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WHITE HOUSE CIRCLES RESENT BRITISH PRESSURE TO STAMPEDE TRUMAN INTO PALESTINE DECISION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson today announced at a press conference that the United States Government has not yet made any formal decision on the British-proposed "federalization" plan for Palestine. At the same time, he emphasized that President Truman's recommendation for the early admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine cannot be advanced until the entire situation is more clarified.

It was reported today that White House circles resent what is considered high pressure propaganda in the British press to stampede the President into a quick decision on the plan. The tone of British news reports, implying that Mr. Truman is causing an unjustifiable delay, has struck an inharmonious note. Washington officials believe that, in view of the British record of delaying tactics and of Mr. Truman's patience, it was unreasonable to expect a Presidential reply even before Mr. Truman had had an opportunity to consult with his experts.

The majority, if not all, of the six American members of the former Anglo-American inquiry committee who will begin consultations tomorrow at the specific request of President Truman with the Cabinet Committee alternates and then with the committee itself, are opposed to the British plan, it was learned here today. They regard it as inconsistent with the recommendations of the inquiry committee, and will vigorously push this opinion. It is thought likely that Henry F. Grady will try to persuade the inquiry committee members to agree to the plan. The forecast, however, is that he will fail in this attempt.

At his press conference today, Acting Secretary Acheson was asked about a report which appeared in the press stating that President Truman had already communicated his initial dissatisfaction with the plan to the British Government. Mr. Acheson observed that he could not comment on the President's action. By his answer to numerous questions about developments of the Palestine situation, however, Mr. Acheson gave the impression that the final decision awaited President Truman's discussions with Henry F. Grady.

Secretary Acheson stated that the plan will not be published here, its essence having been given in last week's speech in the House of Commons by Herbert Morrison, substituting for Prime Minister Attlee.

One of the difficulties from the American standpoint, as emphasized by a well-informed source, is the absence of any assurance that the British would implement any proposal, even if approved by the United States, without Arab consent. It is felt that this amounts to exercise of an Arab veto and that until this issue is settled, there is little value in American agreement to any plan.

Zionist leaders have been keeping a detailed watch on Washington developments and Zionist experts have been in the city since the beginning of the week, studying the situation and subjecting the plan to careful analysis.

CURFEW LIFTED IN JERUSALEM; CHIEF SECRETARY BLAMED FOR KING DAVID HOTEL CASUALTIES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The curfew was lifted this morning in Jerusalem after having been in effect for sixteen days, following the explosion in the King David Hotel, which resulted in 91 dead, 13 missing and 47 injured.

Direct responsibility for the casualties was laid today to Palestine Chief Secretary Sir John V. Shaw in a broadcast on the "Voice of Israel," the Haganah radio station. The broadcast revealed that the manager of the King David Hotel informed the Chief Secretary of the warning received over the telephone that the building was to be dynamited, but the latter disregarded it.

"I am here to give orders to the Jews and not to receive orders from them," the Chief Secretary was quoted as having replied. The broadcast emphasized that the Jewish resistance movement has documentary proof to substantiate the charge against Sir John. It also charged the Chief Secretary with having saved himself and a few senior officers, while forbidding anyone else from leaving the offices of the Palestine Administration after he received the warning.

It was revealed here today that Gen. Evelyn Barker who issued the anti-Jewish order to the British troops instructing them to boycott all Jewish businesses in Palestine, also sent the same order to Polish troops in Palestine. At the same time, the Polish soldiers were told not to fraternize with Jewish girls.

Jews Exiled to Eritrea on Planes; Jewish Detainee Tries to Hang Himself

A group of eleven Jews who had been detained by the British authorities during recent days, were today flown to exile in Eritrea. It was officially announced today that Jacob Mori, a Jew, tried to hang himself at the Latrun concentration camp with a rope made from strips cut from his trousers. He was said to be in a serious condition.

