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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ASKED BY U.S. TO ACCEPT TEMPORARILY 25,000 JEWISH DP'S FROM AUSTRIA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Italian Government has been asked by the United States to provide temporary shelter for 25,000 Jewish refugees now in Austria, it was learned here today. Under the proposal none of the costs would be borne by Italy.

The U.S. note suggested that the 25,000 displaced persons could be housed in former UNRRA camps at Milan and Bari, which are not occupied at present.

Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson confirmed at his press conference that the State Department had cabled such a request to Rome several days ago, but said it has not yet received any reply.

The Italian Embassy here said that they had no information concerning the U.S. note, but would institute inquiries as to what action Rome plans to take.

JEWISH AGENCY CHALLENGES RIGHT OF ARAB STATES TO NEGOTIATE ON PALESTINE SOLUTION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Jews of Palestine are prepared to sit down with the Arabs of this country to discuss a settlement of the Palestine problem, but the Jewish Agency does not recognize the right of the Arab states to negotiate a Palestine settlement, an Agency spokesman told a press conference today.

The spokesman described as "a great source of irritation" the stationing in Jerusalem of Arab troops from Transjordan, particularly in light of the fact that the Jewish Brigade has been disbanded, despite repeated appeals that it be retained. He said that the Agency has protested the use of Transjordan Frontier Force guards in the women's section of the Latrun detention camp, where many Jews are held.

The Haganah radio, "Voice of Israel," today broadcast a warning that the "third phase" of British military operations here was imminent. The first phase were the raids on the Jewish Agency on June 29 and the second the four-day occupation of Tel Aviv. More arrests and seizures can be expected, the broadcast said. A regime of "guillotines and death sentences" is in preparation in Palestine, it concluded.

Jerusalem was still jittery today as additional troops and barbed wire barricades reinforced the government's "fortress area" in the center of the city, as a precaution against attacks by underground forces in retaliation for the deportations to Cyprus and the death sentences meted out to 18 Jewish youths.

The Palestine Broadcasting System's studios were evacuated this morning for the second time in the last few days, when a telephoned warning was received that the structure would be bombed. A half-hour search by police uncovered no explosives and the staff returned to duty. The post office has had so many bomb scares in the last few days that correspondents are losing count. However, there have been at least eleven.

Lieut. Benjamin Woodworth was acquitted by a military court here on charges of killing Abraham Rosenberg in Tel Aviv on June 19. He told the tribunal today that

he shot Rosenberg because he resembled one of the kidnappers who had earlier seized three British officers in Woodworth's presence and he feared he would be attacked. Prosecution witnesses yesterday testified that Rosenberg had been shot in the back.

#### JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED; LEADERS FLYING BACK TO PALESTINE

PARIS, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The extraordinary session of the executive of the Jewish Agency, which has been in session here for three weeks, adjourned tonight.

Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, Eliahu Dobkin, Goldie Meirson and Isaac Ben Zvi are scheduled to leave tonight by air for Palestine where they will report on the deliberations here. Other executive members and Zionist leaders who have been participating in the meeting will remain in Paris for several days for private discussions and negotiations.

Dr. Moses Sneh, a member of the executive, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that execution of the 18 Jewish youths sentenced to death for their participation in an attack on the Haifa railway yards will be considered a hostile act by Jewish public opinion throughout the world.

Although the Stern Group, with which the 18 are affiliated, is not responsible to the Jewish community and the Jewish community has no responsibility for the activities of the group, "fatal consequences" may follow if the sentences are carried out, said Sneh, who was the object of a man-hunt by British authorities in Palestine during the raids on the Jewish Agency.

#### BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN NO STAND ON QUESTION OF U.N. TRUSTERSHIP FOR PALESTINE

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The British Government has not yet formulated any policy with regard to transferring the Palestine Mandate to a United Nations trusteeship or securing for itself sole trusteeship over the country, it was learned today from a very reliable source.

The JTA informant made this disclosure in commenting on a report disseminated today by an American news agency that Britain has decided to ask the U.N. Trusteeship Council to make it sole trustee for Palestine, following talks with the Arabs and Jews.

