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TRUMAN SAYS U.S. WILL HELP MOVE JEWS TO PALESTINE; HOPES JEWISH LEADERS WILL BE RELEASED

WASHINGTON, July 2. (JTA) -- President Truman today told American members of the Jewish Agency who called on him at the White House that the United States Government was ready to assume financial and technical responsibilities for the transfer to Palestine of 100,000 European Jews.

At the same time, Mr. Truman expressed the hope that the leaders of the Jewish community in Palestine who have been arrested by the British would be released and voiced his regrets at the developments there. He said that this government had not been consulted on the measures taken by the British.

The text of the announcement issued by the White House following the meeting with Drs. Abba H. Silver, Stephen S. Wise, Nahum Goldmann and Mr. Louis Lipsky read as follows:

The President conferred today with the following American members of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine: Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Mr. Louis Lipsky and Rabbi Abba H. Silver. The representatives of the Jewish Agency gave the President their views of recent events in Palestine.

The President expressed his regrets at the developments in Palestine. He informed the representatives of the Jewish Agency that the Government of the United States had not been consulted on the measures prior to their adoption by the British Government. He expressed the hope that the leaders of the Jewish community in Palestine would soon be released and that the situation would soon return to normal.

The President added further that it was his determination that the most recent events should mean no delay in pushing forward with a policy of transferring 100,000 Jewish immigrants to Palestine with all dispatch, in accordance with the statement he made upon the receipt of the report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. The President indicated that the Government of the United States was prepared to assume technical and financial responsibility for the transportation of the immigrants from Europe to Palestine.

He expressed his thanks for the workman-like suggestions embodied in the letter which the American members of the Jewish Agency executive sent him on June 14 with respect to the technical and financial problems involved in the transfer and resettlement of the 100,000 immigrants.

Agency Members Asked President to Intervene in Present Situation

After leaving the White House, where they spent a half-hour with the President, the Agency members issued a statement which read, in part, as follows:

"As the American members of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, some of whose members have been arrested in Palestine, we called upon the President of the United States to express our deep sorrow and indignation. We deplored the unvar-

ranted attack upon the entire Jewish population of Palestine and its leaders. We expressed our amazement at the fact that while negotiations were being conducted by the representatives of the American and British Governments to implement the unanimous recommendation of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine to transfer immediately 100,000 Jews to Palestine, these acts of brutal aggression were perpetrated by the British Government.

"We appealed to the President to intervene in this situation of utmost gravity which is disrupting the life of the entire country and which may destroy generations of labor and achievement of the Jewish pioneers and builders in Palestine.

"The President expressed his great anxiety about recent events in Palestine which occurred without his knowledge or consent. He reiterated his earnest hope that the 100,000 displaced Jews in Europe, in whose behalf he intervened nearly a year ago, would be admitted without further delay and without waiting for decisions on long range policy concerning Palestine."

WASHINGTON AND LONDON REPORT PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS ON PALESTINE REPORT

WASHINGTON, July 2, (JTA) -- The State and War Department technical experts who returned to Washington several days ago from discussions in London with the British Government on technical aspects of the movement of 100,000 Jewish immigrants to Palestine have reported progress, Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today.

Mr. Acheson pointed out to his press conference that while the group had no power to make decisions, it did considerable spadework in preparation for the forthcoming talks by Henry F. Grady and Goldthwaite H. Dorr, alternates to the Secretaries of State and War on the President's Cabinet Committee on Palestine, to be held later this month in London. It is hoped that the alternates and their staff may leave for England before July 15, the date originally scheduled for their departure, Mr. Acheson said.

(In London a source close to Prime Minister Attlee said that preliminary discussions on Palestine between London and Washington are proceeding satisfactorily and that a decision "on the political level" is expected within a few weeks. The discussions with the members of the President's Cabinet Committee are expected to take one to two weeks, this source said, after which the discussions would be transferred to a higher level. The JTA informant stated definitely that no change in the status of the Jewish Agency is contemplated.)

The United States Government has not lodged a protest with the British Government on the Palestine raids, Mr. Acheson said in response to a question. He reiterated previous State Department announcements that it was not informed by the British Government in advance of the raids.

