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DAY-LONG STRIKE IN PALESTINE TODAY WILL PROTEST CONTINUED DETENTION OF JEWISH LEADERS

JERUSALEM, July 16. (JTA)--The Jewish National Council today called for a one-day strike throughout Palestine tomorrow to protest the continued detention of about 2,000 Jews confined in the Raffa and Latrun camps. The strike will begin at 9 A.M. and last until midnight.

The three members of the Jewish Agency executive detained in Latrun--Moshe Shertok, Issac Gruenbaum and Dr. Bernard Joseph--and others held there announced tonight that they have gone on a hunger strike. The 1,642 persons detained at Raffa have been on a hunger strike since last night.

The Raffa strike, which precipitated tomorrow's demonstration, was called to protest the British delay in releasing prisoners. The camp authorities had promised that internees would be released within forty-eight hours of establishing their identity and proving that they were not terrorists. However, less than 100 of 550 whose identity has been checked since last Tuesday have been released.

For an unexplained reason, perhaps connected with the strike, the camp officials announced today that visits by relatives to the two camps would be prohibited as of today.

Beginning of Civil Disobedience Campaign Set for July 23

The starting date for the campaign of non-cooperation with the government, which has been postponed in the hope that the Agency leaders would be released, was set for next Tuesday, July 23, at a joint meeting today of the executive of the Jewish National Council and the unarrested members of the Agency executive, attended by Dr. Weizmann and representatives of Jewish settlements.

It is learned that at the most recent meeting between Dr. Weizmann and High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham, the latter pressed Weizmann to calm the Jewish community and call off civil disobedience, but the Zionist leader replied that the detention of the Agency members weakened his influence.

An authoritative source said that the Haganah has agreed to go along with the non-cooperation campaign and will refrain from taking any action for the present. The Irgun has also agreed to cooperate provided civil disobedience is instituted without delay. The Stern Group, however, has declared that what is needed now is not civil disobedience but rebellion.

The Arab Higher Committee announced today the formation of a "Central Boycott Committee," which will set up sub-committees throughout Palestine to tighten up the boycott of "Zionist goods" which has been in effect since Jan. 1 of this year. The announcement said that the boycott would be extended from the economic to the social and cultural fields. A blacklist of Arabs dealing with Jews will be published.

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AMERICAN CONFEREES IN LONDON REPORTED WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON ADMITTANCE OF 100,000

LONDON, July 16. (JTA)--The United States may be willing to compromise on the number of Jews to be admitted to Palestine and agree on the entry of less than the 100,000 which has been demanded on several occasions by President Truman, according to a source close to the U.S. members of the joint Anglo-American committee which is meeting here to discuss implementation of the recommendations of the Palestine inquiry committee.

In addition, the three committee members, representing the State, War and Treasury Departments and headed by former Assistant Secretary of State Henry F. Grady, may even discuss with the British the possibility of sending American troops to Palestine to share the responsibility of law and order there.

The source would not predict how long the negotiations here would be prolonged, but it is known that the committee members, who arrived in London from Washington on Saturday, brought with them an abundance of clothes, which does not suggest that agreement is imminent.

The committee is zealously guarded from all contacts with the press, and it is known that Mr. Grady does not contemplate any regular conferences with newspapermen. The JTA informant said that it was plain that the committee head was playing his cards close to his chest in relation to the British. It is reported that Mr. Grady is particularly close-mouthed because he regards it as imperative that the British do not guess the limits of the committee's discretionary powers through inadvertent comments to the press.

U.S. Delegates May Agree to Sending Troops to Palestine

The fact is, of course, that the committee is here not only for purposes of discussion but also for a period of undisguised bargaining. This bargaining may take the form of negotiations over the number of Jews to be admitted to Palestine and it is possible, for instance, that the United States, if confronted by a British demand to halve the Truman figure of 100,000 Jews may be willing to "split the difference."

Current conversations among the negotiators indicate that, if necessary, the American experts may report favorably to Washington on the question of sending American forces to the Middle East to bolster the British position. The aforementioned source said that "nothing is hard and fast. All the points must be decided on their individual merits." When this correspondent suggested that "the Truman line may not necessarily be adhered to," the informant shrugged and remarked, "we have got to please a lot of people, including the Arabs, you know."

