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10,000 JEWISH DP'S GO ON STRIKE IN BELSEN CAMP; DEMAND IMMEDIATE TRANSFER TO PALESTINE

LONDON, June 13. (JTA)--More than 10,000 displaced Jews at the Bergen-Belsen camp in the British zone of Germany have gone on strike against a British military order to move from their present quarters, it was reported today in the London press. The Jews demand that they be moved to Palestine immediately.

British military authorities ordered the Jews to move in order to make room for a new army training school being established at the camp. The DP's refused, insisting that they will leave the camp only to go to Palestine. No further details of the strike are available.

ARMY WILL LEAVE BORDERS OF U.S. ZONE IN GERMANY OPEN TO JEWISH REFUGEES FROM EAST

FRANKFURT, June 13. (JTA)--A top-ranking American military official today told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent that the borders of the U.S. zone of Germany will remain open to Jewish refugees from Czechoslovakia and other countries.

The officer said that the Army was taking "absolutely no action" to prevent the entrance of displaced Jews and was giving the new arrivals the same status and privileges as the older DP's, thus abandoning the policy of establishing separate camps for "infiltrates." Although asserting that the DP's now have more living room than individual Germans, the officer admitted that the constant flow of refugees will probably necessitate the opening of new camps.

From another source the correspondent learned that the Army will soon open five new entry stations along the eastern border of the zone and that UNRRA will establish three reception camps on the border. He was also informed that a camp accommodating 3,000 persons will be opened late this month in Windsheim, near Nuremberg.

Jews Who Live Outside of Camps Will Get Increased Food Rations

The Army today authorized UNRRA to issue 500 calories of additional food daily to all Jews living in communities which are not attached to regular displaced persons camps. This order will increase the ration of the so-called "free living persons" to 2,200 calories daily, 200 more than is allotted to residents of DP camps.

However, the only food assured these "free living" Jews is the 500 calories supplied by UNRRA. The remaining 1,700 must be bought on the open German market where very few items exist and where the storekeepers are reluctant to sell those rationed foods which they do have. It is believed that the Army's move is designed to encourage the Jews to remain in independent communities instead of flocking to the already overcrowded DP centers.

TWO JEWISH YOUTHS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY BRITISH MILITARY COURT IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- Joseph Simkhon, aged 19, and Itzhak Michael Azbel, aged 24, were sentenced to death by a British military court here today on the charge of participating in a raid by an armed Jewish group on the Sarafand camp, the biggest army base in Palestine.

The verdict is subject to confirmation by the general officer in command. The two were also charged with participating in the seizure of a large quantity of ammunition during the raid and with firing at British soldiers. The raid took place on March 6.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish extremist underground group, tonight acknowledged responsibility for the attacks last Monday on three passenger trains in the Lydda district. Broadcasting in Hebrew, French, English and Russian over the secret radio "Voice of Fighting Zion," the announcer declared that the Irgun will prevent Palestine from becoming a British base.

John V. Shaw, Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, told a press conference today that the censorship imposed by the Government on reports concerning the escape of the ex-Mufti was "in the interests of both the Jewish and Arab communities."

The Damascus newspaper "Al Wahda El Arabia" today said that the Mufti "arrived in Damascus" Tuesday night and was now staying in the city "at the home of a high personality." It added he was "safe and under protection."

AUSTRIAN CABINET APPROVES RESTITUTION MEASURE: JEWS SEEK RETURN OF 4,600 PROPERTIES

VIENNA, June 13. (JTA)--The drafting by the government of the first of a series of restitution measures was approved by the Austrian cabinet today and will go before Parliament sometime before the end of the present session on July 15.

This first measure provides that properties which were confiscated and held directly by the Nazi regime, and which are now being administered by the Vienna Government, should be returned to their rightful owners. If enacted, therefore, the measure will mark the first step in the way of restitution to Austrian Jews, and will affect 4,600 properties stolen from them. Most of it is real estate.