Grady and Dorr today received Jacob Blaustein and John Slawson, executive committee chairman and executive vice-president, respectively, of the American Jewish Committee, who urged that there be no further delay in the transfer of 100,000 displaced European Jews into Palestine, as recommended by the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee.

The American Jewish Committee representatives pointed out that the present unrest in Palestine is due to the delay in implementing the immigration recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee, and that further inaction would aggravate the situation of the displaced Jews and make more difficult a peaceful solution of the Palestine problem. The Committee representatives stated that delay in opening the doors of Palestine makes it impossible for the moderate elements within the Jewish community to exercise restraint. They recommended the establishment of an international collective trusteeship, administered directly by the United Nations.

BRITISH "INVESTIGATORS" TORTURING JEWS IN CONCENTRATION CAMP ESTABLISHED AT ATHLIT

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) -- The Athlit clearance camp, which has sheltered thousands of legal and "illegal" immigrants in recent years, has been converted into a huge concentration camp where hundreds of Jews arrested since the week-end are being subjected to inhuman tortures, according to reliable information obtained today.

Investigators from the "Special Squad," have been sent to Athlit from Jerusalem to interrogate the prisoners. In order to "soften up" their victims, the investigators first beat them with a variety of weapons, make them stand for hours with large rocks tied under their arms and in some cases have struck them in the genitals. The interrogations begin when the investigators feel the prisoners have been sufficiently weakened.

Many of the detainees are reported to have been so badly battered that they will remain invalids for life. Among the most seriously wounded is Berl Repetur, Haifa labor leader and director of the Solel Boneh, the Jewish construction cooperative, who was highly praised by the British for military installations he built in Palestine and neighboring countries during the war.

Residents of Adjoining Villages Hear Cries From Camp

Residents of settlements adjoining Athlit report that they have heard piercing cries coming from the camp, but they are unable to render any assistance, as the camp is heavily guarded.

Another concentration camp, to accommodate the overflow from Athlit and Latrun prison, has been established at Raffa on the Palestine-Egyptian border.

The central committee of the Histadruth today appealed to the JTA office here to inform Jews abroad concerning what is transpiring at Athlit and to "wake up public opinion abroad."

Rabbi Judah Fishman, aged Mizrahi leader, yielded to appeals from leaders of the Jewish community today and abandoned his hunger strike, which entered its fourth day this morning. Greatly weakened from lack of food and a beating administered by British soldiers on Saturday when he was arrested, Rabbi Fishman, who was moved from Latrun to Hadassah Hospital last night, is being cared for by Prof. Bernard Zondek, world-famous physician.

The first of the prominent Jews arrested in the country-wide man-hunt which has been proceeding since Saturday was released from Athlit today. He is David Bar-Ravhai, vice-chairman of the Jewish Community Council in Haifa.

According to an official communique issued late last night, 2,718 Jews had been arrested as of that time. Of them, 59 were women. It said that four Jews had been killed and eighty wounded, and large quantities of documents and arms captured. Twenty-five settlements have been raided.

The staff of the Jewish Agency and that of the Jewish National Council conferred today, reportedly on plans for carrying out a campaign of non-cooperation unless the imprisoned Jewish leaders are released soon. Dr. Emil Schmorak and Eliahu Dobkin, Agency members who are still at large, have set up headquarters somewhere in Jerusalem and are in touch with the Agency staff.

The Haganah radio today charged that "arrest and ill-treatment of thousands of persons without evidence or trial are Nazi methods." The radio, which broadcast on different wave lengths to hinder jamming by government stations, replied to Prime Min-

ister Attlee's statements in Commons yesterday by declaring "We are ready for the struggle and will not give up our arms." It said that the disarming of the Haganah would involve the destruction of the Jewish community.

A special communique describing an arms cache found at Yagour, near Haifa, which has been combed by troops since Saturday, said that 200,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 3,000 mortar bombs, 2,000 grenades and more than 500 pounds of explosives were among the material counted today during examination of an underground arms dump.

The Hashomer Hazair announced that 200 residents of its various settlements have been arrested. At the same time, it appealed to the Jews not to allow themselves to become provoked, but urged the organization of civil disobedience, strikes and demonstrations and continuation of the struggle for self-defense and the right of immigration.

It was reported today that more than 50 Jews who survived Belsen and Buchenwald concentration camps and founded "Buchenwald" village on the southern shore of the Sea of Galilee have been detained in a search of their settlement by British troops.

