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NO FORMAL INVITATION SENT TO JEWISH AGENCY TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Reports that the Jewish Agency and other Jewish groups have received invitations from the British Government to attend talks here on the Palestine issue were labelled "premature" by an authoritative source, who pointed out that the decision as to which groups are to be invited rests with the Cabinet as a whole.

Reuter reported today that "no new or formal invitation has been extended to the Jewish Agency to take part in the proposed talks in London with Arab leaders" on the Palestine issue.

Official quarters were unable to reveal which organizations or individuals were considered probable recipients of invitations, pointing out that under present conditions, any decision which has been reached can be changed at the last minute.

JEWISH RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN PALESTINE ANNOUNCES MOBILIZATION TO BREAK BLOCKADE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The Haganah radio "Voice of Israel," announced today that the Jewish underground is mobilizing all its forces to break the British blockade against Jewish immigration into Palestine. The broadcast appealed to the "democratic peoples" of the world for assistance in combatting the deportation of refugees.

At the same time, the magazine "Hamaas," the organ of the Stern Group, warned that wholesale assassinations of British officials in Palestine will result if the 18 members of the group sentenced to death last week are executed. The victims will be chosen from members of the Administration, the police and Criminal Investigation Department and any armed Briton, the publication said.

The parents of the 18 doomed youths appealed today to High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham to grant them reprieves. In a memorandum submitted to the High Commissioner, the parents said that several of the youths are the only children in the family while others are the sole survivors of families which were murdered by the Nazis. A delegation of parents also called on the Histadruth central committee, which promised to appeal to Jewish leaders in America to intervene.

Tel Aviv, which had been free of the bomb scares that have been plaguing Jerusalem official offices for the last week, had its first such warning today. The Northern police station was hurriedly evacuated after a telephoned warning that it was to be blown up. Police cordoned off the building and searched it for one hour without finding any explosives.

(An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Tel Aviv received tonight in London said that "curfew panic" had broken out in the all-Jewish city, after rumors began circulating that the "third phase" of British military operations was to begin at dawn. People are reported to have stormed food shops in order to buy up provisions to tide them over a curfew period.)

U.S. AND EUROPEAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS SUBMIT JOINT DEMANDS TO PEACE CONFERENCE

PARIS, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- A solemn appeal to redress past wrongs suffered by Jews under the Nazi regime and to guarantee to 700,000 Jewish survivors in enemy countries the right to live in "dignity, security and peace" was submitted to the Peace Conference today by nine leading Jewish organizations. They joined in a memorandum proposing a series of amendments to the draft treaties with five former Nazi satellite nations.

The major proposals include provisions that human rights and fundamental freedoms be guaranteed and enforced with international protection through appropriate agencies of the United Nations. The memorandum urges that former enemy states undertake to prevent the resurgence of fascism by the enactment of legislation to outlaw advocacy of or incitement to religious or racial hatred. It suggests amending the existing treaty clauses for securing human rights to include "equality before the law," "freedom of association," "freedom of religious practice," and "equal right to gainful occupations and the right to preserve cultural entity."

The document further urges that the repeal of all legislation discriminating against any section of a population be made retroactive. It recommends the adoption of an obligation to assure to the victims of racial and religious persecution the same rights to restitution of property which are accorded to the nationals of the United Nations, and to exempt the property of these victims from reparations and other charges imposed on the nationals of former enemy countries.

The memorandum asks that measures be taken to assure that the property and claims of all Jews who died heirless and of Jewish communal bodies which were liquidated by Nazi persecution be turned over to representative Jewish bodies for the purpose of aiding in the rehabilitation, emigration and resettlement of the Jewish survivors.

The memorandum contains also addenda for the Rumanian and Hungarian treaties. These are designed to safeguard normal functioning of the traditional communal Jewish organizations and institutions, including the right to be consulted by the Government in all measures affecting the Jewish population.

They would provide for indemnity for sufferings and losses under the Nazis and the right to emigrate freely taking movable property and the equitable proceeds of the sale of non-movable belongings. A special section asks that Rumania be required to guarantee the right of citizenship to Jews in that country.