The Palestine situation has quieted down as far as London is concerned and no action by the government is expected for the next few days. Prime Minister Attlee is leaving tonight for a holiday in Wales and Colonial Secretary George Hall is also going on vacation. It is unlikely that the Cabinet meeting scheduled to be held tomorrow to discuss Palestine will take place.

#### MUFTI SAYS ZIONISTS MAY HAVE PLANTED DOCUMENTS LINKING HIM WITH NAZI WAR EFFORT

CAIRO, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A statement issued in Alexandria today on behalf of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, which appears in the local press, charges that Zionists may have planted in German official records "forged documents" linking the Mufti with German counter-intelligence.

"There is a great possibility that Zionists managed to forge these documents and put them among German official records," the statement said. "All the Mufti's activities were and will be for the sake of the Arab and Palestine cause."

"Regarding the allegation that the Mufti attended a reception given by the Arab colony in Berlin, attended also by German intelligence chiefs, that is possible and there is nothing wrong with it," the Mufti's spokesman said. "Officials of Governments usually attend such receptions."

CHIEF OF UNRRA DP OPERATIONS IN GERMANY DISMISSED; WAS UNDER FIRE EARLIER THIS YEAR

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, chief of UNRRA displaced persons operations in Germany, has been "released from duty," the British War Office announced today. The announcement said that Director-General Fiorello H. LaGuardia had informed the War Office that Morgan's services were no longer needed.

In January of this year Gen. Morgan raised a storm of criticism by a statement to a press conference that the Jews fleeing Poland were arriving in Germany in good physical conditions and with their pockets filled with money. He also declared that their movement out of Poland was organized. Following a great number of protests and demands for his dismissal, he wrote a letter to the then Director-General of UNRRA, Herbert Lehman, explaining that he had been misunderstood by the correspondents present at the press conference.

Philip Noel-Baker, British Minister of State, queried upon his return from Geneva where he headed the British delegation to the UNRRA Council meeting, whether UNRRA was taking any steps to halt the use of its facilities by refugee Jews en route to Palestine, replied: "In this matter the real solution is to remove the cause of the movement Eastward of these people." He added that "UNRRA has a responsibility for many of these people who are homeless and destitute and therefore entitled to UNRRA care."

CRACOW CARDINAL ALSO ATTRIBUTES POLISH POGROMS TO PRESENCE OF JEWS IN GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Adam Cardinal Sapieha of Cracow also attributes the recent pogroms in Poland to the fact that "many key government posts are held by Jews," the London Daily Mail reports in a dispatch from its correspondent in Poland.

In an interview with the Mail correspondent, Cardinal Sapieha said there is "a good deal of feeling against the present government" and that resentment against the Jews who are participating in the government is carried over against the Jewish population. He added that most of the Jews fleeing Poland now come from Russia and cannot speak Polish.

The correspondent also reported crossing the Polish-Czech frontier yesterday at Kladsko with a group of 721 Jews who were fleeing en route to Palestine. He found anti-Jewish tension mounting in Poland.

Vatican Promises "Consideration" of Plea Pope Score Polish Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Vatican is giving "consideration" to a request by the American Federation for Polish Jews that Pope Pius intervene with Cardinal Hlond, the Polish Primate, for condemnation by the Polish clergy of anti-Semitic outbreaks in Poland, according to a communication received by the Federation from the Apostolic Delegate in Washington, Archbishop Cicognani.

The Apostolic Delegate's message, addressed to Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the organization, declared that in response to the appeal of the Federation: "I have been requested by the Holy See to assure you that the matter concerned would be given proper consideration."

HOLD FUNERAL FOR 36 JEWS WHO DIED ON FORCED MARCH FROM BUCHENWALD CONCENTRATION CAMP

FRANKFURT, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Funeral services were scheduled to be held today for 36 Jews whose bodies were exhumed yesterday from a mass grave near Tirschenreuth where they had been buried when they died during a forced march from the Buchenwald concentration camp early in 1945. Capt. L.R. Mariels, a military government officer, announced today. Ninety-eight Nazis from the town were forced to dig up the bodies.

