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CLASH BETWEEN JEWS AND BRITISH SOLDIERS IN BELSEN CAMP REPORTED IN PARLIAMENT

LONDON, May 31. (JTA) -- Displaced Jews at the Bergen Belsen camp, in the British zone of Germany, clashed this week with English troops, it was revealed today in the House of Commons.

According to a statement by John B. Hynd, Government spokesman on matters concerning occupied territory, the commander of the camp threw a cordon around Belsen because there had been a series of crimes committed in the area. No one was allowed to enter or leave.

To protest this action, the Jewish DP's organized a procession which crossed and recrossed the cordon and forced its way through a group of guards. Hynd asserted that the clash which followed was "not a serious disorder," and that a British soldier was the only casualty. The cordon was lifted yesterday, he revealed.

Samuel Silverman and Barnett Jenner, Laborites, pointed out to Hynd that the DP's had lived through years of unimaginable horror and that their future was still obscure, and, therefore, they required extra consideration. Both stressed that the Jews had been given no indication as to when they might be admitted to Palestine, where all of them wish to go.

Hynd replied that while he appreciated the difficulties faced by the displaced Jews, it was only fair to point out that they have been provided with food and accommodations, which has placed a burden upon the British administration. He added that the incident was not "particularly unusual" and was now closed.

JEWS IN ROME MEET TO PROTEST UNRRA ATTEMPT TO FORCE THEM INTO DP CAMPS

ROME, May 31. (JTA) -- A mass meeting of Italian and displaced Jews was held here today to protest against an UNRRA decision forcing refugee Jews in cities and towns to enter displaced persons camps or face withdrawal of UNRRA assistance.

Speakers at the rally declared that the UNRRA move threatens their existence. Resolutions of protest were cabled to President Truman, Fiorello H. LaGuardia, director-general of UNRRA, and the World Jewish Congress.

(More than 7,500 displaced Jewish persons--most of them originally from Poland--are being taken from D.P. camps in Italy and settled on farm training centers (Haachsharoth) by the Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced today. They will join 6,000 other Jews now studying and working on forty J.D.C. Haachsharoth in Italy. Students at the Haachsharoth supported or operated by the J.D.C. in Europe total 17,000, exclusive of the new group, the announcement said.)

BRITISH REITERATE OBJECTIONS TO INCLUDING GERMAN JEWS WITHIN REFUGEE BODY'S SCOPE

LONDON, May 31. (JTA) -- The British Government believes that the Jews in Germany and Austria should be cared for by a special Jewish relief organization, rather than by the new international refugee body to be established under the aegis of the United Nations, it was stated here today by Sir George Rendel, a member of the British delegation to the U.N. Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons.

The British objection to inclusion of the Austrian and German Jews now in their home countries in the category of "refugees" is motivated by the fear that the Slavic states would also demand assistance in resettling their nationals on their own territory, Rendel told a press conference. He added that "it would be a dangerous principle to create a new nationality for a specific race or religion because it had been persecuted."

Rendel said that the British were "most favorably inclined towards Jewish relief activities" and referred to "the grave injustice" arising from the Czechoslovak Government's decision to treat as Sudeten Germans, Jews of German culture.

Sir Hector McNeil, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who heads the British delegation at the Refugee Committee, which is concluding its sessions tomorrow, told the assembled reporters that he hoped that the present differences between the British and American Governments regarding the organizational set-up of the new international refugee agency would be thrashed out in the U.N. Social and Economic Council so that it could be established in the Fall of this year. He expressed the opinion that re-settlement of the refugees and displaced persons could begin in the Winter.

JEWISH CULTURAL DELEGATION BANNED BY UNRRA APPEALS TO U.S. MILITARY IN GERMANY

NUREMBERG, May 31. (JTA) -- The cultural delegation of the World Jewish Congress which has been ordered by UNRRA to leave Germany went to Frankfurt today to ask Dr. Philip Bernstein, Advisor on Jewish Affairs to Gen. Joseph McNarney, to intervene for them with American military authorities.

The action of UNRRA is sharply criticized today in Unser Weg, organ of the displaced Jews. The paper asks why UNRRA is granting all possible material and moral aid to displaced Poles in the American zone, while treating the Jews as "step children."

