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TRUMAN WILL DEFER ACTION ON PALESTINE UNTIL HE CONFERS WITH CABINET COMMITTEE EXPERTS

WASHINGTON, July 31. (JTA) -- President Truman said today that he has decided to defer his decision on the British plan for Palestine until he has conferred with the American experts with whose cooperation the scheme was drawn up.

The President yesterday cabled Henry Grady, chief of the experts delegation, asking him and the other two Cabinet Committee alternates to return immediately, and it is presumed that they are en route, or will leave very shortly.

Mr. Truman's decision was made known in a White House statement issued this afternoon. It read as follows:

"The President has been considering certain recommendations of the alternates of the Cabinet Committee with regard to Palestine and has decided, in view of the complexity of the matter, to request Ambassador Grady and his associates to return to Washington to discuss the whole matter with him in detail.

"The President hopes that further discussions will result in decisions which will alleviate the situation of the persecuted Jews in Europe and, at the same time, contribute to the ultimate solution of the longer term problem of Palestine."

"FEDERALIZATION" PLAN PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT; MORRISON REGRETS TRUMAN DELAY

LONDON, July 31. (JTA) -- Acting Prime Minister Herbert Morrison, speaking for the British Government in the absence of Prime Minister Attlee, told the House of Commons today that Britain desired to divide Palestine into four sections, two of which would be semi-autonomous Jewish and Arab provinces. He outlined the details of the plan, which have been known unofficially for several days.

A virtually identical statement was read simultaneously in the House of Lords by Dominions Secretary Lord Addison, leader of the House.

Former Colonial Minister Col. Oliver Stanley, who was the chief Conservative spokesman today, disclosed that the same proposal suggested by the Anglo-American experts was drawn up and in the hands of the Colonial Office nine or ten months ago, before the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine made its investigations and report. Stanley declared that the inquiry committee's report had been "buried with the highest honors."

Morrison expressed regret that President Truman had not decided to accept the plan before Commons today began a two-day debate on the Palestine issue. "We hoped for President Truman's acceptance before the debate, but we understand that he has decided to discuss the matter in detail with American experts who are returning to Washington," Morrison said. Meanwhile, he added, the plan will be discussed with the Arabs and the Jews.

Morrison asserted that the government has evidence that several leaders of

the Jewish Agency were directly implicated in the terrorist campaign in Palestine. Only part of the evidence was published in last week's White Paper, he said.

If and when the "federalization plan" is accepted--and only then--the British Government will issue Palestine immigration certificates to Jews in Europe as rapidly as possible, the Labor Government spokesman said. Every effort will be made, he continued, to complete the immigration of the 100,000 Jews recommended by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine within twelve months.

The immigrants will be selected primarily from Austria, Germany and Italy, under the plan, and priority will be given to agriculturists and craftsmen, children, the infirm and the aged. The only certificates that will be allotted to Jews in Eastern Europe will go to orphans.

U.S. Asked to Transport 100,000 and Feed Them for Two Months after Arrival

Morrison revealed that the United States would be asked to undertake the responsibility of transporting the 100,000 Jews to Palestine and providing them with food for the first two months after their arrival. Some of the money for transferring and settling the immigrants could be secured from German reparations, contributions by Jews and loans, he said. A substantial grant will also be asked from the United States for development of Arab projects in Palestine.

Declaring that the present military operations in Tel Aviv were aimed at apprehending the perpetrators of the King David outrage, who are believed to be hiding there, Morrison said that "the curse of Hitler has not been wholly removed from some of his victims. Fleeing from Europe, they have carried the germs of the very plagues from which they sought protection." He urged Zionists to take care that "their faith" should not be perverted, bringing ruin to them.

He stated that the refusal of the Jewish population of Palestine to co-operate with the forces of law had been the greatest obstacle to the success of operations aimed at eradicating the terrorists, but disassociated the government from the letter issued a few days ago by Lieut. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander in Palestine.

"While approving, "under the circumstances," Barker's instruction to his troops not to fraternize with Jews, and "while making allowances for the provocation to which the forces were exposed, and recognizing that the letter was written shortly after the outrage, the government feels that they must disassociate themselves from the actual terms in which the letter was couched," Morrison said.