Masaryk Refuses to Introduce Jewish Amendments; Russians Reportedly Opposed

PARIS, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk, head of Czechoslovakia's delegation to the Paris Conference, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that, while he is unable to introduce the amendments to the five draft treaties which have been suggested by Jewish delegations meeting here, he is convinced that an opportunity must be given at the peace conference for a ventilation of the Jewish question. He indicated that he would do his utmost in this direction.

From an informed diplomatic source it is learned that the first Soviet reaction to the amendments put forward by the Jewish delegations was unfavorable. While the Soviet delegates, it was said, understood that protection was needed for Jewish communal life, they were still opposed to any concept of group rights being recognized in the treaties. Such group rights, the Russians argued, might be generalized and become again dangerous instruments in the hands of revisionist elements in Central and Southeastern Europe. The Soviet delegates seemed to attach great importance to the emphasis in the treaty preambles on the protection of human rights.

POLISH TERRORISTS ATTACK TRAIN CARRYING JEWISH REPATRIATES; KILL REPATRIATION LEADER

WARSAW, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- A train carrying repatriated Jews from the USSR to Poland was attacked twice by anti-Semitic bands after crossing the Polish border, it was reported here today. Three Jews were dragged from the train and killed.

The first attack was made when the train arrived at Tiraspol, the first station after the Russian frontier. Men dressed in Polish military uniforms jumped into the cars and began assaulting the Jews. Encountering resistance, they left the train dragging away with them 50-year old Joseph Lapidus, a member of the repatriation commission, whom they shot in the neighboring woods.

As the train neared Lukow, the second attack took place. This time the armed anti-Semites abducted two Jews and shot them in nearby woods. The transport of Jewish repatriates was one of the last due to arrive from the Soviet Union.

A delegation of the Jewish Central Committee visited Transportation Minister M. Rabanowski and complained to him concerning the frequent attacks on Jews in trains. The delegation also submitted to the Minister a list containing the names of numerous Jews who have been dragged from trains by terrorists and shot during recent days. The Minister assured the delegation that all possible measures are being taken to prevent such occurrences.

A delegation of Jewish representatives also visited Security Minister Gen. Radzkiewitz and received from him assurances that steps will be taken to protect Jews. Other members of the Polish Cabinet have also been appealed to by Jewish leaders to provide greater protection for Jews.

Murder of Jews Continues; Attempt to Assassinate Jewish Hero

The Jewish Central Committee is receiving reports from various parts of the country indicating that murder of Jews by organized anti-Semitic terrorist groups continues unabated. The terrorists are usually dressed either in military or in police uniforms and are well armed, the reports say. Two Jews who recently returned from Russia were found murdered on a road near Lublin after they had been dragged from a train at a neighboring station. Another Jew was found murdered near Yedlinsk, after he had already sold his house and was preparing to leave the town.

An attempt to assassinate Mark Edelman, one of the three surviving leaders of the anti-Nazi revolt in the Warsaw ghetto, was made in Lodz. He was fired upon in front of his home, for the second time within several weeks. One of the bullets struck him in the leg which, doctors say, will have to be amputated. None of the assailants was captured.

HEADS OF MISKOLC POLICE REMOVED FOR FAILURE TO CURB ANTI-JEWISH MOB; OTHERS TRANSFERRED

BUDAPEST, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The officers in charge of the police force at Miskolc, where two Jews were lynched last month, have been removed for dereliction of duty, Minister of the Interior Laszlo Rajk announced today. Several members of the police department have also been dismissed, while others have been transferred, he said.

A convention of the Reformed Free Council of the Protestant Church in Hungary has called upon the clergy to take all possible measures to combat anti-Semitism.

SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE IN ITALY OFFERS JEWISH REFUGEES ADMISSION TO RUSSIA; SOME ACCEPT

ROME, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- A Soviet military representative attached to the Allied Commission in Italy today visited a camp for displaced persons at Fasoli, near Modena, and offered the Jewish occupants an opportunity to register for emigration to the Soviet Union, promising them homes and employment. Several of the thirty Jews in the camp agreed to register.

Three representatives of the Polish Government are now touring the camps for displaced persons in Italy for the purpose of inducing Polish Jews to return to Poland. They are being received very coolly by the Jewish refugees, even though they assure them that everything will be done by the Warsaw regime to resettle the returning Jews and provide protection for them.

