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BRITAIN SUBMITS ITS VIEWS ON MUFTI TO EGYPT; DOES NOT DEMAND HIS EXTRADITION

LONDON, June 24. (JTA) -- The British Government is not demanding the extradition of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem from Egypt, nor his house arrest, it was learned here today. The British Ambassador in Cairo was instructed merely to urge upon the Egyptian Government the importance of insuring that the Mufti take no part in Middle East politics while he is in Egypt.

The opinion of the British Government was conveyed today by British Ambassador Ronald Ian Campbell to Egyptian Premier Ismail Sidky Pasha during a forty-minute interview, a report from Cairo said. Another report said that the Syrian press today published a demand that the ex-Mufti be allowed to return to Palestine.

LARGEST TRIAL OF JEWS CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF ARMS OPENS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- The largest mass-trial of Jews charged with illegal possession of arms ever held in Palestine opened here today before a British military court. Thirty-one Jewish youths, including a 21-year-old girl, are involved. They all face the death penalty if convicted under the Emergency Defense Regulations now in force.

The 31 were captured on the morning of April 3, following attacks the previous night on Palestine rail lines, which cut communications with Egypt and Lebanon. When they were apprehended, after being spotted by a R.A.F. reconnaissance plane, they are alleged to have had a large quantity of automatic rifles, bombs, hand grenades, revolvers and ammunition. One defendant, Benjamin Ben Shlomo Kaplan, 19, is also charged with firing at the troops which arrested the group.

Extra guards were posted outside the chamber in which the trial is taking place and around the barbed wire enclosing the courthouse. Special arrangements were made to accommodate the unusually large number of defendants, their counsel, relatives and members of the press. The accused were brought to the courthouse in two trucks accompanied by police cars. They could be heard singing as the vehicles passed through the streets.

Defendants Chant Psalms; Refuse to Recognize Jurisdiction of Court

As the judges entered the courtroom, all the defendants rose and began chanting psalms. They were dressed in khaki shorts and shirts with an embroidered insignia in blue and white on the breast. On their heads they wore blue and white skull caps with the word "Jerusalem" stitched across them.

The first of the defendants to take the stand today, 20-year-old Ben Avigdor Ampert, speaking on behalf of all, said that "as soldiers of the Irgun, soldiers of the Jewish people fighting for its freedom, we do not recognize the jurisdiction of this court and will not reply to questions, or participate in the proceedings."

The court ruled that the defendants were pleading not guilty, after which the prosecutor described the circumstances of their arrest. He told how they were spotted

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by aircraft and then surrounded by three airborne divisions. Some attempted to flee, he said, but Kaplan fired, wounding a sergeant in the knee. After the prosecutor had concluded, the court was adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

BRITISH DESTROYERS LEAVE PALESTINE TO INTERCEPT SHIP WITH VISALESS IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- British destroyers left port today to intercept a ship carrying visaless Jewish immigrants. They will escort the vessel to a Palestine port. The ship, which was sighted by R.A.F. planes, is believed to have more than 1,000 Jewish passengers aboard.

British troops continued today their hunt for the three kidnapped officers still held by the Irgun, following an announcement over the Irgun underground radio that none of the three has been released as yet and that all of them will be executed if the death sentences imposed last week upon two Irgun members is not commuted. The commutation of the sentences was also urged in a broadcast over the Haganah radio.

The local press reports that Maj. H.B. Chadwick, who it was believed escaped from the kidnappers last week, actually was released to act as liaison between the authorities and the Irgun in an attempt to arrange the release of the men still held in return for a promise of clemency for the two condemned members of the Irgun.

The newspaper Mithmar, organ of the Hashomer Hazair, says today that the nine Jews who were killed in a raid on the Haifa Bay railway yards last Tuesday were shot down in cold blood after they had surrendered. Troops opened fire on the attackers as they stood with their arms upraised, the newspaper charges.

The Arab press reports today that eight Jews were arrested in Lebanon this past week for spying on harbors and roads in preparation for smuggling Jews into Palestine.