In accordance with a decision adopted by the Jewish National Council yesterday, all workers who could be spared today went to colonies which were stripped of their manpower by arrests to insure that none would have to be abandoned.

British Charge "Top Secret" Army Documents Found in Agency's Files

It is understood that among the documents seized in the Jewish Agency building are the diary of Dr. Theodor Herzl and the manuscript of his "Judenstaat," which was the first exposition of political Zionism, also films of the last Zionist Congress and communications from Zionist leaders all over the world.

Hundreds of card indices have also been seized and troops are occupying the offices of the Jewish National Fund, in the Agency building, which contains the Golden Book, in which the names of prominent benefactors of Zionism are recorded.

Security officers of British military headquarters in Jerusalem are investigating the discovery of "top secret" British Army documents in the Agency building. The documents were found during a search of the Agency's files, they alleged.

Attlee Challenged on Conduct of British Troops; Locker Quotes JTA Report

LONDON, July 2. (JTA) -- Berl Locker, Zionist Labor leader, addressing a press conference here today, challenged the statement by Prime Minister Attlee in Commons yesterday, that British troops in Palestine were exercising great restraint. He quoted a report from the JTA correspondent in Jerusalem describing torture of prisoners at the Athlit internment camp, and said that it had been confirmed by other sources.

Describing events in the settlements and cities of Palestine, Locker said: "The world must know that the situation is graver than it has been depicted in the press or in Commons." He warned that Jewish resistance would not end until the Jews were given a ray of hope.

The Archbishop of York told a diocesan conference today that the British Government had taken the only possible course in Palestine. He appealed to British Jews to condemn the "terrorist crimes."

THOUSANDS AT NEW YORK MASS MEETING TO PROTEST BRITISH ATTACKS ON JEWS OF PALESTINE

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- Thousands of persons jammed Madison Squar Park here this afternoon at a demonstration protesting the mass arrests in Palestine and the seizure of leaders of the Jewish Agency.

Speakers included Rep. Emanuel Celler, Dr. Abba H. Silver, Emanuel Neumann, Louis Hollander, president of the New York State CIO, Mrs. Moses Epstein, president of Hadassah, and other communal leaders. Messages were received from Prof. Albert Einstein and William Green, president of the A.F.L.

Rep. Celler told the meeting that he would vote against the proposed U.S. loan to Britain when it comes before the House in order to curb British imperialism and force in Palestine. He denied that the Haganah was a terrorist organization and called on all Americans to support the Jewish resistance movement with both spiritual and material aid.

The message from Prof. Einstein charged that Britain has embarked upon a policy of "ruthless suppression of the Jews of Palestine" to divert attention from its failure to carry out the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee. The disarmament of the Jews in Palestine, he said, would mean delivering them to their doom. He appealed to the people of the United States and Britain to raise their voices in protest against this high-handed action of the British Government.

Green Says U.S. Workers Shocked By Reports from Palestine

Mr. Green said that "the distressing situation which prevails in Palestine has caused a feeling of grave apprehension in the minds of all working people in the United States. We are shocked by the reports that those residing in Palestine are being subjected to military control, martial law and persecution," he continued. "We protest such treatment as a violation of civil rights and subordination of those people to military dictatorial control. We insist and demand that such practice shall cease and Great Britain shall immediately put into effect the unanimous recommendation of the Anglo-American Committee."

Mr. Hollander said that the action of the British Government in Palestine discredits labor all over the world. American labor, united in its demand for justice to the Jewish people, will insist that the solemn obligation made by the Labor Party and the Labor Government be carried out and that the 100,000 Jewish refugees be admitted to Palestine at once, he added. American labor will not be fooled for an instant by the holier than thou attitude of Prime Minister Attlee and his meaningless talk of putting down "Jewish terror" and "restoring order" in Palestine.

Mr. Neumann said that "the Bevin-Mufti alliance, representing the dark forces of imperialism and reaction, will not prevail against the forces of justice, right and democracy." Isidor Nagler, vice-president of the N.Y. State Federation of Labor, suggested daily picketing of the British Consulate.