(The London correspondent of the New York Herald Tribune reports today that the British members of the committee have suggested that the United Nations organization appeal to all countries to admit a number of Jews from Europe. This scheme would apply mainly to the estimated 500,000 Jews in various European countries who wish to emigrate rather than the 100,000 or so displaced Jews in Germany and Austria, the report said. It adds that it is believed that if this plan is adopted, the British would be willing to admit the 100,000 DP's into Palestine.)

BRITISH REVISIONISTS CALL FOR PROVISIONAL JEWISH GOVERNMENT; ATTACK JEWISH AGENCY

LONDON, July 16. (JTA)--Abraham Abrahams, British Revisionist leader, addressing a meeting here last night called for the formation of a provisional Jewish government and said that "to try to restore the Jewish Agency to the doubtful status of June 29 would be the greatest political error the Zionist movement ever made." He described the Agency as a branch of the Colonial Office."

POLISH SUPREME MILITARY COURT DEMANDS DEATH FOR TWO SPARED BY KIELCE TRIBUNAL

WARSAW, July 16. (JTA)--The Supreme Military Court has ordered a retrial for two of the three defendants in the Kielce trial who escaped the death sentence meted out to nine others, it was learned here today.

The court, which earlier had denied the pleas for clemency made by the nine persons who were executed on Sunday, said that retrial was necessary in the two cases because of the unduly mild sentences imposed by the Kielce tribunal. It is demanding death sentences for Mrs. Anna Biskupska, 26, who received a ten-year prison term and Stanislaw Rurarz, who got life imprisonment. It asked no action, however, in the case of Tadeusz Szczesniak, who received a seven-year sentence.

A delegation of the Central Jewish Committee conferred yesterday with President Boleslaw Beirut on measures to guarantee the security of Jews in Poland. Beirut expressed vigorous condemnation of the Kielce pogrom and other recent anti-Jewish outbreaks and promised that the Jewish proposals would be studied and carried out where practicable.

The League Against Racism has placed posters throughout the city attacking race hatred and appealing to the population to refrain from anti-Jewish incitement. A number of Polish organizations issued statements protesting the attacks on Jews and the Socialist newspaper Robotnik has criticized the statement by Cardinal Hlond.

TRUMAN ASKED TO URGE POPE TO ISSUE STATEMENT CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITISM IN POLAND

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA)--President Truman was asked today to appeal to Pope Pius to issue a statement urging the Polish Catholic population to observe the Vatican pronouncements that anti-Semitism is a violation of the precepts of Christianity.

In a letter from Joseph Proskauer and Jacob Blaustein, president and executive committee chairman, respectively, of the American Jewish Committee, the President was urged to have Myron C. Taylor, American representative at the Vatican, intervene with the Pope on the Polish situation.

The American Jewish Committee officers took exception to the recent statement of Cardinal Hlond which attributed Polish pogroms "in part to political conflicts." They pointed out, in the letter to the President, that persecution of a group because of political opposition to some individuals who are acting entirely on their own behalf is "contrary to all principles of humanity and religion."

Dr. Hillel Seidman, a member of the committee that organized the Warsaw ghetto uprising, and a former member of the Warsaw Town Council, today called for the mass evacuation of Jews from Poland, charging that "the opposition forces in Poland already have worked out a methodical systematic plan to exterminate the remaining Jews in Poland."

At a press conference at the offices of the Agudas Israel Youth Council of America, Dr. Seidman said that if the U.S. Government will not permit the entry of persecuted Jews to this country above quota limitations, it should grant temporary haven to the Jews in the U.S. zone of Germany. Entrance to the American zone should be organized as a mass legal evacuation, and not as illegal smuggling across borders, which "is half-heartedly tolerated," he said.

Dr. Seidman declared that "the peasants and the workers, the intelligentsia and the clergy, the officials, the police and military" all bear guilt for the Polish pogroms, and called upon the government to "facilitate through every possible channel the evacuation of Polish Jewry."

800 POLISH JEWS FLEEING DAILY; MOST ENTER CZECHOSLOVAKIA CAUSING RELIEF PROBLEM

PRAGUE, July 16. (JTA)--About 800 Jews are fleeing from Poland daily and the great majority of them are crossing into Czechoslovakia as the first step on the road to Palestine.

