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BYRNES TELLS ZIONIST LEADERS FATE OF PALESTINE PLAN IN HANDS OF TRUMAN, CABINET GROUP

PARIS, July 30. (JTA) -- Secretary of State James F. Byrnes today told Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, American members of the Jewish Agency executive, that the future of the British Palestine proposal rests with President Truman and his Cabinet Committee on Palestine.

The two Zionist leaders, who spent a half-hour with Mr. Byrnes, said that they had outlined their opposition to the "federalization" plan and urged that the United States Government stand by President Truman's original demand for unconditional admission of 100,000 Jews.

According to a reliable authority, the Secretary of State attempted to persuade Britain to change its position during his talk with Prime Minister Attlee, but agreed reluctantly to go along with the British when Attlee remained adamant. It is understood here that London is exerting great pressure on Washington for issuance of a joint Anglo-American statement supporting the British proposal, possibly to coincide with the opening of the debate on Palestine in Commons tomorrow.

The feeling in Jewish circles here is that such a statement is virtually certain to be issued shortly unless public opinion in the United States forces President Truman to disregard Mr. Byrnes' recommendation.

All of the Jewish Agency members, including those from Palestine, are expected to arrive here by tomorrow to attend the special meeting of Zionist leaders which is scheduled to open the end of this week.

Truman Confers with Cabinet Committee; Sees Congressional Delegation

WASHINGTON, July 30. (JTA) -- President Truman conferred this morning with Acting Secretary of State Acheson, Secretary of War Patterson and Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, members of the Cabinet Committee on Palestine.

Earlier the President received a delegation of ten New York Congressmen, led by Representative Emanuel Celler, who made a strong plea against the British "partition" plan and for the admission to Palestine of 100,000 Jewish refugees. They pointed out that the Arabs had already rejected the proposal, and indicated that it would be similarly rejected by Jewish leaders.

President Truman is understood to have reiterated his sympathy and, while giving no indication of his attitude on the partition proposal, made it clear that he was still trying to secure agreement to his demand for admission to Palestine of the 100,000 refugees.

The President also has under consideration a proposal to broaden United States immigration laws by provision for entrance into this country of a larger number of displaced persons from Europe than is possible under existing law.

In speeches on the Senate floor this evening Senators Wagner and Taft de-

20,000 BRITISH TROOPS OCCUPY TEL AVIV; RESIDENTS CONFINED TO HOMES; 143 ARRESTED

TEL AVIV, July 30. (JTA) -- More than 20,000 troops of the British Sixth Airborne Division invaded Tel Aviv at 2 a.m. this morning, occupied the city, and made house-to-house searches. A rigid curfew was imposed.

Arriving in trucks supported by tanks, armored cars and Bren gun carriers, the division, at full war strength, took up strategic positions. At dawn the curfew was imposed and troops began fanning out through the city.

The curfew will be in effect for 22 hours a day, with two hours allowed for shopping for food and other necessities. All inhabitants were warned that they are "liable to be shot on sight" if they violate the curfew.

Early this morning High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham went on the radio to broadcast the announcement of the raids and an explanation of the occupation of the world's largest all-Jewish city and the virtual imprisonment of its 200,000 residents. He declared that the government had "clear evidence" that at least some of the terrorists participating in the bombing of the King David Hotel were in Tel Aviv. He appealed to the Jews to aid in this operation to "root out this canker, which if it remains, can only recoil on the heads of the Jewish community."

Expect 3,000 Men and Women Will Be Arrested

A military spokesman who said today the operation was unprecedented in the history of Palestine, estimated that some 3,000 Jews, men and women, would be detained during the searches which may last several days. He declared that all men between the ages of 15 and 50 would be questioned and would be subject to detention, while women between 15 and 35 would be treated similarly.

Pregnant women and those with small children would be exempted, he said, unless it were proved that they were implicated in underground activity. Detained men will be sent to the Raffa detention camp on the Egyptian border while women will be imprisoned at Latrun prison.

An official communique issued tonight said that 143 persons including ten women had been detained out of the thousands who were rounded up and questioned throughout the day. It was reported that Mayor Israel Rokach had been taken under "escort" presumably to aid in the operations.

