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PALESTINE JEWS DEFER CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE; WILL AWAIT RESULTS OF LONDON MEGOTIATIONS

JERUSALEM, July 19. (JTA) -- In view of persistent reports that a break in the Palestine deadlock may be expected next week, a joint meeting here today of the executives of the Jevish Agency and the Jevish National Council and heads of local manicipalities voted to postpone the effective date for the projected civil disobedience campaign from this coming Tuesday to Thursday.

Speakers pointed out that the postponement will give Dr. Weizmann an opportunity to conclude his discussions in London, and will provide time for the British Govornment to announce a new policy, if any. However, should present anticipations prove baseless, a highly effective non-cooperation campaign can be expected.

A military headquarters spokesman denied this morning a report appearing last night in the London press, which said that Britain was sending an armored division to Palestine and that advance units had already arrived here. The London reports linked the troop movements with the rumors of an imminent favorable decision on the admission of 100,000 Jews.

High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham left by air today for London. He is expected to return within the week. In a statement issued last night, he asserted that the delay in releasing prisoners confined at Raffa and Latrun was due to the fact that many had refused to give their names and others had given false ones, thus delaying their screening and holding up their release.

Dr. Hussein Khalidi, secretary of the Arab Higher Committee, said today that departure of the High Commissioner for London and the presence there of Dr. Weizmann indicated that events of "prime importance" to Palestine are being planned. He declared that the Arabs in Palestine and elsewhere will watch devolopments closely in the next few days and will fight any decision which does not satisfy Arab aspirations.

The central committee of the Histadruth today appealed by cable to the British Labor Party to intervene to secure the release of the detainees at the Raffa camp among whom it said are many Socialists. "If the Labor Party fails to intervene," the message concluded, "the Socialists in Palestine vill lose faith in English Socialism."

WEIZMANN MEETS WITH ZIONIST LEADERS; SAME OFFIX RELEASE OF PRISONERS WILL MAGE SITUATION

LONDON, July 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who arrived here yesterday from Palestine, met this morning with members of the Jevish Agency who are now in London, including Agency treasurer Eliezer Kaplan and Berl Locker, and with other political advisers.

In a statement issued here Dr. Weizmann said: "It was with great reluctance that I left my people in Palestine at this hour of their great trial. The Yiehuv has

behaved courageously and with exemplary restraint, but the tension is severe. The situation can only be normalized by the immediate release of the Zionist leaders and other detainess and by opening the doors of Palestine to the hundred thousand refugees from Europe, and hastening a positive solution. As one who has always believed in cooperation with Great Britain I say that this is necessary in the interests of both parties."

The diplomatic correspondent of the Manchester Guardian said today that the presence here of Dr. Weizmann and High Commistener Sir Alan Cunningham, who is expected to arrive today, is bound to bring the political discussions on Palestine to a climax. Referring to the present impasse on the Palestine issue, the correspondent writes that "tragedy has befallen this great statesman (Weizmann) who has been a leader not only of the Jews, but of humanity."

The War Office tonight officially denied that British reinforcement were being sent to Palestine. It said that the First Amored Division, which was the unit mentioned in newspaper reports, was still in Italy and is not in the process of being moved.

Addressing a large mass meeting in Liverpool tonight, Samuel Silverman, Labor Member of Parliament said that the Palestine Administration had exceeded the instructions given it by the Colonial Office in taking action against the Jews. Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told the meeting that the attack on the Palestine Jewish community was an attack on Jews throughout the world.

U.S., ERITISH TRYING TO SOLVE PALESTINE PROTESM BEHIND BACK OF U.N., SAYS SOVIET RADIO

LONDON, July 19. (JTA) -- Charging that Britain and the United States are trying to solve the Falestine problem behind the back of the United Natione, Viktor Lutsky, Soviet lecturer said yesterday in Moscow that "the Palestine problem cannot be solved by imperialistic methods."

During a lecture on Palestine, which was quoted today by the Moscow radio, Lutsky is reported to have said that Arabs and Jews should be allowed to solve their problems independently, without the interference of foreign influences. He stated that "British imperialists" were influming the national emmity between the two neconless.

The British and American Governments, the lecturer asserted, "aim at retaining the British Mandate over Palestine and through further aggravation of the international feud to strengthen the position of British and American capital in the Arab countries." He said that the United States was interested in Palestine because of the oil resources of the Middle East countries.

FIRST GROUP OF JEWISH IMMIGRANTS TO AUSTRALIA DEPARTS FROM CHEMAIN; MORE TO FOLLOW

MUNICH, July 19. (JTA) -- A group of Jewish immigrants who will settle in Australia have left here for Marseilles, it was announced today by the local office of HLAS.

Made up of 27 former inmates of German concentration camps, the group is the first of several transports due to sail soon for Australia and South America, the HIAS said.

BRITISH INFORMATION OFFICE ISSUES DEFENSE OF PALESTINE POLICY: REPLIES TO CHARGES

WASHINGTON, July 19. (JTA) -- A defense of British policy in Palestine was issued here today by the British Information Service in a section headed "Notes on Palestine" in today's issue of the BIS Notes.

