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ATTLEE OPENS LONDON PARLEY ON PALESTINE; SAYS JEWS AND ARABS MUST MAKE CONCESSIONS

LONDON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee, addressing the opening session of the conference on Palestine attended only by representatives of Arab states, today emphasized that no settlement of the Palestine problem is possible unless Jews and Arabs are prepared to make concessions and to take into account each others interests.

The "federalization plan" offered by the British Government remains the first item on the agenda of the conference, he told the 16 Arab delegates present, but added that the government is not committed to this proposal. Each delegation is free to forward amendments and different proposals, he declared.

The Palestine problem, he pointed out, cannot be treated in isolation, but against a wider background of world policy. "Palestine," he stated, "is a tiny country, but everything that happens in it has reactions in a far wider sphere. For a Palestine plan to ignore these reactions would be to shut its eyes to realities."

The Arabs and Britain, Attlee continued, are associated in a natural partnership. The danger for this partnership can be removed by seriously searching for a solution of the Palestine problem "to which you and we can honorably agree."

The British Prime Minister recalled that the Arab national revival would have been much slower if the Ottoman Empire had not been broken up by the British armies in World War I. He also stressed the fact that since the last round-table conference on Palestine in the St. James Palace in London in 1939, three more Arab states have received their independence. The British Government, he promised, will support the promotion of economic expansion and social progress in the Arab countries. He went out of his way to welcome Abdul Raham Azzam Bey, secretary-general of the Arab League.

Deplores Unrest in Palestine; Says It Cannot Be Permitted to Continue

Deploping the disturbances in Palestine, Attlee said that they can no longer be permitted to continue. He called upon all groups to attempt "to promote such settlement of the underlying issues as will establish peace and prosperity in the land." He emphasized that he is quite convinced that a solution of the Palestine problem can be found in a spirit of realism and understanding.

The Prime Minister expressed regret that the Arabs of Palestine have decided not to send representatives to the conference. He spoke for half an hour while Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin and Colonial Minister George Hall listened attentively to his address. The delegations were arranged around the table in the following order: United Kingdom, Transjordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt and Yemen.

Faris Bey el Khouri, Syrian delegate, who was selected by the Arab delegations to reply to Attlee's address, announced that he hopes to make it at tomorrow's session which will be public. Today's session, held at the Lancaster House, was also public.

JEWISH AGENCY STUDIES ATTLEE'S SPEECH; NON-AGENCY GROUPS STILL HOPEFUL ON PARTICIPATION

LONDON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Members of the executive committee of the Jewish Agency today held a meeting here to discuss the speech delivered by Prime Minister Attlee to the Arab delegations at the opening session of the conference on Palestine, which the Agency has so far declined to attend. A copy of Attlee's address was also communicated to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Agency who is now resting in a country home before a third eye operation.

No statement was issued after the meeting, but it is understood that Jewish circles feel that the government has made a mistake by going on with the conference before preliminary discussions--which were broken off a week ago--established a satisfactory basis for formal talks. A spokesman of the Jewish Agency, commenting on Attlee's speech, said: "From reading the speech one would not think such a thing as a Jewish people existed."

Harry Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel, last night met with Colonial Secretary George Hall, following the meeting held by Jewish groups in Britain, to discuss the matter of Jewish representation at the conference on Palestine. Present at the meeting were Prof. Selig Brodetsky and M. Linton of the Jewish Agency, Leonard Stein and Neville Laski of the Anglo-Jewish Association, Dr. Feldman and Barnett Janer of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and Rabbi Horovitz and Harry Goodman of the Agudas Israel.

The move by Goodman keeps the door open for future Jewish participation in the conference, but the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from reliable sources that the Jewish groups at their meeting all agreed that they would not attend the conference unless the Jewish Agency participates or consents to the participation of other organizations.

The meeting agreed to continue close consultation and exchange of views in order to avoid differences or overlapping, although each organization will maintain its independence. The non-Agency groups hope that a formula can still be found to enable the Jews to participate in the conference. These groups are especially hopeful that the British Government will smooth the way by obtaining the consent of the representatives of the Arab states to discuss the question of partition.

"Viable Jewish State" Is Agency's Demand, Goldmann Says

In view of the many conflicting reports regarding the Jewish Agency's refusal to participate in the conference on Palestine, Dr. Nahum Goldmann today told a press conference that the Agency is ready to participate at any time, if the government indicates its willingness to discuss the creation of a "viable Jewish state within an adequate area." He emphasized that this does not mean, as has been misrepresented, that the Agency insists that the government endorse partition, but it merely means that the government be prepared sincerely to discuss partition without committing itself on support of the project.

