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STEPHEN WISE, LOUIS LIPSKY DENIED PALESTINE VISAS BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT; PROTEST BAN

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Louis Lipsky, American members of the Jewish Agency, have been denied Palestine visas by the British Government, it was learned here today.

Wise and Lipsky were planning to go to Palestine together with Dr. Abba H. Silver and Dr. Mahum Goldmann, the other two American members of the Agency, because of the recent events there. It is understood that Drs. Silver and Goldmann had not yet applied for visas.

In a statement issued here, on behalf of himself and Mr. Lipsky, Dr. Wise said that "the Jewish Agency is recognized in relation to the mandate, and as members of the Agency's executive we are entitled to go to Palestine at our pleasure. If Palestine were a British Crown Colony, which it is not, we should still have the right to visit our fellow Jews. As a territory in the British mandate, it is our right to visit that land in order to learn and to tell the truth about recent happenings.

"The denial to us of visas to Palestine can only confirm our worst fears, that the British Government will seek, though in vain, to conceal behind an iron curtain, the truth of British misconduct in Palestine," Dr. Wise added.

LONDON REPORTED TO HAVE RECOMMENDED RELEASE OF AGENCY MEMBERS; MAY BE FREED TODAY

JERUSALEM July 8. (JTA) -- The British Government is reliably reported to have recommended to the Palestine administration that it release the arrested leaders of the Jewish Agency, and rumors were current here tonight that they would be freed tomorrow, and the Agency headquarters evacuated.

The final decision of the Palestine Government, to which London is understood to have given full discretion, is still unknown, but High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham held hurried conferences at Government House today with high officials of his administration and Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey, British commander in the Middle East, who arrived today.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who will attend the meeting of the Inner Zionist Actions Committee here tomorrow, is reported preparing to fly to London either later tomorrow or Wednesday. He is scheduled to hold a press conference here tomorrow.

Chief Secretary John V. W. Shaw conferred yesterday with Dr. Weizmann at the latter's home at Rehovoth, and it is reported that release of the Agency leaders was under discussion.

The authorities said today that about 1,000 of the 3,000 persons arrested since the raids began have been released. Those released are mostly young people under 16 and persons over 70.

Jews thronged synagogues throughout the country today as the Jewish community

observed a day of protest and prayer to proclaim its "dire distress" to the world. The shofar was blown in all synagogues. (See story on mistreatment of Athlit internees on page 8.)

The Arab Higher Committee, which yesterday called for the court martialling of Jewish leaders, today announced that it is sending a delegation to the Vatican to present the Arab case to the Pope. It will be headed by extremist leader Auni Bey Abdul Hadi.

It was learned today that Hilda Dulitzkaia, 60-year-old singer, who was arrested back stage at the Panorama Gardens on Mt. Carmel, after singing a group of satirical songs on current topics, has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment because the contents of her songs were found objectionable. She is now in Bethlehem prison. Miss Dulitzkaia arrived in Palestine in 1940 from Europe, where she also had encountered difficulties with the censors.

A nation-wide conference of the General Zionists in Tel Aviv last night adopted a resolution calling on the Zionist Organization of America and American Zionist leaders "to mobilize all forces for a continued struggle," urging inner unity in the Jewish community, and opposing negotiations by any responsible Jewish body or individual with the government concerning revision of the Jewish Agency executive.

400 BRITISH JEWS VISIT COMMONS TO PROTEST GOVERNMENT ACTIONS IN PALESTINE

LONDON, July 8. (JTA) -- Four hundred Jews from all parts of Britain today called on their representatives in Parliament to protest the arrests of Jewish leaders in Palestine and the attacks on Jewish settlements. The group stationed itself in the lobby of the House of Commons and interviewed members as they arrived.

The London press today reports that Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Hector McNeil has departed for Paris where he will confer with Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin on the Palestine situation.

The Archbishop of Canterbury today voiced support for the British Government's actions in Palestine, asserting that Prime Minister Clement Attlee had justified the Government's stand. He asserted that the action was not anti-Semitic and said that it was supported by such people as himself who regard racialism as "devilish poison." He insisted that Palestine could not solve the problem of 500,000 Jews and displaced persons still in Germany, and called for a declaration of policy on Palestine.

The liberal News Chronicle today urged the British Government to accept without reservation the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, including the proposal that 100,000 Jews be admitted immediately to Palestine. The newspaper pointed out that the government could, coincident with its campaign to bring the military situation in Palestine "in hand," remove the cause of violence and unrest.