The article takes up seven charges which have been levelled against Britain in connection with Palestine and the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee and offers the following explanations:

- 1. Britain has not yet rejected the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee. It is pointed out that Britain has not recommended an Arab or a Jewish state, but rather a Palestinian state, which has always been its aim.
- 2. Britain did not reject the recommendation that 100,000 Jews be admitted to Pelestine. In consultations with the American Government, Britain is now trying to work out this problem and cannot at this time announce any policy.
- 3. The immigration of Jews to Palestine has not been stopped. At the present time Britain permits 1,500 Jews to enter Palestine monthly. Britain had hoped that immigration to Palestine would be conducted in an orderly fashion, but instead "large numbers of Jews" are crammed into unhealthy, unsafe refugee ships and are arriving in Palestine without the necessary permits.
- 4. Britain has not instituted a reign of terror in Palestine, but rather military action was undertaken only to restore order as a prelude to a peaceful solution of the Palestine problem. The article also points to the alleged lack of cooperation from the Jewish Agency in keeping order.
- 5. As proof of the fact that Britain is not discriminating against Jews, the article points out that action against the Arabs was taken in 1936 when the latter inaugurated a campaign of violence.
- 6. The Palestine Administration is not leaving the Jewish community defenseless, but is attempting solely to remove the source of extremist violence.
- 7. In conclusion, the article seeks to refute statements charging that British troops used "Nazi" methods in the Palestine raids. Britain fought against the Nazis since 1939, it says, and but for British resistance there would be no liberated Jews in Europe and no Jewish National Home in Palestine.

NEW HUNGARIAN JEWISH CENTRAL ORGANIZATION FORMED TO PRESENT JEWISH VIEWS TO GOVERNMENT

BUDAPEST, July 19. (JTA) -- A Hungarian Jewish Association has been formed here at a meeting attended by Jews from Budapest and other cities and towns throughout the country.

Dr. Istvan Foeldes, newly-elected acting president, said the organization was formed as a central body to present the united voice of the Jewish community in all matters dealing with the government. He said the program of the association included reconstruction of Jewish life and culture in Hungary, bringing home Jewish war prisoners, fighting anti-Scmitism and tightening the bonds between Hungarian Jewry and the Jews of the whole world.

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EMIGRATION FROM U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY SLASHED AS QUOTA IS DIVIDED AMONG ALL COUNTRIES

BERLIN, July 19. (JTA)-A recent Presidential directive ordering U.S. immigration quotas spread among refugees in all countries instead of only in the American zone of Germany as originally directed by President Truman last December, has slashed immigration from Germany to the United States by two-thirds during the month of July, it was learned here today.

Heretofore the German quota, for example, was filled entirely by German refugees residing in the American zone who could meet all other requirements. Under the new order, however, the total German quota is distributed among all countries so that German refugees now residing in England or other countries can also emigrate to the United States.

In Berlin, the old quota system provided for the emigration of 300 Germans, but in July this figure was cut to 100. The folish allothest, formerly 25, is now eight, while the Baltic, Rumanian, and Hungarian quotas have either been wiped out completely or set at one person per month.

The present backlog on the Polish quota has reached such proportions that a Polish national applying for immigration to the United States must wait at least two years and possibly more, since many are applying each day at the same time that the viess allotments are decreasing.

ANTI-SEMITISM IS ONE OF GRAVEST PROBLEMS FACING RUMANIA, INFORMATION MINISTER SAYS

LONDON, July 19. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism is one of the gravest problems facing the Rumanian Government, Petre Constantinescu-Iasi, Rumanian Minister of Information, told a press conference here today.

In response to a question concerning a Jevish Telegraphic Agency report from Bucharest that Ion Mihalache, vice-president of the Peasant Party, had warned Jevs against "hunting for political posts to which they were not entitled" while reminding them that anti-Semitism in Rumania was now stronger than ever, Constantinesculasi said that if the report proved to be true proceedings might be brought against Mihalache, and if convicted he faced five years imprisonment. He pointed out that a number of similar prison terms had been imposed upon students found guilty of inciting racial hetred and disorder.

He declared that the government was determined to prosecute such people despite the possibility of its being accused of attempting to rid itself of political opponents.

UNKNOWN PERSONS MAILING POISON TO JEWS THROUGHOUT SWITZERLAND; POLICE EROADCAST WARNING

GENEVA, July 19. (JTA) -- Jews in Switzerland were today warned by police that unknown persons had mailed poison to Jews throughout the country. The warning was given in circulars and radio broadcasts.

The police informed the Federation of Jevish Communities that letters containing anti-Semitic pictures and statements as well as three grams of a deadly white powder had been mailed at Berne. The poison is reported to kill within a few minutes.

CARDINAL HIGHD RECEIVED THREE PLEAS TO OPPOSE POLISH ANTI-SEMITISM BEFORE KIELCE POCROM

WARSAW, July 19. (JTA)--Polish Frimate Cardinal Hlond rejected three requests to take a stand against violence and anti-Semitism during the six weeks previous to the Kielce pogrom, one of which was made on June 8 by Rabbi David Kohane, chief Jewish chaplain of the Polish Army, it was learned here. The Cardinal refused to see Rabbi Kahane when he attempted to make a personal appeal.

