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JEWISH AGENCY ANNOUNCES RECEIPT OF BRITISH INVITATION TO ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE

LONDON, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency today revealed that it has received an official invitation from the British Government to participate in the forthcoming round-table conference on Palestine.

The invitation was extended to the Agency ten days ago. Within twenty-four hours, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Agency, sent a letter to Colonial Secretary George Hall stating that the Agency was unable to participate in round-table negotiations on the basis of the "federalization" plan outlined by government spokesman Herbert Morrison in Parliament.

In his letter, Dr. Weizmann also advanced the following demands as prerequisites to the Jewish Agency's participation in the round-table discussions:

1. The Jewish Agency should have full freedom to designate its own delegates, including those who are at present under detention, or those who may possibly be detained.
2. The Jewish Agency executive shall, in consultation with the British Government, invite all members of the Jewish delegation to the round-table talks, it being understood that the Agency will include representatives of other important Jewish organizations.

The British Government is starting preparations tomorrow for the planned round-table conference with Jews and Arabs which is expected to start during the first ten days of September. The sessions will be held in camera, but daily communiques will be issued to the press, it was learned today.

Arabs Name Delegates to the London Parley; Doubt Outcome

A report from Cairo today said that Arab League headquarters believes that the London conference will meet between Sept. 6 and 10. An official announcement by the League listed the names of the delegates of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Transjordan and Saudi Arabia who will participate in the conference. Palestine Arabs will be represented at the conference by two delegates, the announcement added.

The London press today publishes reports from Jerusalem and Cairo quoting Arab leaders there as stating that they do not believe that the conference in London will be successful. They emphasized that the Arab delegates at the conference will oppose any division of Palestine and will insist on the halting of Jewish immigration and the proclaiming of Palestine as an independent Arab state. Should the British Government not accede to these demands, the Arabs will bring the Palestine case before the United Nations General Assembly, which is scheduled to take place in September in New York, the Arab spokesmen declared.

JEWIS IN TEL AVIV STOCKING FOOD IN EXPECTATION OF NEW MILITARY SIEGE; DEFIANCE URGED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The Jewish inhabitants here who have been stocking food for three days in hourly expectation of a new twenty-four-hour curfew, were warned today by the Haganah radio, "Voice of Israel," to prepare for a second military siege and were urged to resist curfew regulations that may be imposed.

Similar instructions were broadcast by a new secret radio station, "The Voice of Tel Aviv," which went on the air for the first time last night. The broadcast urged the Jews to defy curfew orders by appearing in the streets en masse, and in the event of new searches by the military not to divulge their identity. Exceptions were the mayor, members of the municipality and heads of vital services who might identify themselves.

Traffic on the main street of Tel Aviv was halted last night when Jewish youths threw blue-and-white banners over the wires of the city's lighting system. Crowds stopped to stare at the banners which bore the symbol of the Irgun Zvai Leumi--the outlines of Palestine and Transjordan crossed with a rifle and bayonet.

Mayor Appeals to High Commissioner for Release of "Innocents"

Mayor Israel Rokach sent an urgent appeal during the week-end to the Palestine High Commissioner urging the immediate release of Tel Aviv Jews who were seized during the four-day siege of the city and are still held at the detention camp at Rafa.

"I cannot bear the weeks-long detention of innocents," the appeal said. "If they are not going to be released, then please arrest me too."

Apparently impressed by the mayor's plea, the High Commissioner today ordered the authorities at Rafa to speed up the release of those persons against whom no incriminating evidence has been found. The order specifies that the work of screening the detainees and releasing those who are not suspected of terrorism should be conducted "even on Sundays."

Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, who is still detained at the Latrun camp, is now spending his time there preparing material for a new Hebrew grammar. Dr. Isaac Gruenbaum, another arrested member of the Jewish Agency executive, is busying himself with writing a book. David Ramez, the secretary-general of the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Labor, is writing articles on archaeological research in Palestine. The first of his articles on this subject appeared today in the Davar, largest daily newspaper in the country.

Search for Jews who Escaped from Athlit Camp Yields No Results

An intensive search conducted by military and police units in an effort to find the twenty-five Jews who escaped Thursday night from the Athlit camp has been unsuccessful so far. Considerable military traffic was observed during the week-end on all roads leading to Tel Aviv. The flight of the Jews from the camp was not discovered by the authorities until Friday.

