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JEWISH AGENCY ISSUES STATEMENT ON ITS DELIBERATIONS; PREPARES FOR UNITED NATIONS

PARIS, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The executive of the Jewish Agency today issued a statement declaring that it will continue to seek a settlement of the Palestine problem satisfactory to all concerned, but emphasizing that "no solution can be considered unless it provides for the restoration of Jewish statehood."

The statement, which summarized the results of its four-week meeting here, revealed that the executive, in addition to intensifying its political activities in the United States, England and Palestine, has also made arrangements "for the necessary approaches to the United Nations" with regard to the Palestine issue. It stressed the fact that although Dr. Chaim Weizmann was prevented because of ill health from attending the meetings of the executive, constant contact was maintained with him throughout the meetings.

"The whole situation of the Jewish people and of Zionism was reviewed in the light of reports submitted on Palestine, European Jewry, Great Britain and the United States," the statement says. "The deliberations were conducted in the shadow of the deepening Jewish tragedy in Europe and the grim events in Palestine,

"The executive condemned the continuation of the White Paper by the Mandatory power, its recent acts against the Yishuv, and the naval and military and political blockade launched against Jews seeking a haven of refuge in their national home," the statement continues. "It considered this policy to be a flagrant violation of international obligations under the mandate, which is the sole legal and moral basis for British administration in Palestine.

"The executive reaffirmed the inalienable right of all Jews who are in need, or who desire to do so, to return to their national home. It agreed on measures to mobilize the support of the whole Jewish people for the Yishuv in its courageous stand, and made the necessary provisions for further Jewish immigration and new settlement on the land.

"Special attention was given to the position of the Jews in displaced persons camps and those fleeing from pogroms. Arrangements were made for the work of the executive, under present circumstances, in Palestine, Great Britain, the United States and continental Europe, and also for the necessary approaches to the United Nations. In view of the gravity of the situation, the date of the next Zionist Congress was advanced to the end of November."

PALESTINE "FEDERALIZATION" PLAN PRESENTED TO DOMINION REPRESENTATIVES BY BEVIN

PARIS, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The Palestine "federalization" plan was today formally presented by Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin to the heads of the British Dominion Peace Conference delegations.

Bevin met with Prime Minister William Mackenzie King of Canada, Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts of South Africa, Foreign Minister Herbert Evatt of Australia and Justice Minister H.G.R. Mason of New Zealand and discussed the Palestine situation.

AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS CONFER WITH GEN. McNARNEY ON PROBLEMS OF DISPLACED JEWS

FRANKFURT, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- A group of American Jewish leaders composed of Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Nahum Goldmann of the World Jewish Congress, Jacob Blaustein and Judge Philip Forman of the American Jewish Committee, and I. Kenen of the American Jewish Conference, arrived here today from Paris and conferred with Gen. Joseph T. McNarney on various problems concerning the displaced Jews.

The conference, which was also attended by Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, adviser on Jewish affairs to Gen. McNarney, was followed by a luncheon at which the commander of the U.S. armed forces in Europe addressed the group. He reiterated the Army's policy of providing a haven for all persecuted Jews, but refusing to accept large transports from areas where they are not being persecuted. He disclosed that he had authorized Gen. Mark Clark, U.S. commander in Austria, to ship 19,000 Jewish "infiltrators" into the American zone of Germany, as well as permitting the entrance of 1,900 Jews from Berlin.

He pointed out that despite shortages of food and housing, the Army was providing the Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe with a food ration which had a higher caloric content than that granted to any other group in Germany. The Army is providing shelter although the lack of sufficient housing may force lower standards than the Army desires to give the Jews, he added.

Asserting that the Army welcomes the assistance by UNRRA and the voluntary relief agencies, Gen. McNarney revealed that he was planning a program which would permit the voluntary agencies wider responsibility in the entire DP program. He particularly praised the activities of the Joint Distribution Committee and the local offices of the Jewish Agency.

He declared that he was impressed with the growing sense of responsibility and self-discipline which the displaced persons were demonstrating, and said that he was planning to grant them a greater amount of self-administration in the camps. Not only is such a move inherent in the democratic concept, the General stated, but it is vital in restoring human dignity and self-respect to the displaced Jews.