These stolen properties will be claimed by the pre-Nazi owners or their heirs. The draft does not mention Jews expressly, but obviously they will be the chief beneficiaries of the measure.

At a series of meetings held by the Jewish community here in support of the measure, various speakers made the point that Jews would remain "citizens of second rank" until such time as restitution was made to them.

PRAGUE JEWISH COMMUNITY STARTS IMPOSING TAX ON JEWS; J.D.C. HELPS NEWLY-MARRIED

PRAGUE, June 13. (JTA)--The Prague Jewish Community, for the first time since liberation, today decided to impose a community tax on its members in order to meet its budget which at present is supported by the Joint Distribution Committee.

The local office of the J.D.C. today announced special grants to aid newly-married Jewish couples, and to support needy Jewish families with new-born babies. The newly-weds will get a one-time grant of 5,000 crowns (about \$100) while the new parents will receive 3,000 crowns, on condition that the baby is registered as Jewish.

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JEWISH DP'S IN ITALY DEMONSTRATE AGAINST LATEST UNRRA EMIGRATION POLL

ROME, June 13. (JTA)--The 1,100 inmates of the Torino camp for displaced Jews in Italy today held a protest demonstration against the attempts of local UNRRA officials to influence them against choosing Palestine as the country to which they wish to emigrate, it was reported here. The incident occurred when UNRRA instituted a new poll to determine the emigration desires of the Jewish DP's in Italy.

The mass meeting was called off after the officials agreed to permit the camp committee to conduct the poll. The results revealed that only ten of the camp's population desired to go anywhere other than Palestine. In the Cremona DP camp the Jews refused to participate in the poll insisting that they had indicated their choice many times previously.

From a camp near Turin it was reported that 60 newly-born children have been circumcised there recently.

JEWISH REPATRIATES IN LOWER SILESIAN FACTORIES, MINES OUTSTRIP GERMAN PRODUCTION

WARSAW, June 13. (JTA)--Polish Jews repatriated from the U.S.S.R. and resettled in Lower Silesia are establishing better production records in heavy industry and mining than the Germans who worked there before the province was seized by Poland, according to the Polish press.

Glos Ludu, organ of the Polish Workers Party, points out, that in some factories, Jewish workers have doubled the production figures set by the Germans. It also reports that 400 Jewish miners are already employed in the Walbrzych district and that their number is increasing daily.

The Central Committee of Polish Jews has appealed for more financial aid for its relief and rehabilitation program for Jews being resettled in Lower Silesia. In its appeal, the committee cited the case of 1,500 Jews being settled in the town of Swidnica, where there is still insufficient housing for at least one-third of the repatriates. It said that the financial burden of repatriation was too great for Polish Jews to bear alone, and asked for help from Jews throughout the world.

WHITE HOUSE REFRAINS FROM COMMENTING ON BEVIN'S GIBE AT U.S. INTEREST IN PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, June 13. (JTA)--The White House today had no comment on British Foreign Secretary Bevin's statement made yesterday at Bournemouth that the United States agitation for the admission of 100,000 Jews into Palestine was "because they do not want too many of them in New York."

Presidential press secretary Charles G. Ross, when asked if President Truman had seen the story of Bevin's remarks, said that the President had seen the headlines but he did not know if he had read the story. Asked how the story was received at the White House, Ross said that he did not know and that he had no comment at this time.

Congressman Adolph J. Sabath and Emanuel Celler in press statements today bitterly denounced Bevin for his statement. "It is the lowest level he has reached in all his obvious maneuvering to keep the homeless 100,000 Jews out of Palestine," Celler declared.

## CONFUSION DEEPENS OVER ANGLO-U.S. NEGOTIATIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PALESTINE REPORT

LONDON, June 13. (JTA)--Confusion over the state of Anglo-American negotiations on the implementation of the report of the Palestine committee of inquiry was deepened today when the Foreign Office reiterated its announcement that a joint expert committee to study technical questions connected with the report will start work in the near future.