It reveals that the delegation, headed by H. Leivick, Jewish poet and playwright, was transported 500 kilometers in a truck because no automobile was provided for them. "Why could not UNRRA leave with us these people who brought so much comfort to our orphans?" the article concludes.

Jews from Bulgaria, Rumania Arrive at Haifa; Last to Enter Under White Paper Quota

HAIFA, May 31. (JTA) -- The Rumanian vessel Transylvania arrived here late this afternoon with 230 immigrants from Rumania and Bulgaria. All have Palestine immigration certificates. The Bulgarians, of whom there are 150, were granted the last of the 75,000 visas allotted under the White Paper. The ship arrived too late for the passengers to disembark and they will be forced to remain on board until Sunday morning.

A prize court today began hearings here on a Palestine Government attempt to confiscate the motorships Tel Hai and Orde Wingate, which were apprehended the last week of March with about 1,000 visaless immigrants on board. The defense maintained that the vessels were captured outside Palestinian waters.

ENTIRE MALE POPULATION OF JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN PALESTINE JAILED BY BRITISH COURT

JERUSALEM, MAY 31, (JTA) -- Twenty-four settlers, the entire male population of the Poale Mizrahi colony of Birya, were today sentenced to prison terms ranging from one to four years by a British military court at Safad which convicted them of illegal possession of arms.

The prisoners, who were arrested Feb. 28 following a raid on Birya after an alleged attack upon an Arab Legion camp near the settlement, pleaded guilty yesterday afternoon. Two youths, aged 16 and 17, received one-year terms, and two others, 17 and 18 years old, respectively, were sentenced to serve two years, while the remaining 20 defendants received four-year sentences. Early this month all 24 went on a four-day hunger strike in protest against police brutality.

During the trial the prosecutor withdrew charges of attacking police forces and conducting military drill. Rabbi Meir Berlin, leader of the World Mizrahi movement, appearing as a defense witness, explained the struggle of the settlers to establish their homes at Birya. He emphasized the constant threat to their lives, declaring that Jewish casualties, particularly among the religious settlements in the Safad area, were very heavy and said that it was necessary to carry arms as a protective measure.

Other defense witnesses included two settlers from the nearby colony of Ein Zeitim, who told the court that they were forced to abandon their homes after repeated attacks upon them and the Government's failure to provide protection, although it refused to permit them to post armed guards.

Before sentence was passed, one of the defendants made a statement on behalf of all 24. "When we ascended the Birya heights," he said, "we knew that we were coming to a dangerous spot--the neighboring settlement of Ein Zeitim was twice destroyed by Arab bands and the settlers were slaughtered, two were burned alive. We decided to protect our own and our children's lives. We cannot give up the right of self-defense, even if the law prohibits it."

After the sentences were imposed the defendants sang Hatikvah and danced the Horah.

JEWISH AGENCY SPENT \$16,000,000 DURING 1945; MOSTLY ON IMMIGRATION AND COLONIZATION

JERUSALEM, May 31, (JTA) -- The expenditures of the Jewish Agency for the fiscal year ending September 1945 totalled more than \$16,000,000, it was reported at a session of the Inner Zionist Actions Committee.

The report, submitted by Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Agency, stressed that the expenditures jumped because of the increased immigration of Jewish survivors from Europe and the need to establish new settlements. Mr. Kaplan added that simultaneous with the increase of expenditures, there was an increase in the income of the Keren Hayesod which is the financial branch of the Jewish Agency.

A plan was presented to the meeting for the absorption of the expected 100,000 Jews from Europe and the settlement of demobilized Jewish soldiers. It provides for the spending of \$120,000,000 on both projects. The Actions Committee appointed two sub-committees, one to deal with the problems of absorbing the 100,000 displaced Jews, and the other with the resettlement of veterans. The executive of the Jewish Agency was authorized to carry out the plans presented by Kaplan.

CONVENTION OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS DISCUSSES EQUALITY FOR JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- The problems involved in restoration of Jewish rights in liberated European countries and in rehabilitation of European Jewish cultural and religious life were discussed today by the American Jewish Congress on the third day of its national convention.