JEWS, LABOR, LIBERAL GROUPS CONDEMN BRITISH ATTACKS ON PALESTINE JEWRY'S LEADERS

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- Jewish, labor and liberal groups in the United States and Canada joined today in expressing their strong condemnation of the British attacks upon the Jewish Agency and the Palestine Jewish community, which they pointed out was one of the most loyal allies of the democracies in the war.

William Green, president of the A.F.L., in a cable to Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee and Philip J. Noel-Baker, chairman of the British Labor Party, expressed the

"deep abhorrence" of the American workers at the "violent attack on the internationally recognized Jewish Agency and the Jewish settlements" taking place "with the consent of the Labor Government of Great Britain."

Pointing out that American workers have "taken rightful pride in the heroic achievements of Jewish workers in Palestine," Green called on the British Government to halt the "wanton destruction of what has been created with such unparalleled devotion. Peace cannot be restored in Palestine as long as the British Government fails to take action on the unanimous recommendation of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry that 100,000 homeless Jews be admitted without delay to Palestine," he said.

The World Jewish Congress executive branded the arrests of Jewish Agency leaders as a violation of international law and an act of aggression against the whole Jewish people. "By means of this attack," the Congress statement said, "the British Government is attempting to effect a unilateral evasion of the obligations which it had assumed under the Mandate."

Pointing out that the Agency is the internationally recognized representative of the Jewish people in all matters concerning the re-establishment of the Jewish homeland in Palestine, the statement declared the British attack "stands condemned as a violation of international law at a time when the future of the world depends so much on the preservation of international law and the respect which the great powers especially should demonstrate for the rights of small peoples."

The American Jewish Committee, in a statement issued by Jacob Blaustein and David Sher, chairman of the executive and administrative committees, respectively, condemned the actions of the Palestine Government. Joining "with the responsible leaders of Palestine Jewry" in condemning terror, the Committee statement said that the only means of doing away with the unrest in Palestine was to admit the 100,000 Jews to Europe.

The United Zionist Council of Canada, representing all Zionist parties in the dominion, issued a statement condemning the "ruthless attack upon leaders of Palestine Jewry and the Jewish Agency." Declaring that the British Government's action is "shocking and disheartening to all of us," the Council said: "For the opportunity offered His Majesty's Government by the unanimous report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry there is now a ruthless attack upon the leaders of Palestine Jewry and the Jewish Agency who represent Jews all over the world in building up the Jewish National Home. The attack on the Jewish Agency seems to aim at silencing Palestine Jewry and, through the Jewish Agency, silencing the Jews of the world."

Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund in America, cabled a message to Dr. Abraham Granovsky, head of the J.N.F. in Palestine, asserting that American public opinion will clearly recognize the action of the British Government in Palestine as "an inexpressible mockery of justice," which permits the ex-Mufti to remain at large and throws members of the Jewish Agency into concentration camps.

JEWS IN ITALY HOLD MASS DEMONSTRATIONS AND FAST PROTESTING PALESTINE RAIDS, ARRESTS

ROME, July 2. (JTA) -- Mass demonstrations took place today throughout Italy and all Jews in the country observed a day of fast in protest against the British attacks upon the Jewish Agency and the Palestine Jewish community.

In Rome, a meeting was held at the Arch of Titus, which was erected by the ancient Romans to commemorate their capture and destruction of Jerusalem. The meetings were sponsored by the Union of Jewish Communities in Italy, the Organization of Jewish Refugees, and the Zionist Federation of Italy.

SENATE AND HOUSE GET RESOLUTION ASKING NON-RECOGNITION OF TRANSJORDAN INDEPENDENCE

WASHINGTON, July 2. (JTA) -- A resolution calling on the United States Government to continue to recognize Transjordan as part of mandated Palestine and to instruct our representative to the United Nations to seek postponement of international determination of the status of Transjordan until the future status of Palestine as a whole is determined, was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Francis J. Myers, Pennsylvania Democrat.

Other senators joining Myers in sponsoring the resolution were Capper of Kan., La Follete of Wis., Guffey of Penn., Johnson of Col., McMahon of Conn., Magnusson of Wash., Murray of Mont., Pepper of Fla., and Taylor of Idaho.

Myers in introducing the resolution said "we cannot support the creature states or puppet sovereigns which the British Empire, or any other empire, foists upon the world."

An identical resolution was introduced simultaneously in the House of Representatives by Rep. Andrew Somers of New York.

