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BEVIN SLANDERS U.S. INTEREST IN ADMISSION OF JEWS TO PALESTINE; DEFEATS RESOLUTION

BOURNEMOUTH, England, June 12. (JTA) -- Implying that people in America insist on the admission of 100,000 displaced Jews to Palestine "because they do not want too many of them in New York," Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin made a passionate plea today before the annual convention of the British Labor Party now in session here, urging the rejection of a resolution on Palestine introduced yesterday by various leaders of the party.

The resolution, which asked for the lifting of restrictions on Jewish immigration to Palestine and land acquisition there, was withdrawn following Bevin's address. He indicated that Britain is not inclined to accept the recommendation of the Anglo-American inquiry committee to admit 100,000 European Jews to Palestine immediately.

"If we put 100,000 Jews in Palestine tomorrow," he said, "I would have to put another division of British troops there. I am not prepared to do it. I must say to the Jews and the Arabs: 'Please, put your guns away. Don't blow up the British Tommy who is quite innocent in this business. You are creating another phase of anti-Semitic feeling in the British Army.'"

Speaking of American interest in securing the admission of 100,000 displaced Jews to Palestine, Bevin stated: "The agitation in the United States, and particularly, in New York, for 100,000 Jews to be put in Palestine-- and I do not want the Americans to misunderstand me-- is because they do not want too many of them in New York."

Advocates "Arbitration Tribunal" to Settle Land Problems in Palestine

After expressing gratitude to the Government of the United States for joining with Britain "in grappling with this problem," Bevin said that the more he studied land development in Palestine and Transjordan and the possibility of fertilizing it, the more he was convinced that there would have to be a joint decision to have the land publicly owned and allocated on lease by an arbitration tribunal.

"The Palestine problem," he told the convention, "is a terrific problem. Really it is a Colonial Office problem, but I recognize that you cannot longer leave it as a colonial problem. It is international, and I came to the conclusion that the more spilling out of the White Paper will not lead very far."

Stressing that the land problem in Palestine is "paramount," Bevin suggested that in order to carry out the Lowdermilk Plan, land must be publicly owned. "If you want to raise Arab life equally to that of Jewish, you cannot do it by taking away all their land," he said, adding that he does not believe in racial states.

"In Palestine they want a Palestinian State, so that their voice can be heard in the chancelleries of the world. That is what I am trying to do. It is going to take patience and work to accomplish it," he asserted. He expressed the belief that Palestine Jewish "brains" will be welcomed by the Arabs all over the world. He reiterated



ed that "Jews must not be hounded out of Europe" and that "we must strive to see that Jews in the country of adoption observe the laws of the country."

Harold Laski, chairman of the Labor Party executive, insisted on an early transfer of the 100,000 Jews to Palestine. "Neither Arab blackmail, nor strategic policy in the Middle East should make homeless wanderers the victims of hesitation and timidity of our Downing Street," he declared. "Any British statesman who is sacrificing Jews who escaped the tortures of Hitlerism to Arab leaders, undermines the elementary principles of Socialism which he professes."

#### ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS STARTS STUDY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PALESTINE REPORT

LONDON, June 12. (JTA) -- A joint Anglo-American committee of experts is to start work in London tomorrow on the study of a large number of questions connected with the implementation of the report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, a Foreign Office spokesman stated this morning.

It was officially emphasized that so far no decision has been taken by Britain on whether or not the report is to be implemented. The British Government will not take any decision on policy before receiving the written comments on the Palestine report due from Jews and Arabs by June 20, or before it has received a top-level decision from Washington on the extent to which United States assistance may be expected if the recommendations are put into effect. But, in the meanwhile, the joint committee of experts is to study the practical problems which will arise if Britain finally decides to act on the recommendations of the Palestine report.

