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BRITISH GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE ADMISSION OF 100,000 TO PALESTINE NEXT WEEK

JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA)--The British Government is expected to announce the latter half of next week that it will agree to admit 100,000 displaced Jews into Palestine, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns from highly placed sources.

If at the time of the announcement, the Anglo-American experts who are now conferring have not completed their deliberations, as seems likely, the British will immediately make available 20,000 immigration certificates, to be used in the period before the London talks are concluded.

High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham's forthcoming departure for London, which was announced today, is believed to be connected with the imminent British announcement. While in London he may participate in discussions between Dr. Weizmann and Prime Minister Attlee.

It is learned reliably that Attlee agreed to see Weizmann and discuss the present situation in Palestine only on the following conditions: The Haganah shall cease to be a political force and confine itself to defense against Arab attacks, and in return the imprisoned leaders of the Agency will be released. The British will then agree to the admission of 100,000 Jews, provided that Zionist leaders do not press for a final solution of the Palestine problem at this time.

Commons Debate On Palestine Scheduled For Latter Part Of This Month

LONDON, July 18. (JTA)--Lord Chancellor Herbert Morrison, Labor Party leader in the House of Commons, announced in the House today that the government will probably schedule a debate on Palestine for the latter part of this month. It is believed that at that time the government will be ready to make an interim statement of policy.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann arrived here this afternoon after a flight from Palestine by way of Beirut and Malta. He declined to make any statement, but Mrs. Weizmann said that he had come to London in an attempt to find a solution of the Palestine problem. She said she knew of no definite appointments that had been made for Dr. Weizmann.

Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham, who is expected here shortly, will confer with Colonial Secretary George Hall and other officials. It is reported that he will bring with him information concerning the documents found in the premises of the Jewish Agency, and will discuss maintenance of public order in Palestine.

Albert Hourani of the Arab Office here, in a letter today to the London Times, said that the Arabs could not agree to partition, because the Zionists would regard it as only the first step towards their eventual goal. The Palestine Arabs who would remain in the Jewish state would never agree to become minority subjects of the Jews, nor would they be willing to be moved to the Arab state, he added.

VATICAN SAYS IT HAS NOT CONDEMNED POLISH POGROMS TO AVOID PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS

ROME, July 18. (JTA)--The Vatican has not condemned the anti-Jewish pogrom in Kielce, Poland, because such a condemnation would have had a "partisan and political flavor," a Vatican spokesman said today.

The Vatican declaration, which was given to a correspondent of the Overseas News Agency, followed publication in *Ari*, unofficial Vatican newsletter, of charges that the "Kielce pogrom is merely a screen for political maneuvers" and cannot be viewed as an act of racial violence.

"The Catholic Church," the Vatican spokesman was quoted as stating, "has been very careful, more than ever during these last difficult years, to have an attitude, not of arid neutrality, but of detachment from any particular political credo. It is only in this way, keeping above the competitions which continually divide not only nations but even one single nation or one single people, that the Catholic Church can intervene, like an attentive mother, to say a word of justice and pacification.

"During the last war, many and not always innocent were the pressures that Nazis and Fascists brought to bear on the Holy See to make it talk to the world in favor of the war they had roused against Russia, calling it a 'holy war.' And the Holy See, notwithstanding the many and grave reasons of opposition it had against materialistic and atheistic Communism, did not let itself be moved either by promises or threat, and never gave up its attitude of impartiality in the tragic conflict.

"This amply explains how the Vatican, even faced by the recent anti-Jewish pogroms in Poland, did not want to take part through the local bishopric in a direct declaration against the pogroms because this declaration had a prevalent political and partisan flavor," the Vatican spokesman declared.

"Notwithstanding this," he concluded, "Bishop Teodor Kubina has made a proclamation to the citizens of Czenstochowa in which he says that 'the moral and material authors of the crime must absolutely be condemned as criminals.'"

The unofficial Vatican newsletter, *Ari*, in discussing the Kielce pogrom, charged that it was an anti-Jewish reaction which "resulted exclusively from the political passions provoked by measures adopted by responsible Jewish authorities and cannot be viewed in the light of racial violence as the (Polish) Government would have it, thus justifying abroad the persecution of its political opponents and especially of the Mikolajczyk Peasants Party."

The Polish Government, the newsletter continued, has attempted "to extort from the Bishops a statement defining as racial violence measures in reaction adopted against the Jews, thus implicitly condemning the political currents responsible for them. The Catholic Church has refused to countenance such an evident maneuver and refuses to allow its moral authority to be exploited for political ends."

INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION OF KIELCE POGROM DEMANDED BY LOCAL POLISH ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA)--Investigation of the anti-Semitic outbreaks in Poland by an international commission was demanded today by the Society for the Promotion of Poland's Independence, a local group opposed to the present Warsaw government.

The Society charges "the crimes committed in Kielce are the result of an infamous provocation planned by the secret police of the Warsaw regime." The government's policy is aimed at driving all Jews from Poland, it adds.

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ARMY AUTHORIZES ISSUANCE OF IDENTITY CERTIFICATES IN U.S. ZONE IN PLACE OF PASSPORTS

BERLIN, July 18. (JTA)--The U.S. Army has authorized the issuance of identity certificates in lieu of passports to facilitate travel from the American zone to other countries, it was learned here today.

The use of identity certificates had previously been in effect for emigration to the United States. The new identification system has been adopted by other nations and is expected to facilitate emigration from the U.S. zone of Germany to other countries.

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, advisor on Jewish Affairs to Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, left today for Vienna to discuss various Jewish problems in Austria with Gen. Mark Clark, American commander there, it was reported from Frankfurt. Rabbi Bernstein is expected to arrive in Berlin at the end of this week en route to a week's tour of Poland.

SWEDEN TO CONTRIBUTE \$14,000,000 OF NAZI FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REFUGEE REHABILITATION

WASHINGTON, July 18. (JTA)--The Swedish Government will contribute \$14,000,000 from \$104,000,000 of German assets in Sweden for rehabilitation and resettlement of non-repatriable victims of German action, as part of a four-nation accord for liquidation of the assets, the State Department announced today. The money will be turned over to the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees. The accord was reached by the United States, France and the United Kingdom with Sweden.

Pursuant to the agreement reached at the Reparations Conference in Paris, in Dec. 1945, \$25,000,000 was made available by Allied governments for use by the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees. The Swedish contribution plus \$11,000,000 to be given by the Swiss Government from German assets in Switzerland, composes the total fund.

AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER PROMISES TO STUDY PROPOSALS FOR PROTECTION OF JEWISH RIGHTS

CANBERRA, July 18. (JTA)--Australian Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley today promised to study proposals for inclusion of minority protection clauses in peace treaties with former enemy countries proposed to him by Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, head of the political department of the World Jewish Congress.

Dr. Perlzweig, who was received by the Prime Minister, asked that Australia sponsor clauses that would protect the economic, political, and religious rights of Jews in Europe. Mr. Chifley said that the government would convey its decision to Herbert Evatt, head of Australia's delegation to the July 29th Paris Peace Conference.

PALESTINE JEWISH RESISTANCE POSTERS DENOUNCING BRITAIN APPEAR IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE, July 18. (JTA)--Posters signed by the Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish resistance group in Palestine, and calling on the Czechoslovak people to give moral support to the one-day general strike in Palestine, were discovered yesterday on buildings throughout Prague.

The placards charged that Britain was oppressing small nations in Nazi-fashion and lauded Czechoslovakia, the United States and the Soviet Union. Police are searching for the persons who put up the posters.

DAILY NEWS CHARGED WITH FOSTERING RACIAL ANIMOSITIES AT HEARING FOR FM LICENSE

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA)--The charge that the New York Daily News fosters anti-Semitism and racial animosities was made today by the American Jewish Congress at a hearing here on an application by the News for an FM radio broadcast license.

Will Maslow, director of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the Congress, presented copies of editorial and news items appearing in the News in recent months. Among the exhibits were ten News editorials containing anti-Semitic innuendos, and eight columns by John O'Donnell, News Washington columnist, which ranged from a reprint in 1938 of an anti-Semitic pamphlet by Silver Shirt leader Pelley to his column about Gen. Patton and the Jews, and the more recent false report about the "resignations" of four Supreme Court Judges, which President Truman branded as "fantastically untrue." Also three articles with pictures purporting to show that the meat-shortage was caused by kosher slaughterers.

Mr. Maslow also submitted a comparative analysis of all news pertaining to Jews which appeared in all the New York morning newspapers for a period of six months. The survey, which was prepared by two members of the staff of the New School for Social Research, showed that the ratio of favorable to unfavorable news concerning Jews appearing in the News was 57 to 43, while the average ratio in the other papers was 84 to 16. The survey showed that the News' treatment of news concerning Negroes was even more biased.