Replying, Dr. Wise thanked the Army for liberating the Jewish people of Europe and for caring for them, despite many difficulties. "The fact that these 'persecutees' seek out the areas governed by the American forces is testimony to the high record of benevolence and justice of the Army," he declared, adding that "this goes beyond the physical care. Its spirit is the symbol of democracy and freedom."

CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS STILL ARRESTING SUB-CARPATHIAN JEWS FOR DEPORTATION TO RUSSIA

PRAGUE, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Local officials in the town of Podmokly this week arrested sub-Carpathian Jews for deportation to the Soviet Union, despite orders from Prague that the Carpathian Jews were to be permitted to reside in Czechoslovakia for the time being.

Information reaching here today says that registration of all sub-Carpathian Jews, who originally resided in what is now Soviet territory, has been ordered in Podmokly. The Council of Jewish Communities in Bohemia and Moravia has protested to officials here and the Ministry of the Interior has promised to take action.

The local office of the Jewish Agency today protested a broadcast on the Prague radio which referred to the Haganah as "fascists." It submitted a note to the Foreign and Information Ministries and to the broadcasting officials.

BRITISH TRANSPORT LEAVES FOR CYPRUS CARRYING 750 DEPORTEES FOLLOWING BOMB WARNING

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The British transport Empire Heywood, which has been under repair here since last Sunday when an explosion in its hold blew a hole in the vessel's side, hurriedly sailed from Haifa last night with 750 Jewish deportees after an anonymous telephone call warned the port manager that the ship would be blown up.

The vessel is expected to cruise in the Mediterranean for several days before proceeding to Cyprus, as sufficient camp facilities are not ready.

Meanwhile, the Empire Rival, the Heywood's sister ship on the Cyprus shuttle run, is reported to be settling by the stern, but naval experts say that it is not expected that the ship will sink. Both the Heywood and the Rival were sabotaged by the Haganah, a "Voice of Israel" broadcast said yesterday.

ACHESON DENIES THAT STATE DEPT. OFFICIALS FRUSTRATED PRESIDENTIAL POLICY ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson today denied charges by Bartley C. Crum, member of the former Anglo-American inquiry committee, that "middle level" State Department officials have frustrated Presidential policy on Palestine. He said that if there is any fault in this matter, which he does not believe, the criticism should be directed against him.

Asked at a press conference about the charges, Mr. Acheson said that all the officials concerned work under his direct and immediate guidance. He very much regretted, he said, that Crum should have levelled the charges at officials under him and not at him.

Declaring that the Department had no statement to make, Acheson said that he wished to comment on part of the charges, but did not desire to be drawn into a discussion with Mr. Crum on the whole gaunt. He restricted himself, Acheson declared, to Crum's assertion that the policy of the President is being frustrated.

He said that for one year it has been his responsibility to see that the Department of State carries out all the wishes of the President and the Secretary of State. If the State Department does not do this, he continued, the fault is his, and he is not fit to continue in office.

He emphasized that in the matter of Palestine all the officials concerned work under his immediate direction and that he has carried to them all the instructions of the President and Secretary of State, and that they have loyally executed the orders which he gave them.

JEWISH DP LEADERS DENY ANY CONNECTION WITH ANTI-BRITISH PLACARDS IN MUNICH

MUNICH, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Jewish DP leaders today disavowed any connection with the persons who placed anti-British placards on several buildings here, including U.S. military headquarters. However, they said that they would take all possible steps to prevent recurrence of the incident.

The leaders asserted that their attitude should not be interpreted as favoring British policy in Palestine, but they felt it was unfair to drag Americans into the picture and cause them embarrassment. Furthermore, it was stressed, they have more important problems to consider and they feared that similar incidents would only lead to unnecessary friction between the DP's and the military authorities.

GOLDIE MEIRSON BEING CONSIDERED FOR POST OF JEWISH AGENCY POLITICAL CHIEF

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Goldie Meirson, American-born labor leader, is being considered for the post of chief of the political department of the Jewish Agency to replace Moshe Shertok, who is being held in Latrun prison, it was learned today. If elected, she would be the first woman to occupy the position.