Yesterday evening, a State Department spokesman in Washington denied that any such committee had been established. Today, United States official quarters in London said the advance party of the United States element of the committee which had been expected to arrive in Britain by air today, would be delayed.

British official quarters in London say that the function of the joint committee is to work on the practical problems of transport and settlement of Jewish immigrants should Britain agree to admit 100,000 Jews to Palestine. But it is emphasized that no decision on policy has yet been taken by Britain. Informed quarters here do not expect that one will be taken before July.

## AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS ASSAIL BEVIN'S PALESTINE STATEMENT

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA)--The American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress today assailed the statement made yesterday by British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin indicating that he would reject the Anglo-American inquiry committee recommendation for the admission of 100,000 displaced Jews to Palestine.

Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, said in a statement: "It is impossible to accept as a finality Mr. Bevin's refusal to abide by the findings of the Anglo-American committee for the immediate admission into Palestine of 100,000 displaced Jews. Nor can it be believed that the people of Great Britain will support a decision which would result in an inhumane and needless sacrifice of human life and a complete departure from what is best and finest in British tradition. There have been other departures at times, but none more flagrant than this. Mr. Bevin should realize that the deep interest of the American people in the implementation of the proposal with respect to the 100,000 Jews flows in no degree from any selfish motive. It is born of the intense desire of the American people to save these sufferers by Hitler's tyranny from further misery, wretchedness and death, and from a complete conviction that fair play demands that Great Britain abide by the decision concurred in by all six of its own representatives on the Anglo-American committee."

The American Jewish Congress, in a statement issued by Dr. David Petegorsky, director, said: "The American people will certainly not misunderstand Mr. Bevin today any more than they misunderstood his aside remarks about the Jews in the House of Commons a few months ago. Quite the contrary. Today, they understand him better than they have ever understood him before. For months, Bevin has been trying to stir up anti-Jewish feeling and political tension in the Near East as an excuse for the anti-Jewish policy of the British Government on Palestine. Today, he is trying to stir up anti-Semitism in the United States to help him in his vicious plot. This country may import many British products. But it certainly does not want to import the anti-Semitism and bigotry of the British Foreign Secretary. The American people will utterly repudiate Mr. Bevin's unprecedented calumnies as we hope the British people will repudiate his unprecedented inhumanity and ill-will to the Jewish people."

The Non-Secretarian Anti-Nazi League has sent a cable to Bevin declaring: "As an organization long engaged in exposing Nazi-like and anti-Semitic propaganda, we are deeply shocked by your statement which parallels similar canards by agitators like the American Gerald L.K. Smith and the British Oswald Mosley."



N.Y. PRESS UNFAVORABLE TO BEVIN STATEMENT ON PALESTINE; "BLUNT REMARKS" NOTED

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA)--The statement on Palestine made yesterday by British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin before the annual convention of the British Labor Party in which he said that people in America insist on the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine "because they do not want too many of them in New York," is widely commented upon in today's New York press.

The New York Times points out in an editorial that "it is to the Labor Party, and not to the House of Commons, that the Foreign Secretary announced that the Government does not intend to send any more troops to Palestine--already very like an armed camp."

The New York Sun says that while much of what Bevin had to say on issues other than Palestine will gain endorsement in the United States, he is less likely to win support of his "blunt remarks" on Palestine. "But even if some of the things he said were unpalatable or wholly unjustified, fair-minded persons must agree that it is asking a lot to expect the British alone to shoulder the heavy financial and moral responsibility for putting the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee into effect," the paper declares.

The New York Post in its editorial says: "The fraud, deceit, trickery that has characterized British policy in Palestine almost since the Balfour Declaration was proclaimed, got a rare, publicly-enunciated fillip from the Foreign Secretary. He trotted out his latest evil weapon, anti-Semitism, and made a bid for the support of the racists. 'The agitation in the U.S. for 100,000 Jews to be put into Palestine--and I do not want the Americans to misunderstand me--is because they do not want too many of them in Jew York.' We don't 'misunderstand' the Foreign Secretary any longer. At last he has spoken so that all can clearly understand him."