The escaped Jews are a part of the 3,700 Jewish immigrants held at the Athlit detention camp as "illegal" immigrants. They fled the camp by digging a small tunnel under the barbed wire surrounding the camp premises.

The parents of the eighteen Jewish youths who were recently sentenced to death by a military court in Jerusalem for participating in an attack on the Haifa railway yards today submitted a plea to General Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander in Palestine, asking for commutation of the sentence. The youths are being held in Acre prison.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ASKS AGUDAH TO DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO ROUND-TABLE PARLEY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government has extended an invitation to the Agudas Israel organization here to designate its representatives to the round-table conference on Palestine which is expected to take place in London early next month, it was learned here today.

The news came as a surprise to leaders of the Jewish Agency here in view of the fact that the negotiations between the British Government and the Jewish Agency with regard to the composition of the Jewish delegation to the London parley have not yet been concluded.

HUNGARIAN JEWS PRESENT PROGRAM TO GOVERNMENT FOR CHECKING ANTI-SEMITISM

BUDAPEST, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- A proposal that the Hungarian Government undertake a nation-wide campaign against anti-Semitism which would include an educational program among the Hungarian people and the strengthening of police and military forces to prevent mass attacks upon Jews was adopted here by a national convention of Hungarian Jews and presented to Premier Ferenc Nagy.

The conference, which included representatives of both Orthodox and non-Orthodox Jews, demanded that the government set up special mobile units to be used in case of further anti-Semitic outbreaks. It also demanded that the police be instructed to act quickly and firmly to suppress anti-Semitic incidents at their earliest manifestations. Pointing out that fascism has imbued the youth with anti-Semitic teachings, the conference urged the immediate establishment of a nation-wide educational program to root out fascist influences and ideas.

The memorandum presented to Premier Nagy also asked that the Jews be returned to full-fledged citizenship, and that full restitution of their property be made, and that all unsatisfactory legislation and "half-measures" which have so far proved inadequate to restore the Jews to their full equal rights be revised. It also suggested that if the Hungarian Government is unable to protect the Jews, it consider the possibility of calling upon the Allied nations for aid.

In an interview with Jewish leaders following the conference, a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent was told that the Jewish community's chief grievances were the fact that the land restitution policy has not yet been implemented and that the Jewish Rehabilitation Law and the Jewish Fund are still in the planning stage and the government apparently fears to implement them because of possible political repercussions. They also pointed out that the perpetrators of the Kismadaras and Miskolc pogroms are still unpunished, thus strengthening anti-Semitic forces which will flourish if unchecked.

The conference also called upon the leaders of the Christian churches to take up the fight against anti-Semitism with all means at their disposal.

PALESTINE ARABS DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE IF MUFTI IS DELEGATE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The Palestine Arab Higher Committee decided tonight to accept the British Government's invitation to participate in talks in London on Palestine "providing the Palestine Arab delegation includes Haj Amin El Hussein, the Mufti of Jerusalem."

The decision, reached after a two-hour session in Jerusalem, will be communicated tomorrow to General Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner, by Jamal Hussein, vice-chairman of the committee. A memorandum, to be submitted by Jamal Hussein to Cunningham, will also emphasize that Palestine Arab participation in the talks is contingent upon the discussions being unfettered and that the talks begin with recognition of the Palestine Arabs' rejection of all forms of partition.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE OPENS SESSION TODAY; WILL DISCUSS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

MONTREAL, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Racial discrimination in migration will be discussed by the migration committee of the International Labor Office which will begin its meetings here tomorrow. Twenty-three governments, including the United States, are participating in the sessions in addition to observers from Canada, Britain, UNRRA, the United Nations and the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees.

Other questions on the committee's agenda include the exchange of views on prospects of migration, international cooperation to facilitate the resumption of organized migration and the technical problems involved in the selection of immigrants.

ARGENTINE NATIONALIST GROUP HOLDS ANTI-JEWISH DEMONSTRATION IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista today held a street demonstration here at which violently anti-Jewish slogans were shouted. The police broke up the rally.

The charge that the authorities are taking no action to apprehend and punish anti-Semitic students responsible for an attack upon Leonard Chaitlin, an intern at the local medical school's hospital, was today levelled by La Prensa, one of the capital's leading newspapers. The editorial asserts that the university authorities are aware of the identities of Chaitlin's attacks.

The paper points out that the outrage occurred at night and that it is a practice to have all doctors and medical assistants register when they enter the hospital at night. From this roster the attackers can be found, the newspaper declares.