Dr. Arieh Tartakover, chairman of the Relief and Rehabilitation Committee of the World Jewish Congress, pointed out that "the Jews of Europe, in every community where they exist, even in drastically limited numbers, have shown tremendous initiative in reorganizing the life of their people. They need our help in so organizing themselves politically that they can achieve equality of status in economic, social, civic and religious affairs."

The traditional concept of America as a "melting pot" of all peoples was challenged by Dr. Chaim Greenberg, editor of the Jewish Frontier. "The concept of the melting pot," he declared, "implies that all groups in America must abandon the rich heritage they possess in the language and customs of their fathers." Summarizing the conclusions of a panel discussion held in the afternoon, Dr. Greenberg added: "On the contrary, the true understanding of our democracy must lead to the encouragement of all groups to foster the art of their people. Together, all of us can contribute to the cultural pluralism that is America."

The use of law as a weapon against discrimination was recommended by panel speakers in the fields of housing and education. It was agreed that the century-old laws prohibiting discrimination in public places must be extended to include housing, not only public housing, but private as well. The American Jewish Congress, according to Will Maslow, director of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress, intends to intervene in all cases in which the legality or constitutionality of housing contracts that contain discriminatory clauses are brought before the courts.

Traditional methods combatting racial prejudice by intensive campaigns to spread good will or to preach tolerance came under attack in a panel devoted to an evaluation of critiques of fighting intolerance. Dr. Gene Weltfish, Professor of Anthropology at Columbia University and co-author of "Races of Mankind," declared that most of the methods being used today to overcome intercultural conflicts not only misfire because of their ineffectiveness but are in many respects "dangerous," because they permit people to go on doing what they want to do, while hiding behind fine phrases.

U.S. Military Charged with Lack of Sympathy for Displaced Jews

Captain Joseph Shubov, U.S. Army Chaplain, who recently arrived in this country with the first boat-load of post-war immigrants, criticized the junior officers of the American Army and representatives of the American Military Government for their lack of understanding and sympathy with liberated Jews and displaced persons, while praising the efforts of American generals, whose generous policy, he stated, was sabotaged on the lower levels. Rabbi Robert S. Marcus, former Ninth Air Force Chaplain, now head of the Department of World Jewish Affairs of the Congress, confirmed Chaplain Shubov's criticism and denounced in addition what he called the incompetence of UNRRA personnel.

That the problems for the remaining Jews in Europe, far from diminishing, have multiplied since the end of the war was the consensus of a panel on the problems of European Jews, chaired by Dr. Samuel Margoshes. "It is ironical," declared Dr. Jacob Robinson, director of the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the American and World Jewish Congress, "that the Jewish people in Europe today have more problems than when they were under Nazi domination."

EUROPEAN JEWS LOSING FAITH IN OFFICIAL PROMISES TO TRANSFER 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- Many Jews in Europe are beginning to lose faith in the official promises concerning the transfer of 100,000 Jewish survivors to Palestine and are demanding that Jews be permitted to settle their own fate, it was reported here today by European leaders of the Agudas Israel.

The Agudah leaders, who have just arrived in the U.S., include Rabbi Wolf Jacobsen of Sweden and Rabbi Sabatei Seidman of Carpatho-Russia. They spoke at a reception tendered them by the American Agudas Israel organization, emphasizing that the problems facing the Jews in Europe are greater than mere rehabilitation, since the lives of many Jewish survivors must still be saved.

STATE DEPT. IS TOLD DELAY IN TRANSFER OF 100,000 JEWS OPPOSES TRUMAN'S WISHES

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- The American League for a Free Palestine today announced that it has informed the State Department of its opposition to any further delay in implementing the Anglo-American inquiry committee's recommendation that 100,000 European displaced Jews be transferred to Palestine.

In a letter replying to a State Department invitation to present its views on the inquiry committee's report, the League termed such delay a "violation" of both the unanimous wishes of the committee and President Truman. However, the League informed the State Department that it would make its comments and suggestions on the report within the required 30 days.

JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS CONFER IN SWITZERLAND ON RELIEF PROBLEMS OF ORTHODOX JEWS

MONTREUX, Switzerland, May 31. (JTA) -- A conference on religious activities among displaced Jews, in which Jewish religious leaders from various European countries and from Palestine participated, concluded here today. The conference started in Paris ten days ago under the chairmanship of Palestine Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Herzog and was later transferred to Switzerland.