MCMARNEY SAYS FLEEING POLISH JEWS WILL BE ADMITTED TO U.S. ZONE AND ASSISTED

BERLIN, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- In what would appear to be a reversal of his recent statement concerning the barring of fleeing Eastern European Jews from the U.S. zone in Germany, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney today announced that he expected 2,000 Polish Jews to arrive within the next two months and that they would be admitted.

"We will give them haven, house them and feed them, as we have done in the past," he said. He stated that it was American policy to aid the refugees even though they had entered the U.S. zone illegally. He pointed out that the majority of Jews fleeing Poland are now entering American-occupied territory through Vienna, rather than Berlin.

Estimating that 100,000 Jews were still preparing to leave Poland, he said that he did not believe that the British request to several nations along the emigration route that they tighten their border controls would have much effect. "The great majority of Jews who have been selected--by whom I don't know--to board vessels at Marseilles or other ports, get there by some means," he added.

UNRRA Director-General Fiorello LaGuardia, who has been sharply critical of the Army's policy towards DP's, said here last night that he considered Jews entering the U.S. zone to be entitled to UNRRA aid until they could be resettled. He declared that he did not anticipate that any Jews would be among the Poles, Yugoslavs and other nationals of Eastern European nations whom UNRRA hopes to persuade to return home.

EMIGRATION FROM HUNGARY CONTROLLED BY ALLIED COMMISSION; FEW PERMITS ISSUED

BUDAPEST, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Persons wishing to emigrate from Hungary must secure the permission of the Allied Control Commission since, until the peace treaties are signed, the Hungarian Government has no authority over emigration, it was stated here officially today.

The announcement of policy came in reply to a query from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency as to the government's stand on emigration to Palestine or other places. The Control Commission is issuing few permits.

CZECH JEWISH COMMUNITY ORGANIZES LABOR BRIGADES TO RESTORE DEVASTATED CEMETERIES

PRAGUE, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders in Bohemia and Moravia are organizing special Jewish labor brigades to restore the devastated Jewish cemeteries in a number of towns. These brigades reset tombstones, fill craters and clean the cemetery grounds which have been neglected since the German occupation of Czechoslovakia. In many places the cemeteries cannot be restored, since their grounds have been used for public purposes.

STATE DEPARTMENT CHARGED WITH "FRUSTRATING" PRESIDENTIAL POLICY ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Bartley C. Crum, member of the former Anglo-American inquiry committee on Palestine, today charged the Near Eastern Division of the State Department with "frustrating" Presidential and Congressional policy on Palestine and said that "it would be salutary if Loy Henderson's resignation were requested." Mr. Henderson is director of the Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs in the State Department.

Crum addressed a luncheon tendered in his honor by Under-Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman, under the auspices of the American Christian Palestine Committee. He declared that the inquiry committee, while on the "Queen Elizabeth" enroute to Europe, studied secret State Department files which revealed repeated assurances to the Arabs by the Department. "For every promise made by Presidents, for every resolution by Congress, for every plank in every party platform from 1920 on," Crum said, "Our State Department in secret cables to the Arabs assured them that nothing would be done."

"The State Department thinks British policy highly realistic," Crum declared. "They were quite frank in saying that the question was not one of Jews, but of the possibility of war with a main power, namely, the Soviet Union. To that end they submitted it was vital that the British position in the Middle East be protected by us as well as them."

Fear of Arabs Turning to Russia Is Ridiculed; Shadowing Charged

Crum said that the British based their position on two points. The first is that many of the displaced Jews in Europe having fled behind the Russian lines to escape the Nazis, were probably impregnated with Communist ideas. The second reason is fear that the Arabs would turn toward the Soviet Union. He called "completely phony" the allegations regarding the displaced Jews, declaring that the Jewish community in Palestine represents a synthesis of community interest plus preservation of individual rights. He dismissed as absurd the possibility that Ibn Saud, or King Farouk, "lounging around his own night club in Cairo," would orient themselves toward Russia.