Methodically forcing their way into every home the troops turned all able-bodied men and women into the streets where they were placed in trucks and carried to barbed wire detention centers for questioning. Even persons who were ill in bed were interrogated and stripped of their bed clothes to see whether they were suffering from wounds or faking illness in order to avoid questioning or arrest. A number of men and women were forced from their homes in pajamas and dressing gowns,

At the detention pens some 600 police experts gathered from all sections of the country "screened" the Jews--questioned them and checked identification papers and photographs. The choice of whom was to be arrested was largely determined by the police who checked each individual against lists of possible suspects which apparently had been compiled earlier.

The Jewish police, who recently assumed responsibility for the administration of law and order throughout Tel Aviv, have been ordered to remain in their homes

until called for. Police launches patrolled the city's two miles of waterfront throughout the day in order to cut off possible escapes.

It was revealed that curfew passes issued to newspapermen and others who usually are permitted to continue their business during raids and searches have been revoked. This will effectively close all newspapers in the city, and since the majority of the Hebrew press is published in Tel Aviv most of the Jews of Palestine will be without news during the British occupation of the city.

A JTA correspondent who was brought here in the company of other foreign correspondents toured the city under the guidance of British officers. Lt. Gen. A.J.H. Cassel, commander of the Sixth Airborne, who is in charge of operations here, told reporters that he was determined "by hook or crook" to discover and arrest members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Group.

#### Refugee Ship Arrives at Haifa with 570 Visaless Immigrants

HAIFA, July 30. (JTA) -- The second refugee ship to enter this harbor in two days docked here today with 570 visaless Jewish immigrants aboard. With the 2,700 passengers of the "S.S. Haganah," who came yesterday, the total arriving this week is nearly 3,300.

#### BRITISH CABINET STUDIES BARKER ORDER FOR NON-FRATERNIZATION WITH JEWS IN PALESTINE

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- The British Cabinet is reported today to have discussed the anti-Semitic non-fraternization order issued by Lieut. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander in Palestine. It is likely that the order will be discussed in Parliament during the Palestine debate tomorrow.

It is reported that a copy of the order has been telegraphed by the Jewish Agency in Palestine to members of the Labor Party in London, including Michael Foot and Richard Crossman, former member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine.

The Daily Herald, organ of the Labor Party, bitterly assailed the Barker statement. The paper said that it is "almost incredible that words so reckless could have been issued by a responsible commander. If he wrote it," the newspaper continued, "Barker has demonstrated overwhelmingly his unfitness for his command."

The Communist Daily Worker today declared that Colonial Office officials held anxious consultations after the publication of Barker's anti-Semitic letter. It adds that Labor Party M.P.'s are expressing indignation at the document.

Last night Dr. Chaim Weizmann addressed a group of Members of Parliament representing all parties and explained the Jewish point of view of the proposed "federalization" plan for Palestine in preparation for tomorrow's debate.

#### British Asked By American Jewish Committee To Disavow Barker Order

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- The British Government was asked today by the American Jewish Committee to disavow the letter issued by Gen. Barker.

In a letter to Lord Inverchapel, British Ambassador to the U.S., David Sher, chairman of the administrative committee of the organization, stated that the "calumnious and gratuitous language" of the order "resembles the vituperation of Hitler. It is especially appalling to hear it from a British official."

REVIVAL OF 1919 "COMMITTEE OF JEWISH DELEGATIONS" BEING DISCUSSED IN PARIS

PARIS, July 30. (JTA) -- Revival of the "Committee of Jewish Delegations" which played a historic role in securing guarantees of Jewish minority rights at the Versailles Conference, is being discussed by the various Jewish delegations assembled at the Peace Conference here.

Members of the several delegations who are usually on opposite sides in matters affecting Jewish life are convinced that only coordination of their efforts can prevent the 21 nations attending the conference from becoming confused as to Jewish demands.