The terms of reference of the experts will include the points mentioned yesterday in Washington by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes. These covered methods of selecting Jewish immigrants and of arranging their transport and accommodation. The committee will also have nearly 20 other practical issues before it. But the recommendations of the experts on method, it was authoritatively emphasized this morning, will not prejudice the decision on whether or not to go ahead with the admission of the 100,000 Jewish immigrants to Palestine.

#### State Dept. Unaware of Such Committee; Says Must Be A Misunderstanding

WASHINGTON, June 12. (JTA) -- The State Department today said it knew of no such joint committee and that there must be some misunderstanding. Secretary of State Byrnes definitely declared yesterday at his press conference that a joint Anglo-American committee was not planned but that the Cabinet Committee on Palestine appointed by President Truman would consult and exchange information with a British committee.

The British committee will consist solely of experts, the majority of them senior government officials familiar with the question of Palestine, but none of Cabinet rank. Colonial Office experts and a general, or military man, acquainted with Near Eastern affairs are considered likely members of the committee.

Baron Ivershappel, new British Ambassador to the United States, announced at a press conference last night that his government was appointing a committee of experts to consider the Palestine question and the report of the Anglo-American inquiry committee. However, he emphasized that he did not know actually what sort of committee this will be. Nor did he mention anything about the possibility of the establishment of a joint Anglo-American body of experts.



## U.S. ZIONIST LEADERS CHARGE BEVIN WITH ANTI-SEMITISM AT HUGE PROTEST DEMONSTRATION

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin was charged here tonight with "having repeatedly given evidence of a virulent anti-Jewish bias," and was bitterly attacked for his statement on Palestine made earlier today at the annual convention of the British Labor Party, in which he said that the people of America insist on the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine "because they do not want too many of them in New York."

The attacks were voiced at a huge demonstration at Madison Square Garden called to protest British delay on the recommendation of the Anglo-American inquiry committee that 100,000 displaced Jews be admitted immediately to Palestine. Speakers at the rally included Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Henry Monsky, Bartley C. Crum, member of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, and others.

Terming Bevin's statement a "cheap slur on the American people and a coarse bit of anti-Semitic vulgarity reminiscent of the Nazis at their worst," Dr. Silver said:

"In view of this shocking record of broken pledges and the repeated violation of solemn obligations, American citizens have the right to turn to their representatives in the Congress of the United States, who are now discussing the granting of a loan to Great Britain, and inquire whether the Government of the United States can afford to make a loan to a government whose pledged word seems to be worthless. They should also inquire whether American money, including that of the Jewish citizens of the United States who have given such superb evidence of their loyalty and patriotism during the war and whose sacrifices helped to save a collapsing British Empire, should be used to back up a government whose Foreign Minister has repeatedly given evidence of a virulent anti-Jewish bias.

"We question very much whether Mr. Bevin represents the conscience and the spirit of the British people but it is up to them to repudiate this malignant and cheap vulgarian, and to demand that someone who more truly represents them should occupy such an important post."

### Jews Are Not Troubled by "Offensive Vulgarity" of Bevin's Remark, Says Wise

Rabbi Wise, ridiculing Bevin's assertion that he will need another division of British troops in Palestine if 100,000 Jews are transferred there, pointed out that there are today more than enough British troops in Palestine and that they are not there in relation to the Jewish National Home or in relation to the affairs of the people of Palestine.

"No American Jews--and indeed all American people--have the right to resent and to fling back the gratuitously and vulgarly insulting remark of Mr. Bevin that the agitation in the United States for the admission of a hundred thousand Jews into Palestine is because Americans do not want too many of them in New York," Rabbi Wise said. "I am not troubled by the offensive vulgarity of this remark. I am troubled because it indicates that, even though President Truman appointed the whole Cabinet, with himself included, as a commission to deal with Palestine, there will be no hope of fulfilling the unanimous recommendation of the Anglo-American committee unless President Truman speaks sharply and acts decisively in relation to the British Government.

