conference on the Jewish labor movement's achievements in Palestine and the present situation in the country. Shertok participated in the general debate and discussed the international aspects of Zionism.

Hungarian Jewish-Christian Group Asks End To Discrimination Against Jews

BUDAPEST, May 21. (JTA) -- The Council for Social Reconciliation, an organization of Jews and Christians dedicated to healing the breach between the Jewish and non-Jewish community in Hungary which developed during the pro-Nazi regime, today announced that it will appeal to the Government to abolish all sections of the property restitution decrees which are hindering Jewish economic rehabilitation, it was disclosed here today.

According to Dr. Joseph Cavallier, a Catholic leader of the Council, the organization's first fight is against anti-Semitism, "which has cropped up again." Dr. Cavallier, who risked his own life to hide many Jews during the war and helped them get out of the country, pointed out that the Council is now attempting to eliminate those sections of the housing and movable property restitution laws which discriminate against returned deportees.

POLISH JEWISH DELEGATION HEADED BY DR. EMIL SOMMERSTEIN ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Emil Sommerstein, chairman of the Central Jewish Committee of Warsaw, which represents all surviving Jews in Poland, arrived here today to consult with leading Jewish organizations in the United States on the problems facing Polish Jewry.

Among the problems which the delegation will discuss with the Jews of America are the relief and rehabilitation of Polish Jews, ways and means of combatting anti-Semitism in Poland, resettlement of 180,000 Jews who are being repatriated from the Soviet Union to Poland, facilitating immigration to Palestine of those who desire to settle there, and care for the thousands of homeless and orphaned children whose parents were murdered by the Nazis.

Accompanying Dr. Sommerstein were ten delegates representing the several groups and organizations which compose the Polish Jewish community, including Marek Bitter, Joseph Zeck, M. Mireky, Dr. Shlome Herschenborn, Hirsch Vasser, Itzhak Gerson, Anatole Wertheim, and the Misses Chaya Grossman, Halina Gertner and Ida Sommerstein.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS WILL HOLD NATIONAL CONVENTION THIS MONTH; FIRST IN FOUR YEARS

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress announced today that it will hold its first national convention in four years in New York City from May 29 to June 2. Representatives of over 500 Jewish communities, Congress chapters and affiliated organizations will attend.

The theme of the convention will be the future of the Jewish people--in America, in Europe and in Palestine. The first session will be opened by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Dr. Stephen S. Wise at the Hunter College Assembly Hall. Mrs. Roosevelt will speak on "The World We Have and the World We Want."

POLICE HUNTING KU KLUXERS WHO DEFAECED JEWISH FRATERNITY HOUSE AT CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY

LOS ANGELES, May 21. (JTA) -- Police officials moved today to find the persons who yesterday burned a fiery cross on the lawn of Zeta Beta Tau, Jewish fraternity at the University of Southern California.

Many campus organizations issued statements condemning the outrage and asked strong police action against the white-hooded figures who set the blaze and then smeared the letters KKK on the walls of the fraternity house.

Addressing a meeting of about 100 student representatives, Robert Peck, president-elect of the Independent Students Association, described the Ku Klux Klan act as a "vile, obscene, fascist scheme."

16,829 CANADIAN JEWS SERVED IN WORLD WAR II; 703 CASUALTIES, 190 DECORATED

MONTREAL, May 21. (JTA) -- A total of 16,829 Canadian Jews served in World War II, the Canadian Jewish Congress announced today.

Of these 703 are known to have been casualties. One hundred ninety Canadian Jews have been decorated for bravery and outstanding service by the Canadian, British, United States, French and Netherlands Governments, the Congress stated.

The Congress also announced that the bodies of Canadian Jewish airmen rest in Belgium, Holland, France, Malta, Libya, West Africa, and the Middle East as well as in a number of military cemeteries in Great Britain. The Star of David marks their graves.

PALESTINE SOLDIERS ARRIVE IN ENGLAND TO PARTICIPATE IN LONDON'S VICTORY PARADE

LONDON, May 21. (JTA) -- The Palestine contingent which will participate in the Victory Parade here on June 8 arrived in London today. They were greeted by representatives of the Jewish Agency.

The Palestine Regiments are represented by eight Jews and eight Arabs, commanded by Lieut. Jacob Granovsky, son of the head of the JNF. The police contingent contains four Jews, while one Jew is also in the unit of the Transjordan Frontier Force.