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BRITAIN INTENDS TO INVITE JEWS INDEPENDENTLY OF JEWISH AGENCY TO PARLEY ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- A Foreign Office spokesman today revealed that the British Government intends to invite Jewish leaders and individuals, independently of the Jewish Agency, to the conference on Palestine which is scheduled to open here on Sept. 9.

Circles close to the Colonial Office expressed the hope that the invitations will be extended with the consent of the Jewish Agency. The differing views prevailing between the Foreign Office and the Colonial Office on this subject were emphasized by the spokesman of the former who compared the invitation to Jewish personalities with that extended by the British Government to Azzam Bey, secretary-general of the Arab League, who was invited in a personal capacity.

With regard to the demand of the Jewish Agency that some of the detained members of its executive be admitted to the conference as members of the Jewish delegation, the Foreign Office spokesman said: "Only sovereign states can choose representatives freely, but the Jewish Agency is not a sovereign state." However, he added that no official decision has as yet been reached on this request. The Colonial Office said that there was very little likelihood of the ex-Mufti being invited to the London talks.

Prospects of Palestine Talks Viewed with Increasing Pessimism

The prospects of the forthcoming conference are viewed here with increasing pessimism by competent observers. All indications point to the fact that the conference will not materialize in the form originally planned. It is believed that the parley will be reduced to hardly more than British-Arab discussions, even if the Jewish Agency decides to accept the invitation to participate.

A Jewish Agency spokesman today said that it is not likely that the executive which is meeting in Paris will reach any decision until the views of members of the Agency now in Palestine have been heard. Eliezer Kaplan and Moshe Shapiro, members of the executive, left Paris by air today for Palestine to report to Palestine members the opinions expressed by various members of the executive at the meeting yesterday.

Agency Members Question Value of Participation

It was reported here today that at the meeting of the Agency executive in Paris the question was raised as to whether any useful purpose would be served by participating in the round-table conference. A statement from the Jewish Agency is expected in two or three days. Some members of the executive will, in the meantime, return to London for talks with British officials prior to the issuance of the final decision.

(The United States does not plan to send any observers to the conference on Palestine which the British Government has arranged, it was learned at the State Department today.)

PALESTINE CENSOR SUPPRESSES WASHINGTON REPORT ON MUFTI'S COLLABORATION WITH AXIS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The Palestine censor today suppressed the news from Washington that the State Department will publish documents establishing the ex-Mufti's collaboration with the Axis. All other reports concerning the ex-Mufti were similarly suppressed today.

(In London, the Cabinet met today to decide on the request of the Palestine Arabs that the ex-Mufti be permitted to participate in the London talks on Palestine. No announcement was made as to the decision reached, but government sources indicated that the request would probably be rejected since its acceptance would provoke world-wide criticism, because of his pro-Nazi record.)

It was reported here today that a large camp for Jews intercepted en route to Palestine is now being built near Tobruk by the British administration. Charles Passman, Palestine representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, was today permitted to visit the camps at Cyprus, following the rejection yesterday of a J.D.C. offer of assistance for the Jewish internees there.

BRITISH TROOPS EXTEND OPERATIONS IN PALESTINE; RAID MORE JEWISH SETTLEMENTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- British troops in Palestine extended their raiding activities at dawn today by cutting off and entering two Jewish settlements in search of arms. The villages, Doroth and Rukhama, are in the Gaza district of southern Palestine.

A British report said that the search at Doroth uncovered one three-inch mortar, one mine detector, one telegraph key and several military training manuals. During the day one man attempted to break through the cordon established around the settlement. Troops combing the area from which he came, discovered a home-made transmitter.

The only detail of the search at Rukhama released by the authorities was that they had found a box of expended ammunition. Correspondents of the local and foreign press were not permitted to witness the operation. It is expected that the occupation will continue through tomorrow.

It was officially announced that police and troops today carried out an extensive search of the Bukharian Jewish quarter of Jerusalem. No arms were found but three persons were arrested.