The demands of the various groups follow pretty much the same line--protection of Jewish rights in former enemy countries--whether they come from the World Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, the Board of Deputies of British Jews or other bodies. Jewish leaders feel, therefore, that separate and, perhaps, conflicting action would be unjustifiable.

Louis Lipsky of the American Jewish Conference and Dr. Simon Segal of the American Jewish Committee met today for the second time in what was described as a "friendly atmosphere." No decisions on unified action, however, are expected before the arrival here of Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and Henry J. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, of the Anglo-Jewish Association, and others.

At a meeting last night of the representatives of the American Jewish Conference and the World Jewish Congress, Dr. Nahum Goldmann was asked to negotiate with the other Jewish organizations in their behalf. The talks are not expected to enter an intensive stage, however, until a common formula has been worked out by the Congress, the Conference and the Board of Deputies to present to the representatives of the American Jewish Committee and the Anglo-Jewish Association.

The talks among the Jewish delegations seems aimed less at reconciling their differing ideologies than at reaching a working agreement on practical steps to be taken in common in the best interests of protecting Jewish rights.

World Jewish Congress Formulates Demands for Presentation to Peace Parley

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- A demand for full equality of economic, social and cultural rights for the Jews of Europe, "to be incorporated into the peace treaties between the Allied nations and the satellite states of Germany," has been formulated by the World Jewish Congress, Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, secretary-general, declared today prior to his departure for Paris where he will join Dr. Stephen S. Wise in presenting the organization's program at the Peace Conference.

Pointing out that the platform of the Congress will be presented in conjunction with the American Jewish Conference and the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Dr. Kubowitzki said the Congress' demands regarding Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania are not identical.

In Bulgaria and Italy, Jewish demands are restricted to requesting the "victors to include general stipulations assuring respect for the observance of human rights." In Hungary and Rumania, however, "fair trials, exemption from arbitrary detention, adequate protection of Jews in the economic, social and cultural pursuits and abrogation of many kinds of discriminatory laws" will be demanded, he said. Claims for restitution of property, indemnification for all kinds of damages suffered and reinstatement of employees are also included.

TOP AMG LEGAL DIVISION REPORTED TO HAVE CONFIRMED SENTENCES OF 19 LANDSBERG DP'S

FRANKFURT, July 30. (JTA) -- The highest authorities of the American Military Government's legal division have upheld the findings of the military court which on April 28 sentenced 19 displaced Jews from the Landsberg Camp to terms ranging from three months to two years, it was learned today from reliable sources.

At the same time, the legal division recommended suspended sentences for some, partial sentences for others and full sentences for still others. It is not known here how many fall into each category, but the entire proceedings must now be reviewed by Generals McNarney and Clay.

Military police and occupation troops have requested the legal officials to notify them forty-eight hours before they make their decision public in order that they might take precautionary measures in all DP camps and avoid disturbances similar to the one last week at Fohrenwald.

RHINE PROVINCE ORDERED TO PREPARE UNIFORM REGULATIONS REGARDING STOLEN JEWISH PROPERTY

BERLIN, July 30. (JTA) -- The president of the Northern Rhine province, whose headquarters are in Dusseldorf, has been asked to prepare uniform regulations concerning property which was stolen from Jews under the Nazi regime, it was learned here today.

At the same time, the Dusseldorf welfare committee announced that Jews who had received allocations of furniture were excused from paying any fees.

CZECH REFUGEE CAMP FOR 4,000 SET UP NEAR POLISH BORDER; CABINET DISCUSSING PROBLEM

PRAGUE, July 30. (JTA) -- A refugee camp housing 4,000 persons has been set up at Nachod on the Czech-Polish frontier for Jews fleeing from Poland. It was announced today that the Cabinet is considering proposals submitted by the Ministry of Welfare for solving the various problems which have arisen as a result of the influx of Jewish refugees from Poland.

Anton Vasek, former head of the Department of Jewish Affairs in the Slovak puppet government, was hanged in Bratislava today. Vasek was condemned to death last week by a Peoples Court there on charges of having caused the death of 50,000 Jews.