Britain and U.S. Urged to Find New Homes for Jews in Europe

The government spokesman said that the Anglo-American experts recognized that Palestine cannot absorb all the Jewish refugees and, therefore, recommended that the United States and Britain find new homes for many and also seek conditions in Europe that will enable the resettlement of a substantial number there. The two countries are also urged to appeal to the member nations of the United Nations Assembly to receive displaced persons, including Jews, in their territory.

Pending establishment of the new International Refugee Organization to be set up by the U.N., England and America will, according to the plan of the experts, continue to promote resettlement of refugees through the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, with emphasis on South American countries, particularly Brazil.

Morrison then outlined in detail the "federalization" plan, explaining the authority which will be given the Jewish and Arab states and the rights to be reserved

by the central government, which will be controlled by the British. He added that provincial autonomy would greatly simplify the administration of Jewish immigration, but emphasized that final control of immigration would rest with the central government. The experts suggested that it might be possible to accept the recommendation for the immediate admission of the 100,000 Jews continuing immigration thereafter. But, he said, the transfer of the 100,000 Jews could only take place if the entire scheme were put in operation.

Boundaries between the various sections would not be changed except through agreement between the provinces. The provincial governments would be required to guarantee the rights and equality of all citizens, and freedom of commerce among all sections of Palestine. All bills passed by the provincial legislatures will require the consent of the High Commissioner, who, Morrison declared, would not veto them unless they are inconsistent with the central government's safeguarding of peace and minority rights.

Says World Weary of Arab-Jewish Strife, Sickened by Terrorism

Terming the plan a "fair and reasonable" compromise, Morrison appealed for the cooperation of the Palestine population in the campaign to suppress terrorism. He said that the world was "weary" of the "ceaseless" Arab-Jewish strife and "sickened by barbarous incidents" and called on the Jews and the Arabs to end a "sordid" chapter in history and join the "civilized nations in building the foundations of a nobler happier world."

Col. Stanley appealed to the Jews to cooperate in the attempts to crush terrorism, thus proving that they reject the crimes committed in Palestine. Action against the terrorists, he added, might have been more effective if undertaken in October and November of last year.

Richard Crossman, Labor, who was a member of the Anglo-American inquiry committee on Palestine, pointed out that the Haganah had in the past helped the government frustrate several attempts to blow up its offices in the King David Hotel. He said that in one instance the Haganah had kidnapped a member of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and discovered that the extremists had planted two rocket explosives in a field near the hotel. This information had been communicated to the government in time to save the building, he stated, adding that responsibility must be borne partly by those who left the hotel "apparently unguarded."

He urged the release of the arrested members of the Jewish Agency executive, declaring that if the government did not wish to arrest and try the Mufti for fear of making a martyr of him, then it should apply the same principle to the Jews who throughout the war actively "stood by us."

Charges Government Hamstrung by Anti-Semites in Key Positions

Rev. Gordon Lang, Labor, said that the government was being hamstrung by anti-Semitic reactionaries in key positions. He attacked Gen. Barker's letter as "vulgar anti-Semitism," and said that there would be no everlasting peace in the world until the Jews were returned to their own land as ordained in the Scriptures.

Following the presentation of the plan by Lord Addison in the House of Lords, Viscount Cranborne, a former Colonial Minister, said the recommendations of the Palestine inquiry committee were idealistic rather than realistic. If Palestine were a larger country, he declared, partition would be feasible, but under the cir-

cumstances the federalization plan was a genuine attempt to harmonize the aspirations of both the Arabs and the Jews.

It is a bitter pill for the Jews to give up their hopes for a Jewish state and for the Arabs to accept the entry of 100,000 Jews, he said, but this is the only alternative to a bloody civil war which would weaken both peoples. He expressed the hope that the arrested Jewish leaders would not remain imprisoned indefinitely without a trial.

The Archbishop of York advocated safeguards for the Holy Places and condemned the "unscrupulous venomous propaganda against Britain." Lord Rothschild stressed the absolute desperation of the Jews after the extermination of 6,000,000 in Europe and the post-war pogroms. Lord Morrison deplored President Truman's attitude, and said he feared that any solution short of a Jewish state would be denounced in America. Lord Reading said he hoped both the Jews and the Arabs would give their serious consideration to the plan.