JEWSH PROPOSALS WILL BE CIRCULATED AMONG PEACE DELEGATIONS BEFORE PUBLICATION

PARIS, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The publication of the texts of the recommendations for inclusion of human rights provisions in the peace treaties which have been accepted by the general meeting of representatives of eleven leading Jewish organizations will be delayed for several days to permit their contents to be communicated to the delegations of the 21 nations at the Peace Conference and for the Jewish representatives to make personal contacts among the delegates, it was revealed here today.

However, it was reported that the major feature of the human rights recommendations will be the recognition that guaranteeing these basic rights must be made an international obligation rather than a strictly local or national matter. The proposals urge the placing of enforcement machinery in the hands of the United Nations.

In addition to the human rights provisions, the recommendations call for full restitution of Jewish property stolen during the pro-Nazi regimes, and for compensation where full restoration is impossible. Exemption of the assets of Jews of former enemy nationality from seizure by or forfeiture to the Allied nations is also asked.

Amendments will be offered to the drafts of the peace treaties providing for the guaranteeing of the right of free emigration, clarification of the status of the Jewish communities and the disposition of the property of Jews who died heirless.

It was learned that the views of a number of important figures at the Peace Conference were sought even before the Jewish representatives reached full agreement on their joint proposals. The importance of seeking such advice was illustrated by the attitude of the Norwegian Foreign Minister who indicated that he will support the provisions for Jewish rights but cannot support the demand to guarantee the Jews the right of kosher slaughtering, because in Norway it is forbidden by law.

A delegation of representatives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the British section of the World Jewish Congress and the Agudas Israel of Britain, headed by Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies, is expected to call on Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Hector McNeill today to enlist the support of the British delegation for the Jewish proposals. The Anglo-Jewish Association will not be represented, but will make individual representations to the British delegation shortly.

HUNGARIAN AGENTS CHARGED WITH PROVOKING RECENT ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS IN SLOVAKIA

PRAGUE, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Hungarian agents were accused today of having instigated the recent anti-Jewish outbreaks in Slovakia, according to the Prague radio. Citing an investigation conducted by the Ministry of the Interior, the broadcast said the Hungarian agents obtained the support of Hlinka Guardists in provoking the riots and used hand grenades of Hungarian make.

The public prosecutor in the city of Kosice, which was occupied by Hungary, has instituted criminal proceedings against eight Jews on charges that they sympathized with or aided the Hungarians. Among the defendants are Vidor Srulovite, who fought as a partisan under the Russians and received several decorations. Jewish circles charge that the prosecutions are discriminatory.

LASTING PEACE DEPENDS ON GUARANTEEING HUMAN RIGHTS SAYS TRUMAN IN NEW YEAR MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Lasting peace must be based on guaranteeing human rights to all persons, "without distinction of race, language or religion," President Truman said in a greeting to the Jews of the United States prepared for the Jewish New Year, which falls on Sept. 26.

The text of Mr. Truman's statement, which was released by the White House, follows:

"To all my fellow citizens of the Jewish faith I extend hearty greetings and good wishes on their New Year's Day.

"Its celebration this year comes at a time when the United States and its allies are seeking to lay the foundation of lasting peace in the world. This task cannot be completed unless all persons, without distinction of race, language or religion, are made secure in the enjoyment of their inherent human rights. To this end, the treaties of peace now being discussed bind the nations who warred against human freedom to guarantee to all their peoples freedom of opinion, freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and freedom of worship.

"These freedoms are the heritage of centuries of civilization. All of us share the responsibility for seeing that they are extended to all mankind."

LESSING ROSENWALD EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO TRUMAN FOR PROPOSAL TO ADMIT DP'S TO U.S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism, today expressed the group's "deep sense of gratitude" to President Truman for his proposal that many of the displaced persons in Europe be admitted to various countries, including the United States.