Dr. Goldmann criticized the refusal of the British Government to properly prepare for the conference by holding preliminary informal discussions with Jews and Arabs on questions of substance.

The entire British press today published articles emphasizing that the present conference may lead to some kind of a compromise which will be acceptable to both the Jews and Arabs. The Manchester Guardian points out that though the British Government still stands on its federalization plan, this plan contains within it the outlines of partition which the Jews want. If the Arab states participating in the conference will accept "something not very far short of partition," the paper believes that a solution will be reached.

2,000 JEWS QUESTIONED IN RAMATH GAN IN HUNT FOR TERRORISTS; TEL AVIV CURFEW LIFTED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 Jews were rounded up today in Ramath Gan, near Tel Aviv, in a search for terrorists who yesterday blew up the government information building in Tel Aviv and an adjoining home, killing a British officer. Fifty were held for further interrogation.

Fifty-four men were also held for interrogation in Tel Aviv after a curfew which was in effect for 15 hours was lifted. The curfew in Ramath Gan was raised several hours later. Several thousand British soldiers of the Sixth Airborne Division took part in the searches in Tel Aviv and Ramath Gan.

The mayor of Ramath Gan cooperated with the British and the townspeople offered no resistance. No weapons were found, but several boxes of illegal pamphlets and an underground printing press were discovered. Both the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council of Palestine have issued statements strongly condemning the perpetrators of the attack. Bloodhounds were used in the attempts to track down the attackers who escaped in an automobile. They were seen carrying off a wounded comrade with them.

The dead in yesterday's attack included a British security officer, Major Desmond Doran, whose wife was seriously injured and hospitalized as a result of the blast which wrecked their home. Two Arab watchmen, who tried to halt the raiders, were killed in an exchange of gunfire. A ranking Jewish officer, Kolman Cohen, was shot in the shoulder when he attempted to interfere. Another British officer was hospitalized suffering from shock. A number of persons are believed to be buried in the debris of the two buildings.

Meanwhile, it was reported here that more blasts occurred in Nathanya and other towns and cities and that a British soldier was killed near Petach Tikvah while investigating an explosion. Explosions were reported near Caesarea and Tulkarm, and two more Britons were wounded near the latter city. Three British sappers were injured while removing mines on a road near Givat Brenner and an army ambulance struck a mine north of Hedera. The ambulance turned over and the driver suffered a broken arm.

From the Jewish fishing settlement of Sdath Yam it was reported today that settlers there resisted British troops searching the area north of Hedera. Two Jewish youths were bayoneted by the British during the melee. They were removed under guard to a military hospital in Haifa. At Zikhron Yaakov, another settlement in the area, four Jewish women were arrested for refusing to identify themselves to police and soldiers.

JEWISH PROTEST RESULTS IN TRANSFER OF POLISH TROOPS FROM REHOVOTH TO ARAB AREAS

REHOVOTH, Palestine, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Following a protest by the Jewish settlers of Rehovoth and the Hebrew press of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Polish troops of Gen. Wladislaw Anders' Second Army Corps were today transferred from Rehovoth to Jaffa and other Arab centers. Polish soldiers were responsible for two murders in Rehovoth within the past few days.

The funeral of Moshe Monobla, 21-year-old Jewish soldier killed by a Polish officer, was turned into a huge demonstration against the anti-Semitic behavior of Polish soldiers at Rehovoth. Participants carried banners reading: "Free Palestine from Anders' troops."

ALLIED COUNCIL IN AUSTRIA ENDORSES GOVERNMENT BILL FOR RETURN OF "ARYANIZED" PROPERTY

VIENNA, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- A legal basis for the return of about 4,000 "Aryanized" properties in Austria has been established by the publication today of the country's first restitution law. The Allied Council has permitted the Austrian bill to become law by refraining from protest during the legally established 31-day period.

The new law, according to officials, is the first step in the general process of restitution of Jewish property which was seized by the Nazis. Through this law, property which the Nazis stole from the Jews will be returned to the proper owners. Under existing provisions, only properties which were under the administration of the State or provincial governments would be restored.

At the same time, a decree goes into effect which requires the registration of all properties or objects of value of any sort which were taken by force on a quasi-legal basis since the "Anschluss" in 1938. A law governing the restitution of such properties will be considered by the parliament in October.

That means that all anti-fascists and Jews will have to wait for more than 18 months after liberation for the establishment of a legal basis for the restitution of property. For one group, the chances of restitution are not too favorable. In the last few days, Captains Dewashin and Dimitieff have demanded, in the name of the Russian occupation forces, the immediate surrender of 28 buildings in the Russian section of Vienna which belonged to Polish Jews and which were seized by the Nazis without compensation.