The Arabs here are still celebrating the return of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem to the Middle East. A big Arab youth demonstration was held in Jaffa yesterday and the Arab Party, which is dominated by the Hussein family, of which the Mufti is the leader, is arranging special prayers of thanksgiving in all mosques.

FIRST CASE OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION PLACED BEFORE UNITED NATIONS MAY SERVE AS PRECEDENT

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The first case of racial discrimination which may serve as a precedent for similar cases--was filed today with the Secretary General of the United Nations.

A protest filed by the representative of India charges racial discrimination is being practiced against Indians in the Union of South Africa. An extended discussion on the principle which the protest involves seems to be unavoidable, it was felt in informed circles, since the complaint is based upon Articles 10 and 40 of the United Nations' Charter, which authorize the Assembly to make recommendations on any matter within the scope of the Charter and to recommend measures for a peaceful adjustment of situations which might impair the general welfare.

It was recalled that it was the Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, Marshal Jan C. Smuts, who stressed most strongly the need for safeguarding of human rights at the San Francisco conference.

HUNGARIAN CLERGY AROUSING ANTI-SEMITISM AS PART OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN

BUDAPEST, June 24. (JTA)-- A violently anti-Semitic sermon delivered last Sunday from the pulpit of the Franciscan Church in Buda, largest Roman Catholic parish in Hungary, spotlights the role of some of the clergy in the rising tide of anti-Semitism in this country.

In the sermon it was charged that Jews are responsible for the deplorable economic situation here; that Jews hold most of the important government jobs; that Jews are profiteering from the peoples' misery and that reports of Jewish sufferings during the war have been exaggerated.

Reports that similar sermons are being preached throughout Hungary by Catholic priests are disturbing both government officials and Jewish circles. Catholic sources decline to be quoted, but by and large many of them seem to sincerely believe the charges against the Jews made in the sermons.

Although some members of the Catholic hierarchy, such as the Bishop of Szeged, are attempting to combat this trend, other high Church circles are lending encouragement to anti-Semitic elements among the clergy, reports indicate.

The basis of this clerical anti-Semitism is the Church's hatred for the Government. The Church has made no secret of the fact that it resents the land reform laws which have deprived it of vast holdings. The greatly reduced influence of the Catholic Church in state affairs has also increased its bitterness against the present regime.

Pastoral Letter Would Ease Situation, Jewish Circles Feel

In the struggle to retain its wealth and its power, the Church is striking back by attacking what it considers the government's vulnerable spot--the fact that a number of Hungarian Communist leaders are Jews.

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty stubbornly believes that these Jewish Communists are solely responsible for the Church's difficulties and also believes they can be controlled and influenced by the leaders of Hungary's Jewish community. Actually the official Jewish community, which is largely non-Communist, has absolutely no influence on the Jewish Communists and it is somewhat frightened to find itself once again being made a scapegoat.

These Jewish circles feel that active measures, such as a pastoral letter similar to the one recently issued by the Calvinists, could be taken to counter anti-Semitism among the Catholic clergy. They prefer to work directly with the Catholics on this problem, rather than have the Government take any action, which they fear might aggravate the situation.

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PRESIDENT DENIES HE EVER STATED THAT ANTI-SEMITISM IS INEVITABLE

PRAGUE, June 24. (JTA) -- President Edvard Benes who last week was re-elected for the third time has denied that he ever stated that "anti-Semitism is practically inevitable" and that "I would vote for it that the Jews of Europe should emigrate to Palestine."

"I never said anything of the kind," he told Mrs. Arne Laurin, widow of the late editor-in-chief of the Prager Presse, leading pre-war Czech newspaper. He authorized Mrs. Laurin to make his denial public in the United States where his alleged statements were published.