"I say to you tonight--I, who am a lifelong affectionate admirer of the English people--that, unless the British Government grants the hundred thousand certificates of admission to Palestine to displaced Jews, no promise of England is to be



trusted. We have no reason to believe that any pledge of Britain will be kept. If there be resentment because of what I say, let that resentment express itself in the profoundest contempt of the speech and the conduct of the heads of the Labor Government in England," Dr. Wise declared.

### Arrest of Ex-Mufti Demanded; Britain Charged with Helping His "Escape"

Henry Monsky, speaking for the American Jewish Conference, said that the failure of the British Government to fulfill the recommendation of the Anglo-American inquiry committee to admit 100,000 Jews into Palestine "seems to be calculated to completely nullify the effect of the report of the inquiry committee." Scoring the mysterious escape of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, he stated: "This latest episode in what appears to be a planned active campaign to block the implementation of the recommendations of the inquiry committee is part and parcel of the unholy conspiracy to defeat the purposes of justice for the Jewish people."

Bartley C. Crum, presenting his views as a member of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, charged that the ex-Mufti was paid in gold by the Nazis for his activities and that "he is now using funds given to him by Hitler to carry on Hitler's work where Hitler left off." He urged that the United States Government demand the immediate arrest of the ex-Mufti and his trial as a war criminal.

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, president of Hadassah, said that "the present tactics on Palestine of the British Colonial Office, which are opposed to every rule of humanity, will be fought tirelessly until justice has been done. We shall expose the maneuvers of those who would betray the long-suffering Jewish people to the scorn and indignation of civilized mankind."

### BEVIN'S STATEMENT BITTERS JEWS IN PALESTINE; OPENS WAY FOR RENEWED OUTBREAKS

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Bevin's statement on Palestine at the convention of the British Labor Party aroused not only indignation among the Jews here, but provoked bitterness, paving the way for renewed outbreaks.

The underground radio of the Haganah in an English language broadcast today warned that "everything that the Jews in Palestine have done hitherto will be nothing as compared with what they intend to do and will do." It cautioned Britain "not to play around with Jewish lives and feelings."

### EX-MUFTI "ESCAPED" FROM FRANCE ON AN AMERICAN AIRPLANE, FRENCH GOVT. ANNOUNCES

PARIS, June 12. (JTA) -- Police investigation today established that the ex-Mufti of Palestine "escaped" from France in an American plane which took off from Orly Airfield, near Paris, and landed at Cairo.

An official announcement issued here today reveals that the ex-Mufti left nearly two weeks ago. The announcement, issued by the French Foreign Office, says that he used a Syrian passport issued under a false name November 26, 1945.

Under this assumed identity, the statement said, the ex-Mufti boarded an American Douglas DC-4 plane, owned by the Trans-Continental and Western Airlines, at the Orly airfield on the morning of May 28. The plane which had left Washington the day before, took off from Orly at 11 a.m. and reached Cairo on the night of May 29-30.

(In Washington it was reliably reported that the TWA employee who arranged the ex-Mufti's transportation has been discharged. The French Embassy has received confirmation from Paris, it said, of the foreign office announcement today that the ex-Mufti made good his escape on an American plane under an assumed name. The State Department had no comment.)



JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- Seven hundred members of the Jewish Brigade stranded at Port Said went on a one-day hunger strike last Sunday protesting the British Army's postponement of their journey to Palestine, it was reported here today when 150 officers and men of the Brigade reached the Sarafand army base.

The strike was called off when military authorities promised to send home groups of 150 daily. When the group which arrived today, the first of the promised daily transports, passed through Kantara, border station between Egypt and Palestine, all soldiers were searched thoroughly for weapons.

Colonel Gray, the new inspector general of the Palestine Police Force, paying his first visit to Tel Aviv today, promised Mayor Israel Rokach that the city's police force would soon be composed completely of Jews. A Jewish commander will be appointed shortly, he said, and all British policemen would be withdrawn. He promised to improve the economic status and housing conditions of the city's police and appealed to the municipality to encourage the enlistment of Jewish youth in the police force.

Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, today revealed the conditions under which the Jews would agree to cooperate with the Government's census. The Council demands that all visaless immigrants who are in Palestine be given legal status and that the Government give its assurance that it will obtain an accurate census of the Arab population, Ben Zvi told a press conference. The latter point has been accepted, he said, but the first condition is still under consideration.

#### Weizmann Visits "Visaless" Jewish Immigrants at Athlit Camp

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, accompanied by Meyer Weisgal, secretary general of the American branch of the Jewish Agency, today paid an unannounced visit to the visaless immigrants who arrived on the schooner Haviva Reik and are now interned at the Athlit clearance camp. Weizmann was greeted with shouts of "Welcome, our president."

Seventy thousand Arab workers will be engaged on the construction of military installations in southern Palestine, it was learned here today. It was also reported that the British will spend approximately \$25,000,000 to enlarge the Gaza base and convert it into an army and navy center. Press reports here indicate that documents of the British Mediterranean Command Headquarters have already been transferred to Sarafand, where it is believed the new headquarters will be established.

All the Jewish settlements of the Galilee region today protested the expected presence of Emir Talal, heir designate of King Abdullah of Transjordan, at the parade celebrating King George's birthday which will take place in Tiberias. The settlers question the presence of a "foreign prince" at the parade and threaten to boycott the celebration if Talal attends.

#### JEWISH SELF-DEFENSE GROUP CHARGES BRITAIN WITH PLANNING EL-MUFTI'S ESCAPE FROM FRANCE

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- Palestine's government-controlled radio today broke a three-day censorship imposed silence about the disappearance of the ex-Mufti from France, with the bare announcement that it was "understood on good authority" that he had escaped.

Within an hour of the broadcast, the Jewish self-defense movement Haganah accused Britain of planning the ex-Mufti's escape in order to focus Arab opinion on Palestine. The charge was voiced over the underground radio "Voice of Israel" maintained by the Haganah. The broadcaster also explained that Monday's attacks on three trains in Palestine were "carried out because Jewish patience is exhausted at the postponement of the admission of the 100,000 Jews."



ARAB LEAGUE DECIDES TO DISCUSS PALESTINE ISSUE WITH BRITAIN, REJECTS U.S. INTERESTS

BLUDAN, Syria, June 12. (JTA) -- The meeting of the Council of the Arab League concluded here today with the adoption of resolutions refusing to recognize the right of the United States to intervene in Palestinian affairs and a request that Britain enter into bi-lateral negotiations with the Arabs on the Palestine question.

The Council decided not to consider the recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine because half the members of the committee were Americans. The Arabs demanded that negotiations between Britain and themselves be carried on without consultation with either the Jews or the United States Government. If this demand is not met by Britain, the resolution said, the Palestine case would be submitted to the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council.

Apparently unable to resolve the split among Arabs in Palestine, which led recently to the formation of an Arab Higher Front in opposition to the Higher Committee, the Council ordered the two groups to effect a reconciliation and form an Arab agency, similar to the Jewish Agency, to represent Palestine Arabs at the Arab League. Should such reconciliation fail, the Arab League itself will form an agency and will take over control of the Arab Offices in London, Washington, and Jerusalem, another resolution declared.

TRIAL OF JEWS CHARGED WITH RAIDING BRITISH MILITARY CAMP OPENS IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- A gun battle on the parade ground inside Sarafand camp, the biggest army base in Palestine, between men of the British Third Hussars and Jewish terrorists wearing the uniform of the Sixth Airborne Division was described by the prosecutor at a military court here today when the trial opened of two young Jews charged with seven offenses including discharging firearms at members of the British forces. Four of the charges are punishable by death.

The two accused, Yousel Simkhon, aged 19, and Isaac Michael Azbel, aged 24, refused to plead and dispensed with the services of a counsel. They declared that they refused to submit to the jurisdiction of the court on the grounds that they did not believe in the justice of a military court or the Defense Emergency Regulation under which they were charged.