The Foreign Office announced today that the government of Saudi Arabia has accepted an invitation to attend the round-table discussions of the British plan.

(Dr. Hussein Khalidi, secretary of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, said in Jerusalem tonight that "Arabs in Palestine and abroad reject partition in whatever form it is presented." Commenting on the Anglo-American experts plan, Khalidi added that the Higher Committee had not yet received any invitation to attend the proposed London "round-table" talks on Palestine.)

TREASURY HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OF PROPOSAL FOR U.S. TO LEND \$250,000,000 TO ARABS

WASHINGTON, July 31. (JTA) -- Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder said today that the reported \$250,000,000 Arab loan has not reached the Treasury for consideration. Asked about the loan at his press conference, the Secretary declared that his information was limited to these facts: 1. That it was under discussion in London. 2. That it proposed establishment of a Jordan Valley Authority to develop irrigation, and other projects for Palestine and Transjordan, and, 3. That \$50,000,000 of the total sum was to be used for the assembly and transportation of Jews to Palestine.

Asked whether it would be a joint Anglo-American loan, the Secretary replied that he had no idea, reiterating that it has not been under discussion at the Treasury. "If it ever came to the point," Mr. Snyder said in response to a question, "Congress would have to pass upon the loan."

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE APPEALS TO TRUMAN TO REJECT PALESTINE "FEDERALIZATION"

NEW YORK, July 31. (JTA) -- Calling upon President Truman to reject "federalization" for Palestine, the American Jewish Conference in a telegram to the White House today termed the British proposal "a scheme which counterances the trading of lives for a specious plan which can solve nothing, will not allay existing tensions in Palestine, and will only prolong the agonized insecurity of uprooted European Jewry."

"The very consideration of the British proposal destroys the confidence of the American Jewish community in Anglo-American negotiations on Palestine," the message added.

OVER 400 JEWS ARRESTED IN TEL AVIV AS SEARCHES CONTINUE INTO SECOND DAY; ARMS UNCOVERED

TEL AVIV, July 31. (JTA) -- More than 400 Jewish men and women were arrested today and sent to the Latrun and Raffa detention camps, as the British troops occupying Tel Aviv completed the second day of their searches.

Fifty thousand persons were interrogated during the past two days, 13 of whom are reported to be suspected terrorists for whom the British have been searching. The searches have generally been without incident although one person was wounded today and one soldier was accidentally killed.

Thirty-six hours after the imposition of the "shoot to kill" curfew, the Jews were allowed to leave their homes for two hours between 5-7 p.m. to obtain food. Jewish police were permitted to assist in the distribution of food. The only major utility service operating in the city is the electric generating plant which is under the control of British engineer troops.

Tonight's official communique states that a considerable quantity of arms, ammunition and British paratroopers' uniforms were discovered in the cellar of the Great Synagogue here. The troops also found a printing press with equipment to forge government bonds, and 20,000 bonds and a radio transmitter. Arms and ammunition were found in three other houses.

The eleven members of the Tel Aviv municipal council were brought in jeeps, escorted by a military detachment, to this morning's extraordinary session of the council. Mayor Rokach reported on his negotiations with Maj. Gen. A.J.H. Cassel, military commander of the city, concerning measures to be taken to provide adequate food and sanitary facilities.

The council unanimously adopted a resolution protesting the military's accusation that the entire population of the city was involved in terrorism. It also demanded a shorter curfew and a guarantee against plundering during the searches.

VESSEL BEARING 2,000 SIGHTED OFF HAIFA; RUMORED VISALESS JEWS WILL BE TURNED BACK

HAIFA, July 31. (JTA) -- The refugee ship "Yagour," which is reported to have more than 2,000 displaced Jews aboard, was sighted tonight proceeding toward Haifa.

The vessel, which is named after a Jewish settlement which was badly damaged during a search for arms by British troops last month, is the third to enter Palestinian waters this week. It brings to over 5,000 the total number of visaless Jews to arrive since Monday.