POLISH JEWS AFRAID TO LEAVE HOMES AFTER TEN P.M. BECAUSE OF MARAUDING TERRORIST BANDS

PARIS, July 30. (JTA) -- Jews in Poland are afraid to leave their homes after ten o'clock in the evening, even in the large cities, because of marauding terrorist bands, Samuel H. Epstein, secretary of the Trade and Industry Department of the Jewish Agency, disclosed today.

Mr. Epstein, who has just returned from Poland, said that Jews residing in the big cities where there have been no incidents are as fearful as those living elsewhere in the country because of the unfriendly atmosphere surrounding them. Jews are pulled from trains and killed practically every day, he declared. As a result of the Kielce pogrom, even those Jews who had decided to remain in Poland and attempt to rebuild their lives have decided to leave, Mr. Epstein asserted.

WARSAW RADIO SAYS KING DAVID BOMBING PROTEST AGAINST BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE

WARSAW, July 30. (JTA) -- A commentator on the Warsaw radio, Jan Pietrowski, said today that the King David Hotel bombing was a protest against British policy in Palestine which he said will delay for a decade the transfer to Palestine of the Jewish survivors in Germany.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN U.S. URGE IMMEDIATE CONVENING OF ENTIRE BODY

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- Six members of the Zionist Actions Committee who are now in the United States today cabled to Zionist leaders who are gathering in Paris for the meeting of the Jewish Agency executive later this week, urging them to call a session of the full Actions Committee.

The signers of the appeal are Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbardt, General Zionist and Meir Grossman, United Zionist-Revisionist, both of whom are vice-presidents of the Actions Committee; Rabbi Mordechai Nurok, Dr. Zorach Warhaftig and Jacob Greenberg, Mizrahi and Dr. Ariele Tartakower, Poale-Zionist.

REPORT ON PALESTINE EDUCATION URGES INCREASED FUNDS AND RECOGNITION OF JEWISH SYSTEM

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- Official recognition of the Jewish school system in Palestine and the granting of more money to both Arab and Jewish educational institutions were recommended today in a report issued by an inquiry commission appointed in August, 1945.

The report also urged scholarships for elementary-school pupils, provisions for compulsory free education, a grant to the Hebrew University for training teachers and youth leaders and revised salary scales and a pension fund for teachers.

Issued by the Colonial Office, the report said that since there are no contacts between Jewish and Arab education, education in Palestine does not work as a unifying force between the two groups. The report has high praise for the "remarkable achievements" of Jewish education despite adverse factors.

HADASSAH PRESIDENT APPEALS TO TRUMAN TO OPPOSE FEDERALIZATION OF PALESTINE

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, president of Hadassah, urged President Truman today to oppose the projected federalization plan for Palestine in a telegram sent prior to her departure to Paris where she will attend meetings of the Executive of the Jewish Agency.

Stressing that the proposed partition plan would "make the salvation of the homeless remnant of European Jewry dependant upon a political scheme which wipes out international guarantees, ghettoizes Palestine, and negates written and oral pledges" given by the President and his administration, Mrs. Epstein, whose message was sent on behalf of the 200,000 Hadassah members, appealed to the President to "aid those who turn to Palestine as their only hope."

FEDERATION OF POLISH JEWS URGES POPE PIUS TO INTERVENE TO STOP POLISH POGROMS

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- An appeal to Pope Pius XII to intervene to stop the "shedding of innocent blood" of Jews "who are being shot down without pity or reason" in Poland was made today in a cable sent by the American Federation for Polish Jews. Signed by Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president, the appeal pointed out that the silence of the Polish Catholic clergy "cannot but encourage the pogroms."

285 REFUGEES LEAVE SHANGHAI FOR AUSTRALIA; LARGEST GROUP TO SAIL SINCE END OF WAR

SHANGHAI, July 30. (JTA) -- Two-hundred and eighty-five Jewish men, women and children, the largest contingent of refugees to leave here for overseas since the capitulation of Japan, sailed today for Australia aboard the S.S. Gen. Gordon. They will land at Sydney, from where they will be re-routed to points of permanent settlement in various parts of the country. Their passage was arranged by the Joint Distribution Committee.