The meeting adopted a resolution thanking American Jewry for the aid given to religious Jews in Europe through the Vaad Haatzala, orthodox relief committee. The resolution stressed that the activities of the Vaad Haatzala do not duplicate the relief work done by the Joint Distribution Committee, since they are limited to "certain aspects" of relief and rescue work, particularly those affecting religious problems.

JEWISH DELEGATION FROM POLAND ASSURED BY NEW YORK MAYOR OF AID TO POLISH JEWS

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- Assurance that the Jews in Poland will be given not only sympathy but also help from the United States was given here today by Mayor William O'Dwyer during a reception at City Hall for the Jewish delegation from Poland which has come to America to secure financial and moral support for the surviving Jews in Poland.

Dr. Emil Sommerstein, leader of the delegation, replying to the Mayor's greetings, said that "those responsible for the murders of Jews in Poland today are the same terrorist bands which attack the present democratic government of Poland." He charged that the anti-Semitic terrorists are receiving aid and guidance from Gen. Wladyslaw Anders, commander of the Polish Army which is now in the process of being dissolved by Britain. Dr. Sommerstein and his delegation was presented to the Mayor by Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

GEORGIA GOVERNOR, FIGHTING KU KLUX KLAN, WILL OPEN DRIVE OF JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL

ATLANTA, May 31. (JTA) -- Gov. Ellis G. Arnall, who yesterday ordered the Georgia Attorney General to utilize the entire legal staff of the state to stamp out the newly-reborn Ku Klux Klan "once and for all," has accepted the invitation of the Chicago Joint Defense Appeal to be its principal speaker at a dinner on June 11 opening the Appeal's campaign, it was announced today.

Gov. Arnall, revealing that he had received threats from the Klan to "ruin" him if he did not desist from his campaign against the secret society, said that he would ask the state General Assembly to force the Klan to come into the open, if present state statutes do not provide grounds for its banning. He charged that the Klan "is and has been engaged in unlawful activities" and has violated the Georgia criminal code.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS SENDS REPRESENTATIVE TO EUROPE TO CONFER WITH JEWISH LEADERS

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, head of the political department of the World Jewish Congress, left by air for Europe to confer with Jewish leaders in London, Geneva and East European countries on problems which will be discussed at the forthcoming peace conference.

The World Jewish Congress today reported that Primo Villa Michel, the Mexican Minister of the Interior, has received its general secretary, Dr. A.L. Kubovitzki, who called upon him in the company of G. Shapiro, president of the Central Jewish Committee of Mexico, and Dr. Joseph Zylver, professor of the National University of Mexico. The Minister conveyed the best wishes of his government for a speedy solution of the Jewish refugee problem and for the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine.

HUNGARIAN JEWS OPEN SHEKEL CAMPAIGN AT DEMONSTRATION, MEMORIAL MEETING FOR WAR DEAD

SOFIA, May 31. (JTA) -- The opening of the shekel selling campaign in Bulgaria was marked here with a demonstration during which many Jewish organizations including the Maccabi sports group marched through the Jewish section of the city. The demonstration was preceded by a memorial meeting honoring the Jews who died during the war and the Nazi occupation.

FRANK L. WEIL GETS HIGHEST SCOUT AWARD FOR SERVICES TO BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

ST. LOUIS, May 31. (JTA) -- Scouting's highest honor, the Silver Buffalo, was awarded to Frank L. Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board at the 56th annual meeting of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America held here. Mr. Weil was one of nine men, including General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Admiral Chester Nimitz and Vilhjalmur Stefansson, who received the award for "distinguished service to boyhood." He entered scouting in 1913 and has been chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting since 1935.

CHAPLAIN FRANK GOLDENBERG KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT WHILE ON DUTY WITH U.S. ARMY IN AUSTRIA

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- Chaplain Frank Goldenberg, who was attached to the U.S. forces in Austria, was killed in an automobile accident near Vienna last week, according to a report received here by the Jewish Welfare Board's Army and Navy religious activities committee.

Chaplain Goldenberg, who was 27 years old, was on leave from a Utica, N.Y., congregation. He was graduated from City College in New York in 1940 and was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1944. He was assigned to the famous 42nd Rainbow Division.