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BYRNES AND ATTLEE CONFER ON PALESTINE; SECRETARY OF STATE MEETS WITH GRADY

PARIS, July 28. (JTA) -- Secretary of State James F. Byrnes discussed the Palestine question here tonight with Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee, shortly after his arrival in Paris.

It is understood that the meeting was held at Mr. Attlee's request and that prior to seeing the Prime Minister, Mr. Byrnes had conferred with Henry S. Grady, chief of the U.S. delegation to the just concluded Anglo-American talks on Palestine.

Earlier, the Secretary of State told a press conference that he had not yet had time to hold a full discussion on Palestine with the American experts. He declined to comment on the British "partition" plan.

The special meeting of the Jewish Agency which was scheduled to open here tomorrow has been postponed until the end of the week because some members of the Agency have not yet arrived. Despite his failing health, Dr. Weizmann is expected to attend. Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Nahum Goldmann are already here.

ZIONISTS DISTURBED AT ADMINISTRATION STAND ON PALESTINE; TRUMAN VISIT "DISAPPOINTING"

WASHINGTON, July 28. (JTA) -- High Zionist circles here expressed grave concern today over the present attitude of the Administration towards the recommendation of the Anglo-American conference for "cantonization" of Palestine.

The meeting yesterday between President Truman and Senators Robert F. Wagner and James Mead, who were accompanied by James C. MacDonald, a former member of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, was termed "disappointing" by a high Zionist spokesman.

He said that there is no clear indication as to where the President and Secretary of State Byrnes stand with regard to the plan; which the Zionists consider a radical departure from the recommendations of the inquiry committee.

It is felt by these Zionist circles that President Truman, if he is to stand by his demand for the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine, and an equitable solution of the entire problem, must indicate clearly his disapproval of the partition proposal, both publicly and to the British Government, before the question is discussed in Parliament on Wednesday.

(Reports from London today said that the British Government has decided to attempt to carry out its Palestine plan even if there are American objections, and despite the already expressed opposition of the Arabs and the Jews.)

Informed circles here today said that British proposals include a suggestion for a U.S. loan or grant to the Arabs in Palestine, which would help to raise their cultural and economic level. The reports of the size of the loan vary, with one source saying \$50,000,000 and another \$200,000,000.

WEIZMANN SAYS NEW BRITISH PROPOSAL HAS ALL DISADVANTAGES, NO ADVANTAGES OF PEEL PLAN

LONDON, July 28. (JTA) -- The new British proposals for Palestine were described today by Dr. Chaim Weizmann as having all the disadvantages of the Peel Commission's plan, which was issued in 1937, and none of the advantages. The Zionist leader said that he has heard nothing official concerning the new plan.

In an address read for him to a mass meeting in the Palace theatre here, Dr. Weizmann, who was unable to attend because of ill health, said that Jews throughout the world condemn the bombing of the King David Hotel. The Jewish community of Palestine, he added, must not only condemn, but must exert all efforts to insure that "such a crime is never again possible."

He pointed out, however, that a "lamentable thing was done to the Yishuv on June 29." Life cannot be normal in a country where any citizen can be arrested without a warrant or reason, where a strict censorship prevails and where thousands of men and women languish in detention camps for months, Dr. Weizmann continued.

"What the British and the Jews need more than anything else in Palestine today is normality," he added. Searches and arrests have aggravated the situation, which was already tense as the result of procrastination over the admission of the 100,000 Jews recommended by the inquiry committee and by President Truman.

Prof. Selig Brodetzky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told the meeting that he was unalterably opposed to Jewish participation in the projected round-table conference of Jews, Arabs and Britons proposed by the British Government. Other speakers included Barnett Janner, Labor M.P. and vice president of the British Zionist Federation and Berl Locker, Zionist labor leader.

British Press Cool to Experts' Plan; Doubt Whether It Can Be Enforced

Political observers of all Sunday newspapers were extremely doubtful today that Arabs and Jews would agree to the proposed plan for Palestine which, it was pointed out, the Arabs have already rejected while the Jews have reacted unenthusiastically.

The press also points out that the proposal falls short of even the Peel plan and frustrates the economic development necessary for the absorption of 100,000 Jews. Writing in News of the World, Richard Wyndham, recently returned from Palestine and the Middle East, states bluntly that the partition scheme was born of failure and can be enforced only at the point of a bayonet. "Cutting in half a child claimed by both the Arabs and the Jews is far from the wisdom of Solomon. It is a policy of despair."