A special session of the Small Zionist Actions Committee, which has been called for Tuesday to hear reports on the Paris meeting of the Jewish Agency executive, is expected to discuss appointment of a person to head the Agency's political section until a new executive is elected at the Zionist Congress scheduled to be held in November. It is understood that the Actions Committee will consider, as an alternative to naming Mrs. Meirson, the naming of a three-man secretariat to head the department.

Eliahu Dobkin, immigration chief of the Agency, who returned this week from Paris, denied last night that there were differences of opinion on basic policy among members of the executive.

At the same time, Avi Lurie, the representative of the Hashomer Hazair on the executive committee of the Jewish National Council, sent a letter to Council President Isaac Ben Zvi informing him that he will refuse to participate in further sessions of the executive because of the Council's failure to implement its decision to launch a policy of non-cooperation with the government.

Dobkin said that the Jewish Agency meeting was aware of the vital and critical decisions facing the Zionist movement, and despite the worsening of Anglo-Jewish relations and the rising tension in Palestine, it conducted negotiations with the British Government in an attempt to find a way out of the present deadlock.

He added that it was not possible yet to foretell the outcome of the negotiations or whether the Agency will be able to participate in the forthcoming London talks.

JEWISH VETERANS DEMONSTRATE IN STREETS OF TEL AVIV AGAINST BRITISH POLICY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Jewish veterans marched through the streets of Tel Aviv today in a demonstration demanding a "free Jewish Palestine." The marchers, who were dressed in the uniforms of all branches of the British armed forces, carried colorful placards and transparencies.

The parade climaxed a day-long conference here to protest British policy and demand the admission of the surviving Jews of Europe. A resolution adopted appealed to all veterans throughout the world to help and the "oppression of the Jewish people" and to protest the barring of Palestine to refugee Jews.

Speakers declared that if the government continues its present policy, the veterans will be the first to "counter-attack." The meeting hailed a cable from the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, which expressed solidarity with the Palestine Jewish community.

SCANDINAVIAN JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE HITS PALESTINE TERROR, BUT BACKS JEWISH STATE

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The Scandinavian Jewish Youth Congress concluded here last night after adopting a resolution condemning terrorism in Palestine, but supporting the "heroic struggle of the Palestine Jews for freedom." It asked the immediate admission of 100,000 immigrants and the establishment of a Jewish State by peaceful means.

U.S. ZIONIST LEADER REFUSED TRANSIT VISA BY LEBANON; AMERICA. CONSUL INTERVENING

PARIS, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Chaim Greenberg, American Zionist labor leader, has been refused a transit visa by the Lebanese Government, it was learned today. The American Consulate in Paris is intervening in the matter.

Greenberg has been in Paris for several weeks attending the meetings of the Jewish Agency executive. Prior to applying to Lebanon for a transit vise he encountered difficulties in obtaining a visa to enter Palestine, but at the intervention of Alfred Duff-Cooper, British Ambassador to France, the visa was granted.

Meanwhile, the Agency office here said that it was decided that David Ben Gurion and Moses Sneh should remain in Paris for the time being.

RABBI PLEADS FOR CLEMENCY FOR 18 CONDEMNED YOUTHS IN COLONIAL OFFICE INTERVIEW

LONDON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Clemency for the 18 Jewish youths sentenced to death by a military court last week on charges of making a terrorist attack against the Haifa railway yards in June was urged by Tel Aviv's chief rabbi-elect, J.L. Unterman, today when he was received by Sir George Gater of the Colonial Office.

Gater, who spent 25 minutes with Unterman, promised to forward the appeal immediately to Colonial Secretary Hall who is on vacation. Rabbi Unterman said after the interview he hoped that "reason would prevail."

ANTI-ZIONIST CRUSADE OF BRITISH PRESS ENCOURAGES ANTI-SEMITISM, ZIONISTS CHARGE

LONDON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The anti-Zionist crusade of most sections of the British press is encouraging anti-Semitism in Britain "directly and indirectly" the British Zionist Federation charged today in its official organ, the Zionist Review.