They were transferred by the Germans to the German Reich Railways Direction in 1943-44 for 2,000,000 marks. The owners in nearly every instance died in concentration camps but there are legal heirs. The Austrian Railways Direction, as the present administrator of the buildings, has protested that they are not German properties but houses which were seized from the Jewish owners by force.

The Russians stated that nevertheless they had been German property under Adolf Hitler and that therefore they are are Russian property, in accord with the Potsdam agreement. The Jews were advised to bring their claims to the Russian state. The buildings have already been transferred to the Russians and rents are being paid to them. The Soviet authorities are demanding, however, the immediate transfer of the remaining properties.

ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA CAUSING CONCERN TO JEWS IN RUMANIA; LEADERS SEEK AID

BUCHAREST, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- A Jewish delegation today called upon the Minister of Interior here and asked for strict measures to suppress growing anti-Jewish propaganda in the country which is causing anxiety to the Jews of Rumania.

The delegation reported that a number of recent anti-Jewish incidents point to the fact that reactionary elements are stimulating anti-Jewish activities in various parts of the country. In one town, it reported, a rumor was spread that the Jews pillaged and desecrated a local church which was soiled by unknown vandals. In the town of Tulcea, clashes broke out when Jewish traders there offered their wares on the market place at prices cheaper than their non-Jewish competitors. In Tarcu Ocna the local population, under the influence of anti-Semitic propagandists, refused to accept the aid of Jews who volunteered to put out a forest fire.

In presenting these facts to the Minister, the Jewish delegation urged that an investigation be launched to establish the leaders of the anti-Semitic ring of propagandists operating in the above towns. The Minister assured the delegation that he will take all necessary steps to suppress any anti-Jewish activities.

HUNGARIAN LABOR CAMP VETERANS PROTEST CHURCH REFUSALS TO PREACH AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

BUDAPEST, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The grand council of the Association of Labor Camp Veterans today held a meeting to protest the refusal of three of the city's leading churches to preach sermons against anti-Semitism.

The meeting also condemned a recent order of Interior Minister Laszlo Rajk banning the posting of placards which called for the Hungarian people to fight anti-Semitism. A resolution calling for a just and equitable peace for Hungary was sent to the Paris Peace Conference.

PHILIP AUERBACH APPOINTED NEW COMMISSIONER FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS IN BAVARIA

MUNICH, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Philip Auerbach, formerly head of the Jewish communities in the British zone, has been appointed commissioner of Jewish affairs in Bavaria, it was reported today. He succeeds Hermann Aumer, who was forced to resign last month.

The JTA learns that the original plan to incorporate the Jewish affairs office into an overall department for political "persecutees" has been abandoned because of popular opposition. The most probable solution, and the one now under consideration, is to retain two independent offices, but to place both of them under the Bavarian Ministry of the Interior. Under the present administrative set-up, the Jewish affairs office is a completely independent agency responsible only to the Minister-President.

NUREMBERG COURT SENTENCES STREICHER'S ANTI-SEMITIC EDITOR TO THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT

FRANKFURT, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Hans Winkler, former editor of Julius Streicher's anti-Jewish paper, "Der Stuermer," was sentenced today to three years in a labor camp and confiscation of half his property by a Nuremberg purge court. The court ruled that Winkler might not in the future accept a public office and also sentenced him to the loss of citizenship rights for five years.

The Jewish Community Council in Berlin today decided to exclude from its welfare scheme any Jew who testifies for the defense in purge proceedings against Nazis, or who refrains from testifying for the persecution when he is able to furnish incriminating evidence.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDS PRESERVATION OF TEREZIN GHETTO; KARLSBAD SYNAGOGUE BURNED DOWN

PRAGUE, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- A Czech Government commission decided today to recommend that parts of the ghetto of Terezin, in northern Bohemia, be preserved in their original state. Thousands of Jews passed through the Terezin ghetto on their way to Polish death camps.

The Karlsbad synagogue burned down last night, but the police have not yet determined whether the fire was set deliberately or not. Leaders of the Jewish community assume it was arson because the prayer books and prayer shawls were massed together and set ablaze.

ANTI-SEMITIC EXPRESSIONS IN DUTCH PRESS DENOUNCED BY JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Journalists Association today adopted a resolution stating that recent expressions of anti-Semitism appearing in some sections of the Dutch press are "incompatible with Dutch traditions of humanitarianism and the spirit of reconciliation." Dutch journalists guilty of these "despicable practices" were sharply condemned by the executive of the association.

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