A Jewish Agency spokesman today told the press that the continuous searching of agricultural settlements is causing serious losses in the most important branch of the country's economy. He estimated that the searching of 25 settlements on June 29 resulted in a loss of \$120,000, with the colony of Yagar suffering most heavily.

WOUNDED JEW ON TRIAL IN PALESTINE COURT CHANTS PSALMS; IGNORES COURT PROCEEDINGS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The trial of Menahem Alkalay, a 24-year-old Jew, charged with participating in the attack made on June 17 on the Haifa railway workshops, opened here today in a British military court. Eighteen Jewish youths were sentenced to death recently for their part in the same raid.

Alkalay, who previously was detained in a military hospital in Haifa because of severe wounds which he suffered during an exchange of fire, was brought into the courtroom on a stretcher with his legs still in plaster casts.

He made a brief statement to the court that he considered himself a prisoner of war, and asked treatment as such. Then he requested a Bible and lay on his stretcher chanting psalms, paying no attention to the proceedings and refusing to answer any questions.

AMERICAN ZIONISTS WARN BRITAIN AGAINST PARTICIPATION OF MUFTI IN TALKS ON PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- A resolution warning against the participation of the ex-Mufti in the forthcoming British talks on Palestine with Arab and Jewish leaders was adopted early this morning after an all-night closed session of the national executive of the Zionist Organization of America.

Another resolution expressed renewed confidence in the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the ZOA. "We reject the imputation conveyed in these tendentious and harmful reports that Dr. Silver and the masses of American Zionists whom he leads represent an extremist position in contrast with the allegedly 'moderate' position of the Jewish Agency executive. We also regret the equally unwarranted suggestion that he or we are motivated by anti-British sentiment," the resolution said. It was intended to serve as a clear indication that the Zionist Organization of America is in full accord with Dr. Silver's policy.

The national executive in its resolution also reaffirmed the official program of the Zionist movement calling for the "free entry of Jews into Palestine and the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth with full equality of rights and status for all its inhabitants." The resolution further stated that "this program has been adopted and ratified by the highest instances of the World Zionist movement and has been approved by the overwhelming majority of American Jewry, and that the official Zionist position has never been reversed or modified by any World Zionist Conference or Zionist Congress empowered to make valid decisions touching basic Zionist policy and principles."

The resolution on the ex-Mufti read: "The ZOA is profoundly shocked at the press reports that the British Government is agreeing to permit the participation in the projected Conference on Palestine of Haj Amin El Hussein, the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, the Nazi agent and co-instigator of the mass murder of 6,000,000 Jews. We refuse to believe that any civilized government would stoop to confer with this war criminal about either Palestine or any other subject, and we regard it as inconceivable that he could be granted a voice in the fate of the Jewish people and the future of the Jewish National Home."

JEWISH DELEGATIONS IN PARIS REPORT ON THEIR EFFORTS AT PEACE CONFERENCE

PARIS, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The delegations of eleven central Jewish organizations now in Paris in connection with the Peace Conference today issued a joint statement to the press on their efforts to protect Jewish rights. The statement reads:

"The representatives of leading Jewish organizations conferred daily with members of the various government delegations of the twenty-one countries participating in the Peace Conference with regard to the proposals submitted by them on restitution, indemnification and protection of human rights for inclusion into the drafts of the peace treaties.

"The Jewish representatives urged the governments to include provisions for the extension and implementation of fundamental freedoms and to redress the wrongs of the past in order to enable Jews from enemy countries to live in peace and security, and to preserve their religious and cultural entity. Virtually every government delegation was approached.

"A coordinating body of representatives of the major Jewish organizations was formed for continuing the negotiations. It was decided that a number of Jewish leaders remain in Paris for the duration of the Peace Conference to make efforts and bring to the attention of diplomats the urgency of the Jewish requests."