The publication also stressed that the "biased attitude of the British Broadcasting Company and the bulk of the British press is one of the greatest difficulties facing the Zionist movement in Britain today."

The New Statesman and Nation in an editorial today sharply criticized Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin's policies in Palestine. Recalling Bevin's statement at Bournemouth recently that the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine would require an extra division of troops in the country, the magazine points out that there are now five fully-manned divisions, 15,000 policemen, Transjordan Frontier Forces and R.A.F. and naval units in Palestine whose job is to check a few thousand terrorists and hold down 600,000 citizens.

The article added that it has taken Bevin a year to realize that President Truman could not be induced to back a policy which was opposed by even the most moderate Zionists. Last August, the publication added, partition could have been carried out even with half of the present British forces in Palestine, but now "federalization," even if it were accepted by the Arabs and Jews, would retain all the odious features of the present police state.

TEAR GAS BOMB THROWN AT BRITISH EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES; POLICE INVESTIGATING INCIDENT

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- A tear gas bomb was today thrown at the British Embassy here by unknown persons who escaped. A British flag with a huge swastika painted on it was hung on the roof of a house opposite the London Bank building. Here too the persons responsible were not apprehended. The police are investigating the incident.

TRUMAN IS URGED TO SEND NEW YORK MAYOR TO PALESTINE AS "ONE-MAN INQUIRY COMMISSION"

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Mayor O'Dwyer today declined to make any comment on a report that the White House is considering sending him to Palestine as a one-man commission to look into the situation there and report back directly to President Truman.

The suggestion to send the New York mayor to Palestine as President Truman's emissary is reported to have come from a group of Jewish, Catholic and Protestant clergymen. It was made without his knowledge. Prior to being elected mayor, O'Dwyer was the head of President Roosevelt's War Refugee Board.

State Dept. Asked for Clear Cut Statement on Policy in Middle East

The New York Herald Tribune, which is usually friendly to the Jewish cause in Palestine, today published an editorial asking the U.S. Government to issue a clear-cut statement concerning the relationship of the Palestine issue to American economic and strategic interests in the Middle East.

"The United States has economic and strategic interests in the Middle East," the editorial says. "That is obvious in the fact of American oil concessions in Saudi Arabia, in the recent note to Russia on the Dardanelles. But those interests have never been authoritatively defined for the American public, nor have the possible bearings of the Palestine problem on these interests been discussed officially. Unofficially, it has been asserted by many observers that the threat of Arab unrest is a mere bogey, that even were a solution unfavorable to the Arab League imposed in Palestine the leaders of the league, such as Ibn Saud, would still find it to their interest to maintain friendly relations with the United States and Great Britain.

"If the Arabs inside and outside Palestine are really powerless to do harm British policy and American lack of policy in that area are inexplicable. If major strategic interests of the two powers will be jeopardized by relieving the lot of the displaced Jews of Europe the facts should be placed before the American people, officially and with whatever documentation is available. National security, whether it involves Allies, bases or petroleum, is not an ignoble objective, and can be made to appear so only when it is a cloak for other motives. The United States should not be placed in the position of appearing to follow blindly where the British Foreign Office leads, engaging, meanwhile, in sterile and intemperate attacks on its guide. It is time to stop shadow boxing over Palestine and get down to the roots of the matter."

50,000 AWARDS RECEIVED BY JEWS IN WAR; 11,000 LISTED AS DEAD, J.W.B. BOOK NOTES

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- A total of nearly 50,000 awards for valor and meritorious service was received by Jewish men and women who served in the United States armed forces during World War II, it is revealed in the fifth issue of the Jewish Welfare Board booklet, "These Are the Facts," published today. The publication also disclosed that 550,000 American Jews, or the equivalent of 37 divisions, served in the armed forces.

The total number of Jewish casualties reported to date, the J.W.B. said, is 38,338, of whom 11,000 are listed as dead. More than 80 percent of the Jews in service were in the Army, 17 percent in the Navy, two percent in the Marine Corps, and one percent in the Coast Guard, the booklet notes, adding that more than one-third of all Jewish physicians in the United States served in the armed forces.