Crum charged the Palestine Government was being run along "completely fascist lines." He cited press censorship, arrest and imprisonment of Jews for harboring "dangerous thoughts," lack of court review and absence of habeas corpus. The Palestine Administration, he said, believes in the Himmler theory of collective guilt and fine.

Crum lashed out at the treatment he said the Anglo-American inquiry committee was subjected to by the British in Palestine and in Lausanne. "We were shadowed, our telephone lines tapped," he declared. "By some odd coincidence, messages from President Truman to Judge Hutcheson, chairman of our group, although addressed to him at Lausanne, were for some strange reason first delivered to the British Consul in Geneva." He said that letters were opened and, toward the end, the envelopes not even resealed.

A conflict between the Colonial Office and the Foreign Office over a solution for Palestine was manifested during the inquiry committee negotiations, Crum said. The Colonial Office wants partition which, they believe, would relieve the British of the responsibility for determining the number of Jews to be admitted to Palestine, and would make possible a treaty, similar to that with Transjordan, for military bases. The Foreign Office wants continuation of the White Paper, according to Crum.

He warned that any trusteeship plan presented by the British to the United Nations will propose elimination of the Jewish Agency, on the theory that Britain has completed her obligations to the Jews and that the Jewish National Home is "a completed thing."

GERMAN-AMERICAN PRESS IN UNITED STATES CHARGED WITH RESUMING ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

NEW YORK, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Important sections of the German-American press are back at their pre-war stand; more blatantly anti-American, anti-democratic and anti-Semitic than ever, according to a national survey conducted by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, details of which were released today by Richard E. Gutstadt, National Director of the League. The study, directed by Arnold Forster, National Director of the Legal Department for the ADL, was based on an analysis of the 150 newspapers which make up the German-language press.

Mr. Forster today urged the Federal Communications Commission to investigate the broadcasting activities of Upton Close, news commentator accused of anti-Jewish bias. "Close is a clever propagandist," Forster said. "He has shrewdly avoided the use of outright anti-Semitism in his current broadcasts. Prevented from spewing his anti-Semitism out on the airwaves, he employs a tricky device to disseminate his hatred. At the end of each broadcast, listeners are asked to write in. When they do so, they are favored with copies of his weekly hate sheet, 'Close-Ups,' published in Detroit, Michigan. The listener's name is also added to the Merwin K. Hart mailing list and he then becomes the recipient of a double-barreled load of hate."

In his report on the German-American press, Forster says: "In the pre-war period the German-American press was largely controlled by the Nazi regime in Germany and native-pro-Nazi groups. Thus it echoed the fascist ideology and supported the Nazi movement in this country. But Pearl Harbor smothered the viciously pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic line of these papers. After V-E Day, however, the German-American press resumed its attacks against the international and domestic policies of the United States, and now, scarcely a year after the defeat of Nazi Germany, Hitler's satellite press in America is linking anti-Semitism with attacks on international cooperation."

JEWISH CEMETERY DESECRATED IN NEW JERSEY; FIFTY TOMBSTONES UPSET; INVESTIGATION STARTED

NEWARK, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Police today opened an investigation into the desecration last night of the Mt. Moriah cemetery at Fairview, N.J., where fifty tombstones were turned over, stone benches toppled and gates from private burial plots taken from their hinges.

PALESTINE JEWISH MANUFACTURERS WILL SPEND \$25,000,000 IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Palestine Jewish manufacturers will spend \$25,000,000 in the United States during 1946 for machinery, equipment and raw materials, it was announced here today by Aryeh Shenkar, president of the Manufacturers Association of Palestine. In 1939 Palestine imports from the United States totalled only \$8,000,000. "Our industries in Palestine can become an important medium to develop strong industrial ties between the U.S. and other countries," said Mr. Shenkar.

DR. SAMUEL MARGOSHES AWARDED DANISH MEDAL FOR SERVICES RENDERED DURING WAR

NEW YORK, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- King Christian X of Denmark has awarded a Medal of the Order of Merit to Dr. Samuel Margoshes, columnist of the Jewish "Day" and World Jewish Congress leader, it was announced today. In his letter transmitting the Medal, Danish Consul General Hans H. Schroeder wrote that the Order was awarded in recognition of services rendered Denmark during the darkest days of the war.