The Sunday Times' editorial says that no useful comment can be made on the Palestine plan until the basis for a new immigration policy is decided. The Times states that either a Jewish State in part of Palestine can be established now or the British and American Governments should tell the Jews that a Jewish National Home will never be set up. "Justice for Palestine," the editorial goes on, "must be positive as well as unrelenting."

It was announced here tonight that Sir John Shaw, Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, is en route to London by air to confer with the Colonial Office. One report said that Shaw was on a special mission for High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham.

NAME AGENCY "WORKING EXECUTIVE"; PALESTINE COMMANDER BLAMES ALL JEWS FOR HOTEL BOMBING

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- A joint meeting here today of the executive of the Jewish Agency, the praesidium of the Inner Zionist Actions Committee and the leaders of major Zionist parties voted unanimously to ask the forthcoming Jewish Agency meeting in Paris to convoke immediately a meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, to be followed as soon as possible by a World Zionist Congress.

In the absence of the key Agency leaders, some of whom are under arrest and others of whom are in Paris, today's meeting elected a temporary "working executive" for the Agency consisting of Levi Shkolnick and Zalman Rubashev, Laborites; Yehoshua Supraski, General Zionist and Rabbi J.Z. Ostrovsky of the Mizrahi. Harry Sacher, one-time political chief of the Agency, will act as its political adviser.

Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander-in-chief in Palestine, has issued a letter to all units in which he charges that all Jews in Palestine are equally guilty of the King David outrage. Explaining his reason for ordering all Jewish businesses, places of entertainment and homes out of bounds for British soldiers, Barker added that "this race" should be made to feel British loathing and contempt through the most effective means -- their pockets. Barker added that expressions of regret by Jewish institutions must be treated as "hypocritical," since they do not cooperate in eradicating terrorism.

The highest police and military officers in the country have taken over personal supervision of the hunt for the perpetrators of the bombing. They are reporting directly to the High Commissioner, with whom they hold daily conferences on security problems.

Two more bodies were recovered today from the wreckage of the King David, bringing the death toll to 82, with a number of persons still missing. Among the bodies unearthed yesterday was that of Geoffrey Walsh, economic adviser to the Palestine Government.

Deny Report That Armed Jews Attempted to Free Prisoners Held by British

It was learned today that the announcement last night that a group of armed Jews had attempted to raid the detention barracks in Jerusalem and free the persons arrested in Friday and Saturday's raids was incorrect. The shooting which occurred resulted from the nervousness of sentries, who fired at shadows. Three persons who were arrested in connection with the incident were released this morning.

Eight masked men today held up a gold exchange in Tel Aviv and escaped with gold and banknotes valued at about \$140,000.

A statement issued here last night by Hussein Khalidi, secretary of the Arab Higher Committee, said that the Arabs emphatically reject partition. "Partition is impracticable from the political, administrative, financial and social point of view," he declared.

"Palestine Arabs have not yet received any official invitation to participate in the talks either from London or from the Arab League," Khalidi added. "However, the Arab Higher Committee will refuse to sit with Jews on any conference on the future of Palestine."

BEN GURION SAYS JEWISH AGENCY MAY PUBLISH "BLACK BOOK" OF BRITISH CRIMES IN PALESTINE

PARIS. July 28. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency may soon publish a "Black Book" listing crimes of murder and terror committed by the Palestine administration against the Jews of Palestine, David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Agency executive, told newsmen yesterday at a press conference here.

The Agency has not published such a listing earlier because it did not wish to further embitter relations between the Jews and the British Government, he said, adding that "ultimate responsibility for sabotage, murder and lawlessness in Palestine will rest on the British Government," which during the past seven years "set an example of lawlessness and breach of faith in Palestine."

In the first public statement by an individual member of the Agency executive, Ben Gurion, second ranking member of the Agency, denied the charges in the White Paper. British Middle East circles, hating and fearing the existence of the progressive Palestine Jewish community in the Middle East, are attempting to destroy it, he charged.

Referring to the telegrams quoted in the White Paper, he declared, "I do not say that all these documents are forged, but such cases are known in history," and recalled that the British Government has upon occasion used false documents to compromise political opponents. He cited a document used during the conflict with Ireland and the famous Zinoviev letters which purported to instruct British Communists to create trouble in England and which were later proved to be false.