The newspaper PM, commenting on the statement, says that London has left the Zionists only two alternatives. "One of them is to insist that the British get out of Palestine--where they are hated both by the Jews and the Arabs--and hand over the mandate to the United Nations. The other course is to imitate the Irish and fight."

N.Y. Post Offers \$5,000 Reward for Bringing Mufti to Trial

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- T. O. Thackrey, editor and general manager of the New York Post today announced that a series of rewards, from \$5,000 up, would be offered by his newspaper for finding the "escaped" ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and bringing him to trial as a war criminal.

He pointed out, however, that the real trouble was not the finding of the Mufti, but in locating an official agency that really wanted to try him. It is questionable, he said, whether any of the powers involved in the Palestine question want to find the ex-Mufti.

Simultaneously with the announcement, the N.Y. Post reproduces documentary proof that the ex-Mufti urged foreign ministers of Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria to ship Jews to Poland during the Nazi regime in order to prevent them from reaching Palestine. A photostatic copy is also reproduced of a telegram sent by Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler to the ex-Mufti which establishes the Mufti's ties with the Nazis.

The documents are accompanied by an article by the noted journalist Edgar Ansel Mowrer charging the ex-Mufti with complicity in the murder of 6,000,000 Jews.

Jews in Poland Suffer Unprecedented Hunger; Beg Bread from Germans in Silesia

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA)--Jews in Poland are suffering unprecedented starvation, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the American Federation of Polish Jews, reported at a press conference today following his return from a visit to Poland.

Even in Lower Silesia, where thousands of Polish Jews repatriated from Soviet Russia are trying to start their life anew by working on the land and in mines, their position is so bad that many of them are forced to beg for bread from the Germans, Dr. Tenenbaum said.

"A great many Jews want to leave Poland," he stated. "The majority of them want to go to Palestine and many of them wish to seek their relatives in the United States." He charged the British with being "at the bottom of the fascist terrorism in Poland," and said that Jews there "are killed by the fascist elements not for any political motives, but are simply singled out because they are Jews."

Portrait of Late Justice Brandeis Presented to United States Supreme Court by Hadassah

WASHINGTON, June 13. (JTA)--The portrait of the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis was presented today by Hadassah to the U.S. Supreme Court at special ceremonies attended by many Senators, Congressmen and Supreme Court justices.

The portrait, painted by Eben Comins, was presented by Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, Hadassah president, as a tribute to Justice Brandeis for his work in behalf of Palestine and the Hadassah organization. Susan Brandeis, daughter of the justice, unveiled the portrait which will hang in the lawyers lounge room in the Supreme Court building. Rabbi Stephen Wise and Thurman Arnold spoke briefly on "Brandeis, the man and jurist."

Rival Arab Groups in Palestine Ordered by Arab League to Unite Under ex-Mufti

LONDON, June 13. (JTA)--A report from Syria today stated that the Arab League council, following the conclusion yesterday of its session at Bludan, instructed the opposing Arab groups in Palestine--the Arab Higher Committee and the Arab Higher Front--to merge. A united executive was then formed, headed by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, whose whereabouts still remain unknown, though it is certain that he is at present "somewhere in Syria."

Election of Delegates to World Zionist Congress Postponed for Two Weeks

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA)--The American Central Shetel and Election Board today announced the postponement of election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress until June 30 and July 1. The postponement was agreed upon by all Zionist groups in this country, the announcement said. The elections were originally scheduled to be held on June 16.

R. Isaac Landman Elected President of Synagogue Council of America

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA)--Dr. Isaac Landman, editor of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, was elected president of the Synagogue Council of America at the annual meeting of the council last night. He succeeds Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.