POLISH JEWS REACHING AUSTRIA WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO U.S. ZONE IN GERMANY; SOME TO ITALY

FRANKFURT, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Rabbi Philip Bernstein, advisor on Jewish affairs to U.S. military headquarters in Europe, today left for Vienna to discuss with General Mark Clark, commander of the U.S. forces in Austria, a number of problems concerning the large number of Jews currently entering the American zone in Austria from Poland. He will also discuss the question of transferring many of these Jews from Austria to the U.S. zone in Germany and to Italy.

The question of transferring 25,000 displaced Jews from Austria to Italy is now under consideration by the Italian Government. Negotiations for the admission of these Jews, to be cared for by the UNRRA, were conducted by Ficarella LaGuardia, head of the UNRRA, who is now visiting Europe. A formal request to this effect was presented by the American Ambassador in Rome to the Italian Foreign Office. The Italian cabinet will act on the request within the next few days, it was learned here today.

Leon Kubowitzki, secretary-general of the World Jewish Congress left for Munich today to study the situation of the Jews in the camps for displaced persons in Germany. While in Frankfurt, he conferred with leaders of the displaced Jews.

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR DISPLACED JEWS MAY CLOSE DUE TO LACK OF EQUIPMENT

MUNICH, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The shortage of special winterizing and repair materials, as well as other essential supplies, today threatened to force the closing of the experimental cooperative center attached to the Fehrenwald DP camp, according to Edouard Frumm, UNRRA camp director.

Known as Hochlandlager and formerly used as a Hitler youth training camp, the center is made up of three "kibbutzim" whose members hold widely varying political beliefs. It is being used chiefly as an agricultural training school and, although it is large enough to accommodate 1,000 persons, only 360 youths, between the ages of 15 and 30, comprise its present population.

The young inhabitants of the center have repaired and cleaned up the battered barracks, cultivated a huge vegetable garden and are attempting to establish a full-fledged farm on the site. They operate their own kitchens and the work is divided equally.

Frumm said that the youths are forced to live "in puddles after every rain" and lack sufficient school equipment. He said he would be forced to order the center's abandonment unless the necessary materials arrive within a few weeks, because of the approaching rainy and cold weather.

The UNRRA director said the Army was the only agency which has the necessary equipment and although it has shown a sympathetic interest in the matter, it has not yet forwarded the materials. Private relief agencies promised to obtain the school supplies, but thus far they have not done so, Frumm said. He pointed out that the closing of the center would have an adverse effect on the DP's who wish to work and who would lose their incentive to work if the center were evacuated.

Army officials would not comment, but representatives of the private agencies here said they are investigating and will do their best to help relieve the situation. They pointed out, however, that there is a serious shortage of school supplies.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA CABLES \$5,000,000 TO PALESTINE FOR LAND PURCHASES.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund of America today cabled \$5,000,000 to the J.N.F. headquarters in Jerusalem for the purchase of new land in Palestine for Jewish colonization there.

Pointing out that "this is the largest single remittance in the history of American Zionism," Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the American Jewish National Fund, said: "It is an expression of faith in the justice and the ultimate triumph of the Zionist cause. The remittance is also an encouragement to the gallant Jewish community of Palestine which is desperately fighting to save the remnants of the Jewish people in Europe through the opening of the gates of the Jewish National Home to them."

U.S. RELIEF AND HOPE FOR PALESTINE SUSTAIN MORALE OF JEWS IN EUROPE, MONITOR REPORTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- "The Jews of Europe are sustained by two factors: the moral and material support they receive from the Jews of America and the hope which hundreds of thousands of them have for eventual settlement in Palestine," Henry Montor, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, told a press conference here today following his return from abroad where he made a survey of conditions of Jewish life in Poland, Germany, Palestine and other countries.

"The frustration which grips the Jews in the centers for displaced persons is tragic indeed," Montor said, "but the problem of the Jews of Europe is not confined to 100,000 Jewish DP.'s. The problem facing the Jews of Poland has even greater urgency, because they face the danger of mass murder."

"What happens in Palestine will be of incalculable importance to the thousands of Jews who need its sanctuary," he continued. He emphasized that "the Jews in the camps are restless. They insist on coming to Palestine under any conditions. They are fully aware of the difficulties they may expect, in terms of housing and adjustment." They will constitute a fine element for Palestine. They want to work hard, he added.