An indication of the nervousness prevailing among British officers in Palestine was evidenced in a press release issued here today which reports that "what appears to have been an attempt on the lives of two British officers occurred last night when officers sitting in their premises in Upper Baka (Jerusalem's Arab quarter) heard dogs running towards the gardens, barking, after which several shots were fired, wounding one of the dogs."

At a press conference, military spokesmen explained this might well have been an attempt on the officers' lives, especially since one of the officers is a member of a military court. None of the military are inclined to believe that the shooting could have been the work of a common thief trying to break in, or part of a current "dog-destroying campaign."

American Consulate in Jerusalem Guarded by Special Police

Four extra policemen were guarding the premises of the United States consulate in Jerusalem today, following the bombing of the American and British legations at Beirut. Lowell G. Pinkerton, American Consul General, said he did not ask for extra protection, and that the special policemen were stationed at the insistence of the Palestine police.

A Jewish delegation today called upon Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, the Palestine High Commissioner, and appealed to him to halt evictions from the buildings which the Palestine authorities are requisitioning for military offices. The High Commissioner said that he would look into the matter.

Former Senator Gillette, president of the American League for a Free Palestine, visited the High Commissioner and discussed the Palestine situation with him.

BRITAIN WARNS PALESTINE IMMIGRATION WILL BE HALTED IF FEDERALIZATION PLAN NOT ACCEPTED

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- On the eve of President Truman's expected decision on the Palestine federalization plan offered by the British, it was indicated today in official circles that if the plan is not accepted, Jewish immigration into Palestine may be completely halted.

A spokesman for the Colonial Office pointed out that the 75,000 immigration quota for Jews which was set by the White Paper of 1939 is practically exhausted. It was also learned today that "illegal" immigration of Jews to Palestine will be one of the main questions which the British Cabinet will discuss at its meeting tomorrow.

It was reported today by Reuter that with the arrival of four refugee ships at Haifa last week and the expected arrival of a number of other vessels bearing visaless immigrants, the situation is considered here "to have reached a critical state." A statement is expected from the Colonial Office within a few days, the British news agency said.

Reuter also reported that invitations to the round-table discussions on Palestine were sent to four members of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee over the weekend. Pointing out that no invitation has yet been received by the Jewish Agency, the report said that it is believed that discussions last week between Dr. Chaim Weizmann and Colonial Secretary George Hall dealt with this matter, but that no final decision had been reached.

In a dispatch from Cyprus, Reuter stated that it is believed that a concentration camp has been prepared on the island to hold 2,000 Jews expected there today. Classifying the identity of the expected prisoners as "top secret," the authorities have refused to give any details.

3,000 JEWS PICKET BRITISH CONSULATE IN N.Y.; CHANT "KINNOH," BLOW RAM'S HORN

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Carrying denunciatory placards and singing Zionist songs, a crowd, estimated at more than 3,000, picketed the British Consulate in the downtown financial district today, demanding that Britain "open the gates of Eretz Israel to a decimated people." The picket line was led by a score of uniformed and bemedalled Jewish Legionnaires.

Cantor Mordecai Yardeni led the crowd in the chanting of the traditional Tisha B'Av "Kinnoth," the Lamentations. When the chanting was concluded, Elias Ginzburg, a leader of the Jewish Legionnaires, addressed a plea to the British authorities to transfer "the remnants of European Jewry to Palestine."

The pickets, with arms raised, took an oath, saying: "We solemnly swear that we shall not rest and will not spare ourselves until justice is done to the Jewish people." After blowing the shofar, the demonstration dispersed singing the Star Spangled Banner and Hatikvah.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT SENDS HEAVY CRUISER FROM MALTA TO HAIFA

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The British cruiser Ajax, flagship of the Mediterranean cruiser squadron, has left Malta for Haifa, the BBC announced in a broadcast today discussing the Palestine situation.