ATTLEE WILL REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON PALESTINE; WILL IGNORE ADMISSION OF 100,000 JEWS

LONDON, June 24. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Clement Attlee will make a statement on Palestine in the House of Commons, possibly on Thursday, it was authoritatively learned today. However, he will not have anything to say on Britain's reaction to the Anglo-American inquiry committee's report nor on its recommendation that 100,000 Jews be admitted to Palestine, it was indicated.

It was officially announced today that the British Government has received observations on the committee report, which it requested from all the states of the Arab League and the Jewish Agency. The next step will be further consultations between the British and U.S. Governments based on the Jewish and Arab reactions, the announcement said.

Nine U.S. Senators Urge Truman to Press Attlee for Entry of 100,000 Jews

WASHINGTON, June 24. (JTA) -- Nine United States Senators today sent a joint letter to President Truman requesting him, through direct communication with Prime Minister Attlee of Great Britain, to "press again and without let-up" for the immediate admission of the 100,000 European Jews into Palestine, Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York announced today.

Joining with Senator Wagner in urging the President to "use your influence to put an end to slow death and torture by committees, investigations, and other delaying devices," were Senators Taft of Ohio, Ferguson of Michigan, and LaFollette of Wisconsin, Republicans; and Senators Mead of New York, Huffman of Ohio, Tunnell of Delaware, Johnson of Colorado, and Guffy of Pennsylvania, Democrats. "Action, not more committees, is what is required today," they emphasized.

"It is high time," said the Senators, "that British leaders gave heed to the urgent promptings of the President of the nation that helped to keep the British people themselves from being exterminated."

WAR DEPT. OFFICIAL PREDICTS WAVE OF SUICIDES L' DISPLACED JEWS NOT ADMITTED TO PALESTINE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 24. (JTA) -- A wave of suicides among displaced Jews in Germany was predicted today by Assistant Secretary of War Howard C. Petersen, unless Britain agrees to admit 100,000 into Palestine.

In an address prepared for delivery before the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Petersen said that delay in settlement of the Palestine question will result in widespread unrest and possibly an attempt by Jewish DP's to cross into France and Switzerland.

CREATION OF \$5,000,000 FUND TO AID JEWISH RESISTANCE IN PALESTINE PROPOSED

ASBURY PARK, N.J., June 24. (JTA) -- The creation of \$5,000,000 fund to aid the Jewish resistance movement in Palestine was suggested today by Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, in an address to the 37th annual convention of the Bnei Zion meeting here.

Abraham A. Redelheim of New York was elected president of the organization, succeeding Louis Lipsky, at the convention's closing session tonight. Harry A. Fine of Newark was elected vice-president; Jacob Iah-Kishor, secretary and Abraham Krumbein, treasurer.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES SEEK TO INCREASE EDUCATION; EXPERIMENT IN INTER-COMMUNITY COOPERATION

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- Jewish communities in various parts of the U.S. and Canada are conducting experiments aimed at increasing educational and recreational activities as well as coordinating social relief on an inter-community basis in smaller towns, it was reported today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Winnipeg and Schenectady are the latest communities in the growing number to establish central bureaus of Jewish education. In both communities the action grew out of surveys conducted by the American Association for Jewish Education.

The decision to form a Bureau of Jewish Education in Schenectady was taken by the Jewish Community Council, and the new bureau will operate under its direction and sponsorship. It is to be administered by a board of directors of 25, of whom 13 will be elected by the Community Council. Each of the five synagogues and the Jewish Community Center will appoint two directors.

Toronto has amalgamated three youth camps to form the Jewish Camp Council. The new council includes equal representation of the Y.M. - Y.W.H.A., Council of Jewish Women, B'nai B'rith which operated the camps, and the United Jewish Welfare Fund. The Council will make possible service to more children, and a longer stay for each child.

St. Louis, Seattle, Jacksonville, Eastern Pennsylvania Make Surveys

St. Louis is making a self-study of the chronically sick under the direction of a community committee of 35 including both lay and professional leaders. Persons active in all agencies whose work is related to that problem are included in the committee. The study will deal with medical and nursing care, case work and boarding service, leisure time, community education, and legislation. A second survey under way in St. Louis is a study of its group work and recreational service. This, too, is under the auspices of a community committee including lay and professional leaders of the three local agencies operating in that field.