It was reported today that the authorities here are considering returning the 570 Jewish refugees who arrived yesterday aboard the "Hayahal Haiyri" to Antwerp, their port of embarkation.

It is also reported that the government may soon reverse its policy of accepting visaless immigrants and deducting them from the regular monthly certificate allotments.

The 2,700 "illegal" immigrants who arrived here on Monday aboard the S.S. Haganah are now quartered on ships lying in Haifa harbor.

JERUSALEM JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROTESTS BEATINGS OF JEWISH CURFEW VIOLATORS

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- Charges that Jewish curfew violators in this city are being bullied, beaten and tortured were today made by the Jerusalem Jewish Community Council. The Council called upon the government to stop such practices which it said involved all sections of the Jewish population including the aged and even children of five and six.

The Palestine Post yesterday quoted the sworn statement of a Jew formerly detained at the Talbich barracks, who charged that Jewish curfew violators were separated from the Arabs and denied food and water for long periods. The affidavit declared that a group of 200 Jews were segregated from the Arabs and taken to another room where they were beaten by soldiers with fists, clubs and rifle butts, while other troops stood guard with tommyguns, because they had requested food.

Later, they were herded into a cellar which was used as a collective cell and were permitted to lie on the floor but were required to spring to attention whenever a guard entered the cellar. At other times, the newspaper declared, Jews were beaten by a group of soldiers some of whom threatened them with guns while they shouted anti-Jewish insults. Many of these incidents occurred in the presence of responsible officers and non-commissioned officers, the Post reported.

Earlier, the newspaper Mishmar published the statement of 20 elderly Jews who were arrested and beaten severely. It also told of the arrest of all the residents in one house because a soldier alleged that he had seen one man on the roof. It was reported that many Jews have been arrested for leaving their homes to go to out-houses in the rear of the buildings.

As part of their continuing requisition of Jewish buildings in Jerusalem for "security reasons," the authorities today ordered all occupants of a large building facing the Russian Compound to evacuate it immediately. The order will liquidate many Jewish shops and severely handicap many Jewish lawyers who have offices there. Last week, 50 Jewish shops opposite police headquarters were taken over.

The Anglo-Palestine Bank has been informed that its building here will be requisitioned. The structure contains the most modern bank furnishings and has special safes and concrete chambers for the safe-keeping of valuables.

It is learned that even private homes in the neighborhood of senior British officials or military commanders have been ordered evacuated.

U.N. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE EXPECTED TO CONSIDER TRANSJORDAN APPLICATION NEXT WEEK

NEW YORK, July 31. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council's membership committee today began consideration of applications for membership received from Albania, the Mongolian People's Republic, Afghanistan and Transjordan. Applications will be taken up in the order in which they were received.

A U.N. spokesman said that since Transjordan's application was received last, it was not expected that its application will be taken up before some time next week. Transjordan's application was made in a letter dated June 26 from Minister of Foreign Affairs Shurayki.

DRAFT TREATIES WITH FORMER ENEMY COUNTRIES PROVIDE GUARANTEES OF HUMAN RIGHTS

PARIS, July 31. (JTA) -- The texts of the peace treaties with Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary and Rumania, which were made public here last night by the Big Four powers, contain two identical articles calling for guarantees of human rights and equal treatment for all citizens.

The draft treaties, however, do not contain enforcement provisions if the former enemy signatory nations do not adhere to the provisions of the two articles. The guarantees are contained in Articles III and IV of the treaties with the three Eastern European countries and in Articles VI and VII of the treaty with Finland. The text of the articles follow (for Rumania read Bulgaria or Finland or Hungary):

"Rumania shall take all measures necessary to secure to all persons under Rumanian jurisdiction, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, the enjoyment of human rights and the fundamental freedoms including freedom of expression, of press and publication, of religious worship, of political opinion and public meeting."

"Rumania, which in accordance with the Armistice Agreement, has taken measures to set free, irrespective of citizenship and nationality, all persons held in confinement on account of their activities in favor of the United Nations or because of their sympathies with the United Nations, or because of their racial origin, and to repeal discriminatory legislation and restrictions imposed thereunder, undertakes to complete these measures and in future not to take any measures or enact any laws which would be incompatible with the objects and purposes mentioned in this article."