The prosecutor said that between 30 and 40 Jews entered the Sarafand base in a stolen three-ton military truck on March 6 to raid the Hussars' ammunition dump. One of the Jews was wearing the insignia of a sergeant major of the Sixth Airborne division. The entry at the ammunition tent was overpowered and the raiders began loading arms and ammunition on the truck. When the alarm was sounded, the Hussars closed in and a "regular battle" followed.

The Jews threw a hand grenade at a British sergeant major. It burst only a few feet from him but he escaped injury. Taking cover behind armored cars on the parade ground, the Jews returned the Hussars' fire and then escaped in the truck which, riddled with bullets and with a nine millimeter shell embedded in the chassis, was found later a few miles from the base.

The accused, wearing flannel trousers with open-neck shirts, were guarded by three British policemen armed with Sten guns. They smiled frequently to friends and relatives in the public gallery. The prosecutor said the two accused were captured a few miles from Sarafand by a British police inspector 30 minutes after the raid. They were found to have gunshot wounds which had been expertly dressed.



PALESTINIAN JEWISH YOUTH SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS FOR COVERING IMMIGRANT LANDINGS

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- Yigdal Frucht, an 18-year-old Jewish youth, was today sentenced to 14 years imprisonment by a military court for taking part in a diversionary attack during an attempt by Jews to cover the landing of visaless immigrants of March 25.

Frucht and two other youths were charged with firing at British soldiers and illegally carrying arms and ammunition. Oved Rabinovitch, one of the other Jews, was sentenced to a four-year term and the third youth was acquitted.

SEYSS-INQUART ADMITS AT NUREMBERG TRIAL HE "TOLERATED" STERILIZATION OF JEWS IN HOLLAND

NUREMBERG, June 12. (JTA) -- Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Austrian Nazi who was Hitler's Governor of Austria and later of the Netherlands, today told the International War Crimes Tribunal that "for a time" he tolerated sterilization of male Jews in Holland. "It was voluntary," he declared, testifying in his own defense.

He said that the shorthand record, according to which he admitted that the idea of sterilization was his own, was faulty work on the stenographer's part. After a complaint from a Christian church he had investigated sterilization of Jewish women and finding it a complex operation he ordered it stopped, he declared.

PALESTINE CHIEF RABBI VISITS DISPLACED JEWS IN GERMANY; WARNS THEY MUST BE TRANSFERRED

FRANKFURT, June 12. (JTA) -- The delay in implementing the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee that 100,000 displaced Jews be transferred to Palestine is "bringing the refugees to a state of psychological despair whereby they feel mankind has forgotten them," Palestine Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog warned today at a press conference here following an eight-day tour of DP camps in the U.S. zone of Germany.

Later, Rabbi Herzog told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent that he had delayed a trip to Holland in order to meet with General Sir Frederick B. Morgan, MREA chief in Germany, and Maj. Gen. Marl E. White, who is commanding the U.S. forces in Europe during Gen. Joseph F. McNarney's temporary absence, and to discuss the DP situation with them.

Rabbi Herzog also said that he "was moved to see that after all they had suffered," the vast majority of the surviving Jews "still retained hope in life and in the moral progress of humanity." He said the refugees and displaced Jews have one great desire--"to join hands with their brethren in Palestine."

ZIONIST GROUPS IN AMERICA SPLIT ON ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- The Zionist Laborites and the Mizrahi Organization of America today formally announced that they would not participate in the election of delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress which was scheduled to be held on June 15. In view of the postponement of the congress until December, the two groups insist that the election of delegates be similarly postponed.

The Hadasah issued a statement opposing the postponement of the elections. The Zionist Organization of America also opposed the postponement and decided to appoint a committee of five with power to act on all matters dealing with the elections. The ZOA executive also adopted a motion limiting any possible postponement to a maximum period of two weeks.

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