He told of two meetings with Colonial Secretary George Hall which had occurred less than two weeks before the raids upon the Jewish community of Palestine and the mass arrests of Jews there. He asserted that at one meeting, attended by a non-Jewish Laborite Member of Parliament, the atmosphere was one of extreme cordiality and friendliness, giving no hint whatsoever of the coming raids or the publication of the White Paper.

At the other meeting, he said, he, Hall, and several other British colonial officials had discussed the kidnapping of six British officers by the Irgun Zvai Leumi, and he had given them a message to send through official British channels asking the Agency to call on the Palestine Jewish community to help return the abducted men.

Warns If Resistance Liquidated, Mufti Will Be Free to Massacre Jews

Ben Gurion emphasized that he did not suspect High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham, whom he termed an "honest man and a correct soldier," of complicity in the possible forging of incriminating documents, but said that he would not put it above the Criminal Investigation Department in Palestine or British secret intelligence personnel. He warned that if hostile circles within the British colonial administration succeeded in destroying the Jewish self-defense movement in Palestine, gas chambers might not result, but the ex-Mufti and his forces would be let loose to massacre the Jews.

Specifically discussing the evidence marshalled in the White Paper, he asked why had the British had failed to publish this material earlier, particularly in the light of their own admission that they had been aware of it for some time. He also asked for an explanation of the fact that only one of the eight telegrams cited listed both a sender and an addressee. Denying categorically that he had received telegram number eight, which mentions that he is to approve the resumption of broadcasts by the Jewish Resistance Movement's radio, "Voice of Israel," he declared that he would let the other alleged recipients and senders of the telegrams explain them for themselves whenever they are freed from detention.

ALL U.S. ARMED TROOPS WITHDRAWN FROM DP CAMPS IN BAVARIA FOLLOWING CLASH WITH JEWS

FRANKFURT, July 28. (JTA) -- All armed U.S. troops are being withdrawn from Jewish DP camps in Bavaria as a result of recent clashes in which one Jew was killed and several injured, it was announced today.

The disturbance at the Fohrenwald camp on Friday, where troops wounded six Jews who were attempting to leave the camp, resulted from the fact that guards halted sixteen DP's who were leaving the camp to attend the funeral of Isaac Feldberg, a DP who was killed on Thursday by German police, it was learned yesterday. The Jews had been given permission to attend the funeral, but the guards had not been informed.

TEN JEWS DRAGGED FROM TRAIN NEAR LUBLIN AND MURDERED BY ANTI-GOVERNMENT BAND

WARSAW, July 28. (JTA) -- Ten Jews were dragged from a train near Lublin last week and shot to death by anti-government bandits, it was reported here today.

The Lublin incident was the largest mass killing of Jews since the pogrom at Kielce on July 4, when 41 Jews were murdered.

JEWISH PROPERTY TRUSTEE IN AUSTRIA REPORTED HELD BY RUSSIANS FOR OPPOSING LAND TRANSFER

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- The "most important Jewish trustee in charge of Jewish property in Austria," Dr. Oscar Wilhelm, has been arrested by Soviet authorities for opposing the Russian seizure of Jewish-owned land holdings, the New York Times reported today in a dispatch from Vienna.

According to the report, the Russian authorities had become "outraged" by Dr. Wilhelm's continued resistance to Soviet occupation of Jewish property held by the Austrian Settlement Company, of which Dr. Wilhelm is the head, and had ordered Wilhelm and four others, one an official of the Ministry of Economic Planning, to report yesterday to the Russian military headquarters in Vienna. None of the men has been seen since.

HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT NAMES INTER-PARTY COMMITTEE TO PROBE PROBLEM OF ANTI-SEMITISM

BUDAPEST, July 28. (JTA) -- The Hungarian parliament has agreed today to appoint an inter-party committee to investigate the problem of anti-Semitism and recommend measures to improve the situation. The investigation was proposed by Lajos Zentivanyi, a Unitarian minister and a deputy of the middle-class Democratic party.

It is learned that a Franciscan friar responsible for anti-Semitic sermons delivered at the largest church in Buda has been transferred to the provinces.

JEWISH LEADER OF RUMANIAN PEASANT PARTY RESIGNS IN PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC SPEECH

BUCHAREST, July 28. (JTA) -- A prominent Jewish leader of the Rumanian Peasant Party, Aureliu Weiss, has resigned in protest against the recent address by Ion Mihalache, deputy leader of the party, in which he warned Jews against seeking political posts "to which they are not entitled." All Jewish members of the Peasant Party are expected to resign shortly.