The newspaper's attorney Louis G. Caldwell objected to introduction of the exhibits and to the questioning of F.M. Flynn, business manager of the News, on the basis that the questioning was an infringement of freedom of the press. However, the presiding examiner of the Federal Communications Commission ruled against him, declaring that he had discussed the question with FCC headquarters in Washington.

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF DISPLACED JEWS IN ITALY GOOD, BUT MORALE LOW, J.D.C. AIDE SAYS

PARIS, July 18. (JTA)--The physical condition of the 22,000 displaced Jews in Italy is fairly good, although their morale is rather low because of the delay in emigration, Jacob Trobe, Joint Distribution Committee director in Italy, who is now in Paris, told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent.

Mr. Trobe estimated that there were some 8,000 Jews living in camps, 7,500 on training farms, and about 6,500 in towns and cities. He said that there were about 60 training farms in Italy scattered from Bari to Turin. The Jews on these farms are self-sufficient and are on extremely friendly terms with the Italian people, he stated.

The condition of the 45,000 Italian Jews is much the same as that of the remainder of the population--unemployment is widespread--Trobe asserted. He disclosed that the J.D.C. is supplying half of the 4,000,000 lira budget of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, the legally recognized representative of Italian Jewry. The Union, the J.D.C. and the British Central Fund have each contributed 2,000,000 lira toward the establishment of a rabbinical college, headed by Dr. David Prato, Chief Rabbi of Rome.

PALESTINE EXPORTED \$24,000,000 WORTH OF DIAMONDS IN 1945; MOST SENT TO AMERICA

WASHINGTON, July 18. (JTA)--The diamond industry in Amsterdam, which led the world before the war in processing of these gems, is now faced with serious competition from the new Palestinian diamond industry, according to The Foreign Commerce Weekly. Total value of exports of polished diamonds from Palestine jumped from approximately \$14,000,000 in 1944 to almost \$24,000,000 in 1945, the article states. Shipments to the United States accounted for 70 to 88 percent of this total value.

143 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS, FIRST GROUP FROM FAR EAST SINCE WAR, ARRIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18. (JTA)--One hundred and forty-three Jewish refugees from Shanghai, the first group to enter the United States from the Far East since the outbreak of the war, arrived here today aboard the S.S. General Meigs.

The group included 84 rabbis and rabbinical students. The rabbis, of whom there are 58 are proceeding to Canada, while the 26 students are coming to the Lubavitcher Yeshiva in Brooklyn, N.Y. Twelve of the other arrivals will proceed to South America and the remainder will join relatives throughout the United States.

The immigrants were met at the pier by representatives of the National Refugee Service and the San Francisco Committee for Service to Emigrees. The NRS is arranging transportation for the 26 bound for Brooklyn. The 58 rabbis going to Canada will be resettled by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society. The Joint Distribution Committee helped the 143 obtain their visas and paid for or advanced the passage money for the majority of the group.

2,664 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ENTERED U.S. DURING JUNE; 1,200 CAME FROM U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA)--A total of 2,664 Jewish immigrants entered the United States during June, the HIAS announced today.

Approximately 1,200 of the immigrants were refugees from the U.S. zone of Germany who entered under President Truman's directive, while the remainder arrived from Sweden, France and Portugal. Half of the arrivals were serviced by the HIAS, the announcement said.

OSE SENT TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RAISED IN SOUTH AMERICA TO POLAND FOR JEWISH RELIEF

NEW YORK, July 18. (JTA)--The OSE, Jewish health and child welfare organization, has sent to Poland all the funds collected during a recent tour of South American communities by its secretary, Dr. Leo Wulman, it was announced today at a luncheon at the Hotel Biltmore for the delegation of Polish Jewry now visiting the United States. The total sent was \$50,000.

Dr. Shlomo Hirschenhorn, secretary of the TOZ, the Polish affiliate of the OSE, who is one of the delegates, said that three of every four Jews in Poland requires medical care. Dr. Emil Sommerstein, the leader of the delegation, praised the OSE's work in Poland, particularly the care given repatriates from Russia.

GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN JEWS IN ARGENTINA FACE LEGAL DISCRIMINATION UNDER "ANTI-NAZI" LAWS

BUENOS AIRES, July 18. (JTA)--The legal situation of German and Austrian Jews here is still in a confused state with requests for certification as a "stateless" person being denied by Argentine courts which claim that the Jews have no reason to renounce German citizenship since the Nazis are no longer in power.

However, as Germans or Austrians they are subject to legal discrimination unless they can prove that they were "non Nazis," and the fact that they are Jews is not considered prima facie proof of their anti-Nazi sympathies.