"The top officers of the American Army in Germany deserve the highest commendation for the sincerity and helpfulness with which they are handling the Jewish D.P. problem," he declared. "The United States Army is providing the housing and maintenance in Germany, while UNRRA staff merely furnishes supervision. General McFarney has exhibited a statesmanship and humanity which could well be emulated by other governments, especially the British."

Despite the delays in the decision with regard to future large-scale immigration into Palestine, the displaced Jews of Germany have not been spiritually undermined or driven to despair, he reported. In the event that mass entry is not immediately possible, plans have already been made by Jewish committees at the D.P. camps, with the co-operation of the J.D.C., for extended programs of education, training and vocational guidance so that they may occupy their "waiting time" with pursuits "that will prepare them for the new life that will lift them out of their present state of hopeless suspension."

Discussing the situation in Palestine, Montor stressed the fact that notwithstanding the present difficulties, the central and paramount concern of the 625,000 Jews in Palestine is for the continuation of the reconstruction program to provide homes and opportunity for the hundreds of thousands who look to Palestine as their road to rebirth and rehabilitation.

"The representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Palestine act with a harmony and common planning in their European operations which should be deeply heartening to all American Jews. The J.D.C. is, in most instances, the only ambassador whom large Jewish communities in Europe can call upon for understanding, for guidance, for generous assistance. The Jewish Agency for Palestine, with the full aid of the J.D.C., is doing its utmost to end the uncertainty of European Jewish life through settlement in Palestine," he concluded.

FIRST GROUP OF JEWISH ORPHANS FROM OSE HOMES IN FRANCE SAILING FOR AMERICA

PARIS, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The first group of 62 Jewish orphans from OSE homes in France will sail for the United States this week, the offices of the organization here announced today.

The children, who are coming to relatives, will leave from Marseilles. Their passage was financed by the Joint Distribution Committee and the HIAS. Although none of them is over 18 years of age, most were in Nazi concentration camps and narrowly escaped being deported with their parents to death camps in Poland.

CANADA PREPARING TO OPEN IMMIGRATION OFFICES IN EUROPE FOR ADMISSION OF REFUGEES

OTTAWA, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Immigration Minister J.A. Glen today announced that Canada is preparing to open immigration offices in Europe in preparation for future immigration to this country. The statement was made during a Parliamentary debate on the immigration question.

Glen revealed that Canada has already admitted 4,000 refugees and that more would be admitted when the United Nations takes action on the refugee problem next month. However, he added that it will be necessary to exercise some discrimination, if a "selective" immigration policy is to be enforced.

PARAGUAYAN PRESIDENT PROMISES FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF EFFORTS FOR DISPLACED JEWS

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- President Gen. Higinio Morinigo today received H. Shoskes, a HIAS representative, and promised favorable consideration of immigration activities in Paraguay in behalf of displaced Jews from Europe. Later Shoskes conferred with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture and Immigration on the same subject.

CHARTER FOR A HEBREW COLLEGE IN NEW YORK SOUGHT; EXPANSION OF HERZLIAH PLANNED

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Efforts to obtain a charter for a Hebrew college in New York are being made by the Herzliah Hebrew Institute, which now comprises a teachers seminary, a high school and a preparatory school, Jacob H. Cohen, president of the board of trustees, announced at a press conference today.

Mr. Cohen stated that the institute is planning to launch a campaign to raise \$250,000 this year for an expansion program aimed at doubling its present educational facilities. The registration at the institute at present is 432.

NEW YORK MAYOR SUPPORTS CITY COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO PROBE DISCRIMINATION IN UNIVERSITIES

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Members of New York City Council were informed yesterday by Mayor William O'Dwyer that he will support a Council proposal to investigate racial and religious discrimination in graduate and professional educational institutions in New York City. Earlier, both the majority and minority leaders of the Council declared their support of a resolution empowering a Council committee to undertake the inquiry.