ANTI-JEWISH TERROR RENEWED IN BRATISLAVA; SIX JEWS GRAVELY INJURED IN NOVE ZAMEY

PRAGUE, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish outbreaks in Bratislava and vicinity, which started during the three-day congress of Slovak partisans, continued today, according to information from the Slovak capital. Jewish homes were again pillaged today and Jewish institutions attacked.

Six Jews are reported to have been gravely injured during excesses in Nove Zamky, a town twenty miles from Bratislava. Relief funds amounting to 300,000 crowns were stolen by alleged partisans when they pillaged the home of Rabbi M. Lebovitis in Bratislava. Money and valuables were also seized in other pillaged Jewish homes. The Jewish communal kitchen, maintained by the Joint Distribution Committee, was again attacked today following an attack yesterday during which many Jews received injuries while repelling the assailants.

Orders from the central government in Prague to restore order have been completely ignored by the Slovak authorities in Bratislava. The Slovak police sided with the attackers and released all who had been arrested late last night. The Slovak Government has issued a statement announcing the postponement of restitution of Jewish property, but has not issued any denunciation of the anti-Jewish outrages. However, the Slovak press today published articles condemning the anti-Semitic riots, which started when local inhabitants refused to salute the Russian flag during the partisan congress.

POLICE DEPARTMENT IN HUNGARIAN TOWN REORGANIZED FOLLOWING MOB LYNCHING OF JEWS

BUDAPEST, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Hungarian Minister of the Interior Laszlo Rajk today ordered a complete change of personnel in the police department of the town of Miskolc, where two Jews were lynched last week and the head of the political investigation department, also a Jew, was murdered in a subsequent disorder.

The Hungarian Government was expected to make a statement today in the parliament on the lynchings of Miskolc, which resulted in a wholesale exodus of Jews from that city. Meanwhile, members of the right-wing Smallholders Party, the largest in parliament, are demanding the resignation of Minister Rajk and of the administrator of Miskolc county, on the grounds that they are responsible for agitation which resulted in mobs resorting to lynch law.

Four of the largest parties in the country have publicly condemned the killings pointing out that the two Jews who were murdered because they were alleged to have violated price ceilings were already in the hands of the police and that individual action against them was "unnecessary."

CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS FAVORS RETURN OF WAR ORPHANS TO ORIGINAL COMMUNITY

OXFORD, England, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The first International Conference of Christians and Jews, which concluded here yesterday, went on record as being in favor of the return of displaced orphaned children to the religious community to which they originally belonged.

The conference reaffirmed the necessity of respecting all religious faiths and the freedom to practice, preach, and teach these beliefs. In a report dealing with justice, the conference stressed that special vigilance was necessary on an international scale for the protection of minorities and weaker peoples.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Jewish communities in 57 cities have raised \$43,305,119 for local capital fund developments since 1944, and have announced additional campaigns for \$20,541,431, it was reported today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

"This means that these Jewish communities will have \$63,846,550 for new Jewish buildings, major extensions, and repair," the report said. "The total is by no means complete. Large sums are being raised by other cities, and even these fifty-seven communities have had independent drives not included in Council data."

Very little of the money has been spent to date, the report emphasized. Shortage of materials, high current costs, and other obstacles indicate that building will not hit full stride until 1948, or later. Considerable funds will still be raised this year and next for building programs, even though the peak may have passed. A number of communities have found that funds already raised are proving inadequate in the light of current building costs, making supplementary campaigns necessary to carry out original plans.

#### Baltimore, Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, New York to Raise Half

Five cities, Baltimore, Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and New York, have conducted united community drives under federation auspices for a multiplicity of functions, including hospitals, aged homes, and group work facilities. They account for \$32,200,000 of the \$63,846,550.

"Without preparing blue-prints or formulating concrete building plans, the New York Federation asked the community to subscribe \$21,000,000," the report stated. "It has raised \$14,000,000 thus far and is planning to raise the balance in 1946 and 1947. Funds are to be allocated by a building fund committee in accordance with a master plan based on total community needs and developed in close consultation with experts in construction and social planning. A similar pattern is being followed by Baltimore, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh."