Rehabilitation Law for Hungarian Jews Ready for Submission to Cabinet

BUDAPEST, July 31. (JTA) -- The government's proposed Jewish rehabilitation bill is ready to be submitted to the Hungarian cabinet council and the parliament, it is reported today by the Budapest press.

The bill provides that the property of all Jews who died heirless and which is acquired by the government between June 26, 1941 and December 31, 1950 shall be turned over to the Jewish Rehabilitation Fund to be administered jointly by the government and a special committee. Three-fourths of the committee members will be chosen by Jewish community representatives while the remaining quarter will be appointed by the Premier. The bill also provides for reduced inheritance taxes on the estates of victims of the Nazis or their relatives.

Declaring that racial and religious discrimination is a "foreign barbarism," the bill pays homage to the suffering of the Jews and tribute to those Hungarians who risked their lives to help the Jews. It promises to help destitute Jews to the greatest extent possible under the present economic condition.

CARPATHIAN JEWS IN SUDETEN TOWN ROUNDED UP FOR DEPORTATION; RELEASED FOLLOWING PROTESTS

PRAGUE, July 31. (JTA) -- Carpathian Jews in the Sudeten town of Aussig were rounded up this week for deportation to the Soviet Union, but were released following complaints by the Jewish community to the government, it was learned today.

An investigation of the incident, the second to occur within a fortnight, has been ordered by the government, which attributed the deportation order to local Slovak officials.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATING KLAN IN SEVEN STATES; PROMISES TO TAKE ACTION

WASHINGTON, July 31. (JTA) -- The Justice Department disclosed today that it was investigating the Ku Klux Klan in New York, Michigan, Tennessee, Florida, California, Mississippi and Georgia and would direct action against the organization wherever violations of Federal laws were found, it was announced here today.

Complaints of renewed Klan activities in all parts of the country have been received by the Department from individuals, labor unions, civic and other groups, it was added. New Jersey and Kentucky, both of which expressed a desire to follow New York's lead in obtaining a court order outlawing all Klan activities, are presently carrying on inquiries of their own.

\$1,500,000 SENT TO PALESTINE BY JNF IN JULY; OVER \$7,000,000 CABLED SINCE SEPTEMBER

NEW YORK, July 31. (JTA) -- One and one-half million dollars were cabled to Palestine by the American Jewish National Fund during July, it was announced today by Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the JNF.

A total of \$7,301,953 has been remitted to the JNF in Palestine since September 1, 1945, the announcement said. This represents the income from the traditional collections of the JNF and from the allocations made by the United Palestine Appeal out of the proceeds of the United Jewish Appeal campaign. In this amount is also included the sum of \$250,000 from the sale of the JNF \$2,500,000 note issue.

ECUADOREAN DELEGATION TO U.N. ASSEMBLY WILL SUPPORT JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE

QUITO, Ecuador, July 31. (JTA) -- The Ecuadorean delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, which meets at the end of September, will be instructed to support the demand for a Jewish state in Palestine, President Velasco Ibarra and Foreign Minister Jose Vicente Trujillo have informed M. Toff of the Latin American Department of the Jewish Agency.

Toff, who recently arrived in Ecuador, was received by the President and Trujillo, and the latter promised that he would ask other governments in South America to join with Ecuador in supporting Jewish aims at the U.N.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS MAKES GRANTS FOR MINORITY STUDIES; AWARDS FOUR FELLOWSHIPS

NEW YORK, July 31. (JTA) -- An initial sum of \$10,000 has been appropriated by the Commission on Community Interrelations of the American Jewish Congress to encourage and expand scientific research on group minority problems in the United States through a system of "grants-in-aid" to university students, which will enable them to develop special studies in communities in various parts of the country, it was announced here today.

It was also announced by the Congress that four recent graduates of religious seminaries had been awarded fellowships for research in contemporary Jewish problems. The four, who will work under the organization's guidance, beginning in September, are: Arthur Chiel, Jewish Institute of Religion; Joseph Goldman, Hebrew Theological Institute, Chicago; Herzl Fishman, Jewish Theological Seminary; Leonard Zion, Yeshiva University.