It suggested that negotiations by top-ranking government officials be undertaken to settle the problem of a Jewish-Arab state. It also proposed that all countries of the United Nations open their doors to Jewish immigration and that a charter of human rights be drawn up to protect Jews who remain in Europe as well as elsewhere.

William Gallacher, Communist Member of Parliament, has sent a letter to Prime Minister Attlee appealing for the release of the arrested Palestinian Jews, and urging the government to retreat from its "dangerous and discreditable course" in that country. He added that "sooner or later we will yet see justice done and the age-long desire of the Jewish people for peace and freedom from the danger of the criminal canker of anti-Semitism realized."

CABINET COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE FLYING TO LONDON TOMORROW TO CONFER WITH BRITISH

WASHINGTON, July 8. (JTA) -- The President's Cabinet Committee on Palestine, represented by Henry P. Grady, Goldthwaite H. Dorr and Herbert E. Gaston, alternates to the Secretaries of State, War and Treasury, will fly to London from Washington Wednesday night, accompanied by a staff of political, military, economic and engineering advisers, for discussions with British officials looking toward implementation of the Anglo-American inquiry committee's report, the State Department announced late today.

The staff consists of Paul L. Hanna, political adviser; Raymond P. Nikesell and Henry R. Villard, economic and financial advisers; Lieutenant Colonel F.W. Coleman, III, military adviser; Geoffrey W. Lewis, transportation adviser; Fred V. Loud, displaced persons adviser and C.A. Hathaway, engineering adviser. Leslie L. Rood will act as secretary-general of the mission. He served in the same capacity for the American section of the inquiry committee. Mr. Hanna also served on the inquiry committee.

Mr. Lewis, until recently a lieutenant colonel, was chief of the economic section of the Civil Affairs Division of the War Department, and in civilian life was an assistant dean of Harvard University. He recently returned from London where he was a member of the American technical body which conducted preliminary discussions with the British on Palestine.

Mr. Gaston, a former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, was only today named by Secretary of the Treasurer John Snyder as his alternate on the Cabinet Committee.

JEWISH PRISONERS TELL CORRESPONDENTS OF BEATINGS BY BRITISH INVESTIGATORS IN ATHLIT

RAFFA, Palestine, July 8. (JTA) -- Seven Jewish prisoners who were recently moved to the newly-established internment camp here from the Athlit camp today told correspondents of beatings by British investigators during interrogations at Athlit.

Mordechai Shatner described how he had been dragged by the hair and then beaten because he refused to identify himself. "We were not tortured as the Inquisition did, but such beatings can certainly be considered torture today." He said that Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander in Palestine, had visited the camp yesterday and seen his scars. He quoted one of the investigators as stating: "We will eliminate the Jewish race."

Moshe Kestenbaum, another of the detainees, pulled off his shirt and showed reporters black and blue marks along his ribs. Others told how they were gagged, thrown on the floor and beaten until "the first drop of blood came. Then the beatings stopped." They said that Raffa was as satisfactory as any detention camp can be and praised Major F.W. Seenev, the camp commandant, for his understanding behavior.

ARAB LEAGUE HITS U.S. AID TO ZIONISTS, WARNS OF CLASH BETWEEN ARAB AND AMERICAN INTERESTS

CAIRO, July 8. (JTA) -- On the heels of a statement by the Palestine Arab Higher Committee yesterday, taking President Truman to task for his offer to aid in resettling 100,000 Jews in Palestine, the Arab League today criticized the assistance given to the Zionists by the United States.

"We feel that Zionist policy is on the point of succeeding in bringing about an intensive clash between the interests of the Arab Middle East and the policy and interest of the United States," the statement added.

The League said that it cooperated with the Anglo-American inquiry committee "lest the policy of friendly America should be affected by the claims of a clamorous and noisy band of Jews in the United States who possess means not available to the Arabs by which they can direct American public opinion towards a goal injurious to Arabs."

GERMANS DO NOT DARE SHOW OVERT ANTI-SEMITISM IN SOVIET ZONE, JTA CORRESPONDENT FINDS

BERLIN, July 8. (JTA) -- "Here in the Soviet zone anti-Semitism remains below the surface, because should it become overt the Germans know punishment will come swiftly and be harsh, Gunther Singer, secretary of the Erfurt Jewish Community, told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent who spoke to him during a tour of the Russian-occupied zone of Germany.