Last week Cardinal Hlond told reporters that only one such request had been received before the pogram, which took the lives of 41 Jews and four Poles, and said that that appeal had been turned down because it was felt that the situation had not deteriorated sufficiently to warrant the issuance of a pastoral letter.

The Primate was apparently confused as to where this request orginiated. At first he said that it was from "some Jevish group." When it was called to his attention that the semi-official non-Jevish League to Combat Racism had sent him an appeal on May 18, the Cardinal said: "That is the one to which I referred. It is the only one received."

It was learned, however, that two other pleas--both from Jewish sources--were made to him. Boside Rabbi Kahane's letter asking him, as the highest Catholic authoriaty in Poland, to act before the growing anti-Jewish feeling reached serious proportions, there was the request for a pastoral letter made by Dr. Joseph Tenebaum, president of the World and American Federations for Polish Jews, during a private interview with the Cardinal on June 3.

INFLUX OF FLEEING POLISH JEWS INTO AUSTRIA CAUSING INCREASED ANTI-SEMITISM

VIENNA, July 19. (JTA) -- The influx of Polish Jews, about 5,000 of whom have arrived here in the past week, besides overloading the facilities of relief organizations is causing a rising wave of anti-Scmitism.

Although the refugees are being cared for by the Joint Distribution Committee and UNRAA and are, therefore, not taxing local facilities, anti-Semitic groups are circulating rumors that the presence in Austria of large numbers of displaced persons will lengthen the stay of the occupation powers.

With JDC and UNREA accommodations overflowing, trainloads of Polish Jews leave here daily for Salzburg in the U.S. zone and Udmont in the British zone. Jewish leaders have expressed the hope that an international agreement will be reached on transporting these refugees, since the longer they remain here, the more effective are the arguments of the anti-Semites.

4,000 to 5,000 Refugees From Poland Arriving In Germany Monthly

PARIS, July 19. (JTA) --Between 4,000 and 5,000 Polish Jews are arriving in Germany monthly, M.R. Blass, a delegate of the ORT Union who just returned from a tour of Germany, told a meeting of the executive of the French ORT.

Blass reported that the influx of refugees has forced the authorities to expand displaced porsons camps. He cited the example of the Eschwage camp which last month housed 800 persons and is now sheltering 2,600 with the expectation of a population of 4,600 in the near future.

CANADIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HOLDS HEARING ON PALESTINE; HEARS ZIONISTS

OTTAWA, July 19. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government was asked today to speak out in favor of admitting 100,000 Jews to Palestine at a hearing conducted here by the External Affairs Committee of Parliament.

Samuel J. Zacks, president of the United Zionist Council of Canada, presented a brief to the committee outlining the Zionist position on Palestine and urged it to recommend that the government issue a statement supporting Jevish immigration.

Herbert Mowat, secretary of the Canadian Falestine Committee, submitted a brief which presented the stand of Canadian Christians on the Palestine issue. Louis Gerber, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of Canada

Following submission of the memoranda, the members of the committee, who displayed a lively interest in the subject, queried the Zioniet spokesmen on the U.S. position on Palestine, the absorptive capacity of the country and the relations between Jovs and Arabs there.

Replying, Mr. Zacks referred the questioners to President Truman's statement on the immigration of 100,000 Jews, to Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk's volume on Palestine and to a recent series on Jewish-Arab relations in Palestine by I.F. Stone of the New York newspaper FM.

A three-man Arab delegation attended the hearings, but did not speak. It was announced that the Arabs will be heard at a later session.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN HELSINKI SYNAGOGUE PROTEST BRITISH ACTIONS IN PALESTINE

LONDON, July 19. (JTA) -- At special services in the Helsinki synagogue; conducted by Chief Rabbi Berlinger, strong protests were voiced by Finlant's small Jevish community against the recent British raids in Palestine, it was announced today by the Finnish radio.

ANCIENT GREEK COLUMN DATING TO SECOND CENTURY A.D. UNCOVERED IN PALESTINE TOWN

JERUSALEM, July 19. (JTA) -- Part of an ancient Greek column inscribed "to the god, Apollo" was uncovered at the town of Nablus today during building operations.

The style of lettering dates the column, which was discovered at a depth of 17 feet, as having been crected in the second century A.D. It is believed to have stood on one of the columnaded streets of the Roman town of Neapolis on which the old part of the modern town of Neablus is built.

FIRST POST-WAR JEWISH FILM BEING EXHIBITED TO DPJS AND RESIDENTS OF BERLIN

BERLIN, July 19. (JTA)--The first Jevish movie to be shown in post-war Berlin is now boing shown to displaced Jews and Jevish residents of Berlin at a German theatre near the Duppel DP camp.

The film, entitled "Two Sisters," is one of six produced in the United States and distributed throughout the American zone by the Joint Distribution Committee.

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