"Time after time we have urged," Rosenwald said in a letter to President Truman, "that only by approaching the problem of all displaced persons could a solution be found for displaced Jews. Your recent statement wisely recommends such a broad program of universal humanitarian concern.

"As American citizens, mindful of the way in which our national life has been enriched by the contributions of many people, we applaud your calling the nation back to its great, liberal tradition of asylum and we pledge our efforts in any way that you may find them useful to assist you in the realization of this endeavor," he added.

AUSTRALIA TO ADMIT 70,000 IMMIGRANTS YEARLY; URGE BRITAIN TO REVERSE PALESTINE POLICY

CANBERRA, Australia, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Prime Minister John Chifflery announced today that 70,000 immigrants will be admitted to Australia annually. He said he was opposed to large-scale settlement of foreigners in Australia.

An appeal to Britain to reverse its "present iniquitous policy" on Palestine was sent from Sydney today by Bishop Pilcher, chairman of the Australian Palestine Committee, Clune S. Ross of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, and E.J. Davidson, rector of St. James Church in Sydney.

Addressed to Prime Minister Attlee, Conservative leader Winston Churchill, Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lord Greenwood, the appeal said: "Our consciences are profoundly pained by the Government's Palestine policy, which is violating the Balfour Declaration, the terms of the Mandate and the pledges of Labor. The use of the Navy to hunt down the miserable remnants of the Hitler massacres are a stain on its great traditions."

UNITED NATIONS URGED TO REJECT TRANSJORDAN BID FOR MEMBERSHIP; TERMED BRITISH APPENDAGE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Describing Transjordan as an "appendage of the British Empire" which is "completely under its domination," Representative Emanuel Celler today issued the text of a letter which he has sent to Trygve Lie, secretary of the United Nations Organization, in which he urged that Transjordan's application for membership in the U.N. be rejected.

"Transjordan cannot call its soul its own," Celler wrote. "Practically all finances are supplied by the British. Transjordan is a mere puppet of Great Britain. Its vote in the United Nations Assembly would be cast only as Great Britain dictated."

RUMANIAN CHIEF RABBI APPEALS TO WORLD JEWRY FOR PRAYER BOOKS, BIBLES, TEFILLIN

PARIS, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Alexander Schafran of Rumania has issued an appeal to Jews throughout the world, especially those in the United States, to provide the Jews in Rumania with prayer books, Bibles, phylacteries, prayer shawls, mezuzoth, Hebrew and Yiddish school books and other religious and educational materials.

He issued his appeal via the Paris office of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, adding that the need for spiritual reconstruction of Rumanian Jewry was of paramount importance at present.

DEMOCRATIC YOUTH GROUP MEETING IN RUMANIA EXPRESSES SYMPATHY TO JEWS ON PALESTINE

BUCHAREST, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A resolution expressing sympathy for the Jews who are "fighting for the national and social liberation of Palestine" was adopted today by the Congress of Democratic Youth, meeting in Brasov, Transylvania. Delegates from Rumania, Russia, Greece and Yugoslavia are participating in the sessions.

At the same time delegates from Zionist and non-Zionist groups represented at the Congress voted to coordinate their activities in a newly-formed Joint Coordination Council.

JEWISH CONGRESS TO APPEAL CASE OF TWO JEWISH STOWAWAYS TO U.S. CIRCUIT COURT

BOSTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress will appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals the case of two Jewish youths from Rumania who entered this country as stowaways and have been ordered deported by the immigration authorities.

The petition to secure the release of Jehuda Rubinfeld and Chidu Davidescu was denied last week by a lower Federal court. Pointing out that the youths' present imprisonment follows upon the heels of four years in Nazi concentration camps, the Congress announced that it will attempt to secure their release on bail pending the appeal.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC BUREAU AFFILIATES WITH PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Palestine Economic Bureau, which was organized under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America to foster trade relations between the United States and Palestine, has affiliated with the Palestine Foundation Fund, it was announced today. It will now be known as the Economic Bureau of the Palestine Foundation Fund.