Singer declared that even the German government in the Russian zone is taking the lead of the Soviet occupation authorities and treats any type of discrimination as a serious crime. He cited the case of a Jewish woman who was turned out of a German store when she attempted to purchase various rationed items. The woman reported the case to the Jewish Community which brought it to the attention of the local authorities and the semi-official Victims of Fascism Committee. The next day the merchant's license was revoked for a week and he was fined \$50.

Singer, a veteran of three years in concentration camps, where he lost his entire family, told of having seen the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem strutting through the Oswiecim camp on two different occasions. The Mufti, escorted by the S.S. commandant, jeered at the Jewish prisoners, he asserted.

Iax Cars, chairman of the Erfurt Jewish Community, disclosed that there are only 150 Jews now living in the town. Only 16 of them are of the original population of 800, the remainder having arrived from Breslau and other territory annexed by Poland, he stated. Of the 150, 50 are over the age of 50 and there are 20 children under 16 years old. The children all attend the Hebrew school in the community headquarters where there is also a fair-sized, neatly furnished synagogue.

Both Cars and Singer corroborated other reports that Jews were being well treated by Soviet officials and that many Jewish properties had been returned to their former owners.

HOARD OF JEWELS STRIPPED FROM JEWS BY NAZIS DISCOVERED IN CAVES IN AUSTRIAN TYROL

VIENNA, July 8. (JTA) -- A hoard of 200 kilograms (440.92 pounds) of gold and jewelry, estimated at \$300,000, has been discovered by the French Security Service. It was in six boxes which were hidden in mountain caverns near Landeck, the Tyrol. The contents have been identified as mainly the property of Jews who were murdered in concentration camps.

An inspection of the boxes revealed thousands of wedding rings which were engraved with Jewish names. Some showed brown spots, indicating that fingers had been chopped off to get the rings. Another shocking detail was the great heap of gold fillings, obviously pried out of teeth. There were also gold watch chains, necklaces, family heirlooms engraved with Jewish names, cigarette cases and diamonds, emeralds and rubies.

The treasure, hidden under rocks 6,000 feet up a mountain, was found after French police arrested a man driving a car without proper papers. They searched his house and found a quantity of jewelry. The man alleged that he found the treasure abandoned in a field at the time of the German collapse.

JEWISH TRAITOR WHO AIDED GERMANS DEPORT 50,000 GREEK JEWS SENTENCED TO DEATH

ATHENS, July 8. (JTA) -- Vitali Hasson, a Greek Jewish traitor who is believed to have aided the Germans in deporting 50,000 Salonika Jews to the Bergen-Belsen and Oswiecim death camps, has been sentenced to death at Salonika.

JEWISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF POLAND, JDC, ORT SEND DELEGATION TO ASSIST KIELCE JEWS

WARSAW, July 8. (JTA) -- A delegation of representatives of the Jewish Central Committee, the Joint Distribution Committee and the ORT has left for Kielce to assist the victims of last Thursday's pogrom, it was announced here.

There is still a great deal of discussion in the Polish press and among government officials concerning the outbreak. The National Council in a resolution has demanded swift punishment of the ringleaders. The workers at a factory in Ludwikowka have staged a demonstration protesting the riots. When the news of the pogrom reached Warsaw a group of young Jews, mostly Polish army veterans, left for Kielce to aid the beleaguered Jews.

A group of Zionist leaders, including Adolph Berman, deputy in the Polish National Council, called on Premier Edward Osobka-Morawski and submitted the text of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Jewish Central Committee protesting the British attacks on Jews in Palestine. The Premier expressed sympathy for the Jews and said he hoped that common sense and democracy would not permit current conditions to prevail in Palestine.

JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS FORM JOINT PROCUREMENT MISSION IN EUROPE

PARIS, July 8. (JTA) -- Jewish, Catholic and Protestant relief organizations operating in Europe have banded together in a Joint Procurement Mission to purchase \$15,000,000 worth of surplus U.S. Army supplies in 1946 for the relief of European refugees and needy persons, Arthur D. Greenleigh, Joint Distribution Committee director in France, announced. The mission, in which 31 American voluntary relief agencies are participating, has already bought \$4,000,000 worth of food, medical supplies and equipment from the Army.