Seattle has projected a community survey for the latter part of the summer to deal with the full scope of its local Jewish social services. The needs and operations in each field will be studied, along with coordination and relationship of the various activities.

A group work survey is being launched by Jacksonville. Findings of the survey will have direct bearing on the program and capital fund plans of synagogues as well as communally financed agencies.

An experiment in the cooperation of several communities for common needs has been undertaken in Eastern Pennsylvania. Under the leadership of Reading, Harrisburg, Allentown, Easton, and Lancaster, an inter-community committee has been set up to study the needs of the aged and to determine whether their resources should be pooled to develop a joint program.

CUBA EXPECTED TO WAIVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMMIGRATION OF FORMER ENEMY NATIONALS

HAVANA, Cuba, June 24. (JTA) -- Cuba will waive its restrictions on the immigration of persons from former enemy countries, it was reliably reported here today.

Official announcement of the Cuban Government's change of policy is expected to be made within the next few days with the publication of the Government's Official Gazette. It is expected to affect Jewish displaced persons seeking to emigrate from Europe.

PALESTINE MIZRACHI CONVENTION REAFFIRMS BELIEF IN JEWISH STATE; URGES MUFTI'S SURRENDER

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- A nation-wide convention of the Mizrahi organization of Palestine today adopted a resolution reaffirming its belief "in the Divine Promise that Palestine would be a Jewish state" and deploring the bloodshed in Palestine, which, it pointed out, resulted from the delay in implementing the Anglo-American inquiry committee's recommendation that 100,000 Jews be admitted immediately. Two hundred and fifty delegates attended the conference.

The convention called on the United Nations and Britain to demand the surrender of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and urged that he be tried as a war criminal. Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog stressed the importance of effecting the return to the Jewish community of Jewish children in Europe who were hidden in non-Jewish homes and institutions during the war and still remain there.

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR FREE PALESTINE REJECTS REPORT OF ANGLO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The American League for a Free Palestine has rejected "in its entirety" the report of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, it was revealed today by former Senator Guy M. Gillette, president of the organization.

In its reply to the State Department's invitation to comment on the inquiry body's findings, the League said that the circumstances which led to the initiation of the committee, the conditions under which it conducted its investigations, and the developments that followed the release of its report "all militate against serious acceptance of its recommendations as a basis for implementation." The League also said that the only constructive program offered to settle the future of the Jews and the Palestine question was presented by the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA OPENS 46TH ANNUAL CONVENTION WITH DISCUSSION ON ZIONISM

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The 46th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America opened tonight at the Jewish Theological Seminary with more than 250 rabbis from all parts of the country attending the first session of the four-day conference.

For the first time, the Assembly, consisting of Conservative rabbis, devoted its opening session to a discussion of Zionism. The guest speakers at tonight's session, Dr. Israel Goldstein, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Dr. Harry Davidowitz, of Tel Aviv, both emphasized the interdependence and mutual importance of Zionism and Judaism to American Jewry.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS OPENS ANNUAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO; 400 ATTENDING

CHICAGO, June 24. (JTA) -- The 57th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis opens here tomorrow. It will be attended by more than 400 Reform rabbis. The convention will discuss, among other subjects, the war-time activities of Reform chaplains and their post-war problems as well as problems concerning religious education. The convention will last five days.

PROF. SALO BARON ARRIVES IN SOUTH AFRICA AFTER HAZARDOUS FLIGHT FROM U.S.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, June 24. (JTA) -- Prof. Salo Baron, prominent Jewish historian from the United States, arrived here today following an eventful flight from America.

The plane in which Prof. Baron was travelling was forced down in Uganda by motor trouble and was delayed for three days. Prof. Baron was greeted here by leaders of the Jewish community. He is to lecture at several universities.

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