This has created a tremendous problem for the Jewish organizations in this country which are overwhelmed by the need to house, feed and otherwise assist the refugees. As a result the Council of Jewish Communities in Bohemia and Moravia today issued an appeal to the Jewish communities of the world to send aid here immediately.

MRS. STEPHEN S. WISE REJECTS BRITISH HONOR BECAUSE OF OPPRESSION OF PALESTINE JEWS

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA)--Mrs. Stephen S. Wise disclosed today that she has sent a letter to British Ambassador Lord Inverchapel declining the honor awarded her this week by the British Government, because of British actions in Palestine.

Mrs. Wise was named an Honorary Member of the Excellent Order of the British Empire because of her management of the servicemen's centers operated by the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress, which gave shelter to tens of thousands of British soldiers and sailors during the war.

"A Mandatory Government," Mrs. Wise stated, "should act as trustee for the well-being of the people. The British Mandatory Government has not from the beginning borne itself as trustee, and its recent conduct in imprisoning some of the leading members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, its imprisonment of hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of Jewish settlers in Palestine and, above all, the ruthless conduct of its representatives with respect to the Jewish settlement, have so pained me that I cannot with self-respect accept any appointment or distinction from the British Government."

MEETING OF VIENNA JEWS ROARS DENUNCIATION OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND DEMANDS EMIGRATION

VIENNA, July 16. (JTA)--Fifteen hundred Vienna Jews who gathered in the Concert House here tonight to hear two representatives of the World Jewish Congress who recently arrived from New York, shouted a thunderous "Yes" when Prof. Siegfried Altmann asked if anti-Semitism still exists in Austria.

They replied similarly when Dr. Altmann, who is accompanied by Ernst Stiasny, asked if they wish to emigrate. Dr. Altmann said that he and Mr. Stiasny had come to Vienna to establish whether assistance should be given to strengthen the Jewish community here or whether it would be more advisable to arrange for the emigration of all Austrian Jews.

Restitution of Jewish property here, Prof. Altmann said, is not a question of sympathy or toleration, but one of legal rights. He stated that public opinion in the United States demands that justice be done in this matter.

Mr. Stiasny brought greetings to the Jews of Vienna from 39,000 Austrian Jews in the United States. He said that he would shortly meet with high government officials with whom he would discuss the treatment of Jews in Austria.

The meeting, which was attended by representatives of the government headed by Minister of Education Felix Hurdes, adopted resolutions asking social and economic equality for Austrian Jews and protesting the delay in admitting 100,000 displaced Jews to Palestine.

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W.J.C. SURVEY REVEALS HUNGARIAN JEWISH CHILDREN ARE POORLY FED, CLOTHED AND HOUSED

BUDAPEST, July 16. (JTA)--The 11,000 Jewish children in Budapest are generally underfed, underclothed and inadequately housed, according to a survey by the World Jewish Congress made public here.

Nearly 60 per cent. of the children do not receive three hot meals a day, according to the survey, and 75 per cent do not eat meat or fresh fruit even once a week, while only eleven per cent have milk and sugar regularly. The Jewish community is supplying nearly 1,000 children with communal meals and has an additional 1,250 requests which it has not been able to fill.

More than one-third of the children share their room with at least three other people, and over 800 of them live in homes where there is no heat during winter and the window panes have been shattered and never replaced. Some 1,500 do not have a change of clothing and own only one pair of shoes so that they cannot have them repaired without losing time from school. Five hundred children have received relief allotments of clothing, but another 2,950 requests are still on file.

Nearly 4,200 children have requested financial aid, the survey revealed. Approximately 760 have received free text books and school supplies and another 900 children have requested books. Several hundred children are suffering from physical and mental diseases and about 500 need medical care which their families cannot afford, while an additional 1,300 need free dental care. More than half the children have expressed a desire to leave the country.

EUROPEAN JEWS LOOK TO AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND TO SPEAK FOR THEM AT PEACE PARLEY

SYDNEY, Australia, July 16. (JTA)--The Jews of Central and Eastern Europe look to Australia and New Zealand to present their case to the Paris Peace Conference, Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, head of the political department of the World Jewish Congress, declared here upon his arrival from New Zealand.