The mission's managers are Greenleigh; John Elmendorf, of the American Friends Service Committee; John McCloskey, of the War Relief Service of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; and Joseph Kennedy, of the International Y.M.C.A. The purchasing department will be staffed by former Army men, headed by Colonel Julian Marks, formerly of the Surplus Properties Branch of U.S.F.E.T.

SOUTH AFRICAN CHIEF RABBI REMOVES BRITISH DECORATIONS IN PROTEST AGAINST PALESTINE EVENTS

JOHANNESBURG, July 8. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Louis I. Rabinowitz of the United Hebrew Congregation of South Africa, who served with the British armed forces as a chaplain for more than five years, has announced that he will refuse to wear British military decorations and has urged other servicemen to follow suit.

His statement, which was made at a mass meeting here last Thursday to protest events in Palestine, was criticized today by the Board of Deputies of South African Jews. The Board formally disassociated itself from his action.

RUMANIAN PRESS AND POLITICAL LEADERS OPPOSE BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE

BUCHAREST, July 8. (JTA) -- The Rumanian press and political leaders, both those representing the government and the opposition, have come out strongly against British policy in Palestine.

The Bucharest newspapers carry detailed stories concerning recent events there. Throughout the country protest meetings have been held in the past few days.

The delegation which is to confer in Palestine on the transfer there of property or valuables belonging to Rumanian Jews who fled the country and sought safety in Palestine left here today for Jerusalem.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE SUED FOR \$5,000,000 FOR MEMORANDUM EXPOSING PRO-ARAB LEAGUE

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- An action for \$5,000,000 has been brought in New York Supreme Court by Benjamin H. Freedman, of "The League for Peace with Justice in Palestine," against a number of officers and members of the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee, it was announced today.

On May 17, 1946, the Committee circularized a memorandum concerning Freedman and "The League for Peace With Justice in Palestine" which recently inserted full-page pro-Arab advertisements in various newspapers, opposing the admission of 100,000 Jews into Palestine. The memorandum said that advertisements which claimed to speak for Christian, Jewish and Arab groups, really represent only Mr. Freedman, who has no backing of any organization or group.

In his newspaper advertisements, it was stated that Freedman represents the Jewish group, P.M. Schoendorf, the Christian group and H.I. Katibah, the Arabs. The Committee memorandum revealed that P.M. Schoendorf is Mr. Freedman's mother-in-law and that Katibah is an Arab propagandist in this country. It further stated that Freedman was collaborating with certain Arab individuals in a propaganda effort to keep the gates of Palestine closed to Jewish immigration.

Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the Committee, declared today: "This suit brought by Mr. Freedman will give us an opportunity to demonstrate in court the nature and character of the so-called 'League for Peace with Justice in Palestine' and Mr. Freedman's role in it."

Among those named as defendants are: Joseph M. Froskauer, president of the Committee; Jacob Blaustein, chairman of the executive committee; David Sher, chairman of the administrative committee; Nathaniel Ohrbach, treasurer; Edward Lazansky and Fred Lazarus, Jr., vice-presidents; Alan M. Stroock, vice-chairman, executive committee; and Ralph E. Samuel, chairman of the New York Chapter of the Committee.

SOUTH AMERICAN ARABS HAIL MUFTI AS LEADER OF FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE IN PALESTINE

BUENOS AIRES, July 8. (JTA) -- A paid advertisement praising the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem as a leader of the movement for Arab liberty and independence has been inserted in many prominent newspapers by the "Permanent Executive Committee of the First Pan-Arab Congress in America," which was established last year at a conference of Arab groups from several South American countries.

The advertisements say that in recent months there has been an attempt by certain groups to "confuse" public opinion by spreading false rumors about the Mufti.

37 RABBIS TOUR PROTESTANT YOUTH CAMPS IN PROGRAM TO IMPROVE INTER-FAITH RELATIONS

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- Thirty-seven rabbis will tour 100 Protestant youth camps in a program designed by the Conference of Christians and Jews to promote better inter-faith relations, it was announced here. Three thousand persons are participating in the program.

Rabbi Henry B. Wernick of Hammond, Ind., who just completed a course of instruction at a Congregationalist camp reported that the students at the camp were the most "receptive-minded class of church people I have met in some time." Rabbi Peretz Halpern of Rockville Centre, L.I., who taught a class in a Connecticut camp, said "I am convinced that mutual benefits can be derived from this close association of our two faiths."

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