Almost half of the \$31,646,550 raised or projected by other communities is earmarked for hospital building. Aside from large sums to be spent on hospitals by the cities with joint campaigns, Boston, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Hartford, Los Angeles, Louisville, Miami, Minneapolis, St. Louis, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Providence, Paterson, Montreal, Kansas City and Toronto have undertaken plans for capital expenditures on hospitals.

New Jewish community centers, expansion of existing facilities, or repairs in center and "Y" buildings are being contemplated by at least 32 cities, accounting for almost 30 percent of the total raised or projected for capital purposes by the 57 reporting communities. Twenty-four of the 57 communities have capital projects for synagogues or temples, some of which are to be combined with center facilities. Ten of the communities have had or are planning capital campaigns for aged homes; six cities report building projects for social clubs or lodges. Five plan educational facilities.

#### Building Is Not Expected to Start This Year Because of High Cost

Communities report that building has not yet begun, with very few exceptions. Small sums have been spent in Elizabeth for a health club department in a "Y" (\$10,000) and in Indianapolis for remodeling a camp (\$47,000). No difficulties were encountered in securing materials; in Indianapolis, the work was undertaken before current restrictions were imposed.

On the other hand, projects in Atlanta for social clubs are being held in abeyance, after construction had started, because priorities could not be obtained. St.

Louis reports "great difficulty" in securing materials for its hospital and group work projects. An aged home for which \$75,000 had been raised obtained priorities from the Civilian Production Administration. Here again, however, production has not proceeded because of lack of materials and high current building costs.

Only one hospital is planning to begin construction in the near future. The General Rose Hospital in Denver, a local general hospital for which \$750,000 has been raised to date, obtained government authorization and priorities. Ground has been broken and building is expected to begin "in a few months." Denver also reports that the building of a new aged home is now almost complete.

None of the other 57 communities has made requests for government priorities. Building is not expected to take place for at least a year, and usually longer. In some instances this is because only part of the total sums needed have been collected; in others, because of difficulty in getting materials and high current costs.

Difficulty in obtaining a site is another obstacle. Buffalo has not been able to secure a location for its new community center, toward which \$260,000 was pledged in 1945. Savannah is another city seeking a suitable site for its \$135,000 center.

#### FIRST NATIONAL JEWISH MEDICAL CENTER IN U.S. WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The first national medical center under Jewish auspices in the United States will be established at Los Angeles, according to a decision adopted last night by more than 500 delegates attending the national convention here of the Jewish Consumptive Relief Association.

The plans discussed at the convention provide that the Los Angeles Sanatorium, operated by the J.C.R.A., is to be expanded from an institution specializing in tuberculosis patients to a medical center treating all types of disease. The budget for the medical center was set at \$7,215,000 to be raised and spent within two years.

The new center will contain a hospital equipped and staffed to diagnose and treat the various types of disease in a departmentalized set-up. In addition the center will include a medical school, a nurses school, and a research department. It will also participate in a national educational program for the promotion of good health.

#### NEW JEWISH SETTLEMENT FOR PALESTINIAN VETERANS ESTABLISHED NEAR TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Irgun Basra, a new Jewish settlement for Palestinian veterans of the British Army, was opened today on 125 acres of land near the colony of Raannana, in the vicinity of Tel Aviv.

Present at the inaugural ceremony at the settlement, established with funds raised in the United States, were Charles J. Rosenbloom, of Pittsburgh, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; Jacob Sincoff, of New York, co-treasurer of the U.J.A. drive; Henry Montor, of New York, executive vice-chairman of the U.J.A., and Harold J. Goldenberg, of Minneapolis, chairman of the national trade and industry division of the U.J.A.

The New Zionist Organization here announced today that a meeting of its world central committee will be held in Paris later this month.