YIDDISH NEWSPAPER RE-APPEARS IN BRAZIL AFTER FIVE YEARS OF PUBLICATION IN PORTUGUESE

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- After five years of forced publication in Portuguese, the newspaper "Yiddishe Presse" appeared today in Yiddish. The Jewish community celebrated the event.

A government decree in 1941 prohibited the publication in Brazil of all foreign-language newspapers including Yiddish. The country's three Yiddish newspapers were given the alternative of either suspending publication or converting to Portuguese and they chose the latter course.

DENVER MAYOR DENIES GERALD L.K. SMITH USE OF AUDITORIUM FOR SCHEDULED MEETING

DENVER, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Mayor Ben F. Stapleton of this city has denied Gerald L.K. Smith the use of a local auditorium for a meeting scheduled for today.

DELAY IN NATURALIZATION OF REFUGEES HAMPERS BRITISH EXPORT; SPEEDY ACTION SOUGHT

LONDON, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The expansion of some sections of British export trade has been held up by the delay in the naturalization of refugees, the Sunday Express discloses today.

It states that Guy Nailor, secretary of the Refugee Industries Committee, will present to the Home Office this week a demand in behalf of more than 500 refugees, including industrialists and key workers, that naturalization be speeded up for them. Mr. Nailor asserts that many of these refugees are reluctant to go abroad to obtain orders for goods while they are still classed as Austrians or Germans.

TEN MAJOR CITIES CONTRIBUTE \$50,000,000 TO U.J.A. DRIVE; NEW YORK RAISES \$29,000,000

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Campaigns concluded in ten leading American cities have raised approximately \$50,000,000 for the United Jewish Appeal, representing one-half of the nation-wide \$100,000,000 goal set by the U.J.A. to cope with the needs of Jews in Europe and Palestine during 1946.

Among these ten cities, New York occupies first place, having raised more than \$29,000,000. Philadelphia contributed \$5,000,000; Detroit, \$2,750,000; Cleveland, \$2,150,000; St. Louis, \$1,450,000. Baltimore, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Dallas, Kansas City and Buffalo are the other cities among the first ten.

Chicago and Boston will launch their drives for the United Jewish Appeal early in September. Chicago has set its goal at \$9,750,000 while Boston will seek \$5,425,000. During the first eight months of this year, the U.J.A. has raised more than \$72,000,000 in approximately 2,000 local community drives. About 1,500 other communities will start their U.J.A. campaigns this Fall.

JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL LEADERS MEET IN CHICAGO; DECIDE TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL COUNCIL

CHICAGO, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Creation of a National Council for the Joint Defense Appeal was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the JDA national executive committee held here last week, it was announced today. The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing latest developments in the field of defense and to adopt measures that would secure greater cooperation among leaders of welfare funds for the Joint Defense Appeal.

It was decided to hold a national JDA conference this winter. Speakers discussed domestic defense work, community service activities, the overseas program, scientific research and chapter activities of the American Jewish Committee.

Delegates from Jewish communities throughout the country hailed the establishment of the National Council as the first step in setting up a comprehensive organization that would seek out and find leadership for the Joint Defense Appeal and would aid in raising the annual JDA campaign quotas needed to finance the defense program of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League. The 1946 campaign of the Joint Defense Appeal for \$5,000,000 was reviewed.

J.D.C. ANSWERS URGENT PLEA FOR AID TO JEWS IN YUGOSLAVIA; SENDS FUNDS FOR FOOD

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- In response to a cable from Yugoslavia urging that the Joint Distribution Committee grant emergency funds lest Jewish community kitchens there be shut down and social services paralyzed, the J.D.C. today announced a special appropriation of \$25,000 for the Autcnomous Relief Committee of the Federation of Jewish Communities in that country.

J.D.C. shipments to Yugoslavia from the United States during the first seven months of this year totalled more than 400,000 pounds, including 257,000 pounds of food, 125,000 pounds of clothing and twelve tons of other supplies. These shipments were valued at more than \$125,000, it was disclosed. J.D.C. appropriations for assistance other than contributions of supplies during the same period were \$245,000.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS WILL SHIP CLOTHING TO JEWS IN DISPLACED CAMPS IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today announced that it will ship 100,000 pounds of clothing, 50,000 pounds of food, 3,000 pounds of medications and 15,000 books for Jews from Poland entering the U.S. zone of Germany.

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