1,000 VISALESS REFUGEES ARRIVE AT HAIFA; QUARANTINED BECAUSE OF SUSPECTED PLAGUE

HAIFA, July 2. (JTA) -- The refugee ship Biria carrying over 1,000 Jewish visaless immigrants and escorted by three British destroyers sailed into Haifa harbor this morning.

The refugees were not permitted to disembark because one of them was suffering from an illness believed to be plague. All the passengers were treated with DDT and given anti-plague injections. After treatment they were placed in launches and carried to another refugee ship for quarantining. They are not expected to land for a week.

The Jews embarked at a French Mediterranean port twelve days ago. Their vessel is the 284-ton Turkish steamer Akbel, which was renamed in honor of the Palestine settlement whose entire male population was recently arrested and jailed following their conviction for illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

The Arab Higher Committee today issued a statement protesting the arrival of the Biria, and declaring that the British were facilitating illegal immigration into Palestine.

54 PALESTINIAN JEWS INTERNED IN SUDAN ESCAPE; 30 RECAPTURED IN FLIGHT TO ETHIOPIA

JERUSALEM, July 2 (JTA) -- Fifty-four Palestine Jewish internees escaped from the Sembal internment camp in the Sudan, it was learned here today. Thirty are reported to have been recaptured.

The report says that the 54 seized a bus and attempted to reach Ethiopia, but were forced to scatter and make their way on foot when the vehicle broke down. They escaped from the camp through two tunnels which they had previously dug from their quarters to a point beyond the camp gates.

British and colonial troops as well as Eritrean tribesmen are being used to track them down. Twenty-three of the Jews surrendered to a local native official who turned them over to the British. The other seven were captured by military and civil police in the vicinity of Asmara, Eritrea.

YIDDISH SPEAKING DP'S IN GERMANY BARRED BY ARMY RULES FROM SENDING LETTERS TO U.S.

BERLIN, July 2. (JTA) -- More than a year after liberation, approximately 50,000 Jewish displaced persons are still unable to write letters to the United States or anywhere else in their own language because of United States Army censorship regulations, according to a high official concerned with the DP problem.

The explanation is that these particular Jews write only in Yiddish which is not an "approved" language on the Army censor's list. This is no attempt, it is explained, to stifle the freedom of these DP's but is simply another example of bureaucratic inflexibility, with its resultant sad consequences. The question is now being discussed by Jewish representatives with high officers of the European Theater of Operations.

Most of those affected are refugees from Poland and other eastern Europeans who do not write German or Polish, two languages which are now on the "approved" list. Meanwhile, thousands of Jewish families in the United States and elsewhere wonder why they do not hear from their surviving relatives.

HUNGARIAN GESTAPO CHIEF HANGED; RESPONSIBLE FOR MASS DEPORTATION, MURDER OF JEWS

BUDAPEST, July 2. (JTA) -- Peter Hain, Hungarian Gestapo chief, who was found guilty of organizing the deportation of Hungarian Jews to death camps and slave labor gangs, has been hanged.

Hain, who became wealthy from the sale of property seized from the Jews, attempted to delay his execution by feigning lunacy and by faking an attempt at suicide.

MASSACRE OF JEWS AT JASSY MARKED AT MEMORIAL SERVICES; 50 PARTICIPANTS AWAIT TRIAL

BUCHAREST, July 2. (JTA) -- The fifth anniversary of the massacre of the Jews of Jassy was yesterday commemorated in synagogues throughout the country. Fifty persons accused of participating in the pogrom are still awaiting trial.

LEONARD CHUDACOFF ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES WELFARE FEDERATION

LOS ANGELES, July 2. (JTA) -- Leonard A. Chudacoff, an outstanding leader of the Los Angeles Jewish community, has been elected president of the Federation of Jewish Welfare Organizations, it was announced today. He succeeds Walter S. Hilborn.

N.Y. CITY COMMITTEE ON UNITY RECOMMENDS DISCRIMINATION-FREE STATE UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- The establishment of a state supported discrimination-free university was recommended today in a report of the Mayor's Committee on Unity.

The report charged that Jewish, Negro, and Catholic students were discriminated against in New York schools as well as in out of town institutions and suggested that both the state and city undertake investigations of the quota systems applied in New York colleges.