Pointing out that the two countries "spoke for humanity's conscience at the San Francisco Conference," Dr. Perlzweig asserted that he is "already assured of New Zealand's sympathetic cooperation." He announced that he is scheduled to see Australian Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley and other Cabinet members tomorrow.

WISE AND GOLDMANN LEAVE U.S. EN ROUTE TO LONDON FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH WEIZMANN

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA)--Two of the four American members of the Jewish Agency have left the United States en route to London for consultations with Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who is expected there within the next day or two.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, accompanied by Mrs. Wise, sailed for Britain today aboard the Brazil. Dr. Nahum Goldmann left for Canada from where he will fly tomorrow to England.

Attempts are being made to secure air transportation for Louis Lipsky and David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Agency executive. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the fourth U.S. member of the Agency, is now in New York, but his plans are not known.

The American Zionist leaders and Mrs. Rose Halperin, president of the Hadassah, and Leon Gellman, president of the Mizrahi organization, who are leaving tomorrow for Rotterdam aboard the Dutch liner Westerdam, are expected to assemble in Paris next week for the scheduled meeting of the Agency executive and Zionist leaders from various countries.

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD CONVENTION ASKS ENTRY OF 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE, HAVEN IN U.S.

CLEVELAND, July 16. (JTA)--The National Lawyers Guild at its annual convention here unanimously adopted a statement of policy in regard to the Jewish people which calls for the immediate entrance of 100,000 displaced Jews to Palestine, security for the Jews in Europe, and haven for Jewish refugees in the United States. The statement was drawn up and submitted by the American Jewish Congress' Commission on Law and Social Action.

The statement, which condemned Foreign Minister Bevin's recent remarks concerning the Jews as a "shocking insult to the democratic people of the world," demanded abrogation of the White Paper and land restrictions in Palestine. It also urged that provisions safeguarding European Jews by outlawing anti-Semitism be included in the peace treaties together with provisions guaranteeing return of Jewish property and restitution for losses and injuries.

Z.O.A. ANNOUNCES FIRST FELLOWSHIP, SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA)--The winners of the first annual fellowship and scholarships for study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem awarded by the Zionist Organization of America were announced today.

The Judah Levine Fellowship of \$2,500 was granted Marvin Feinstein of Brooklyn, N.Y., an instructor at the Herzliah Teachers Seminary, who is completing doctorate studies in early Zionist history. The \$1,500 scholarships were awarded to Claire Adolf of Paterson, N.J., Seymour J. Cohen of New York City, and Benjamin Rivlin of Washington, D.C. All awards provide for one year's study at the Hebrew University commencing with the fall semester of 1946.

NEW HECHALUTZ TRAINING FARM ESTABLISHED IN BRITAIN FOR WAR VETERANS; HONORS DEAD HERO

LONDON, July 16. (JTA)--The British Hechalutz organization has opened a new 15-acre training farm at Bosham on the Sussex coast.

Most of the farmers are British veterans and the farm is named in honor of Major Shmaryahu Sagerman, a member of the Hechalutz who was killed at El Alamein. A 25-ton fishing vessel will shortly be added to the group's equipment.

JAMES ROOSEVELT NAMED PRESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF LEAGUE FOR FREE PALESTINE

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA)--James Roosevelt, 38, eldest son of the late President Roosevelt, has been named president of the Los Angeles chapter of the American League for a Free Palestine, it was announced here today by Hon. Guy M. Gillette, president of the League.

RABBI URI MILLER OF BALTIMORE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA

BALTIMORE, July 16. (JTA)--Rabbi Uri Miller of the Beth Jacob Congregation here was elected president of the Rabbinical Council of America at its annual convention. Rabbi Miller who was formerly vice-president of the Council has also served as rabbi for congregations in Terre Haute, Omaha, and New Orleans.

JEWISH ORPHANS FROM EUROPE WILL BE REUNITED WITH RELATIVES IN U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA)--Forty-two Jewish orphans from Europe will be brought here by the end of this month by the OSE, Jewish health society, Dr. Leon Wulman, executive director of the organization, announced today. The 42, who will be reunited with relatives in this country and Latin America, are part of a group of 2,300 being cared for in OSE institutions in Belgium and France.

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