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CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY AFTER BEVIN'S ADDRESS TO ARABS

LONDON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The conference on Palestine was indefinitely postponed after today's morning session which was taken up almost completely by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's reply to the objections advanced by the delegates of the seven Arab states to the British plan for "provincial autonomy."

It is believed that the conference may be resumed on Thursday. In the meantime, the Arabs will consider the points outlined today by Bevin and will reply to them, possibly with alternative proposals. A Reuter report said that the conference "is most likely to close next week," if no delegation of Palestine Arabs comes to London to attend the parley. However, it emphasized that there was "a fifty-fifty chance" that the Palestine Arabs might send a delegation to the conference.

At today's session Bevin emphasized that the Palestine problem should be approached from a world aspect rather than from a national aspect. He declared that the British consider the "provincial autonomy" plan a workable solution, but added that the government is prepared to discuss modifications and to consider counter-proposals. He concluded by indicating that there cannot be any solution of the Palestine problem without taking into account the presence of Jews in Palestine.

Jewish Agency Leaders Leave for Paris to Confer with Ben Gurion

Three leaders of the Jewish Agency left by air today for Paris to confer with David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive, on further developments in connection with the British invitation to attend the conference on Palestine. The three were Prof. Selig Brodetsky, Nahum Goldmann and Berl Locker.

Bevin's remark that no solution is possible unless the presence of Jews in Palestine is taken into account was considered by Jewish circles here an encouraging sign indicating that the stage when the Jewish Agency may be able to enter the conference is not too far distant.

At the same time, these circles pointed out that this stage has not yet been reached, since the government is still formally adhering to its plan for "provincial autonomy" as the basis of the discussions.

Participation of Jewish Agency in London Parley Brought Nearer

Developments may be carried further when Brodetsky, Locker and Goldmann return tomorrow from Paris after consultations with Ben Gurion and start discussions with Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who will be unable to play his full part in the negotiations for about a week, since he is still confined in bed.

Another development bringing nearer the participation of the Jewish Agency in the London conference is the fact that the Arab delegations are expected to make their own proposals on Thursday. This could be regarded as a precedent enabling the Agency to discuss its plan without reference to the British scheme.

JEWISH AGENCY SPOKESMAN ADMITS THAT "THERE IS SOMETHING IN THE WIND" IN LONDON

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A Jewish Agency spokesman today told a press conference here that "there is something in the wind in London" in reply to a question whether the British Government has approached the Jewish Agency with new proposals for participation in the conference on Palestine. He refused to make further comments.

Negotiations between the Palestine Government and the Arab Higher Committee here for the participation of Palestine Arabs in the conference are continuing without interruption, but today Jamal Hussein, vice-chairman of the Arab Committee, after conferring with Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner, said that there was nothing to warrant a reversal of his committee's decision not to attend the conference.

Circles close to the Arab committee said that Britain has indicated readiness to make concessions as to the conditions and the form of the invitation to the Palestine Arabs. These concessions, they stated, might take the form of an invitation to the committee couched in general terms, "in contrast with the present invitation, which specifically excludes the Mufti." This, they added, did not mean that the ex-Mufti would be specifically invited, but that such an invitation would at least enable the other members of the committee to consider attending the conference.

FIRST CAMP FOR JEWISH REFUGEES REACHING PALESTINE WILL BE ERECTED AT PETACH TIKVAH

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The first camp for the temporary housing of Jewish immigrants from Europe will be erected at Petach Tikvah, a Jewish Agency spokesman today told a press conference here.

The camp, which was purchased from American Army surplus stores in France, will be split up and placed on the outskirts of several large cities. The first shipload has already been sent to Petach Tikvah and the second ship is expected soon.

The camp will consist of 2,800 tents, 350 huts, bedding, machinery, engineering equipment and other supplies. It is estimated that when all facilities are in operation as many as 30,000 refugees will be accommodated.

Palestine's citrus industry will show a profit this year for the first time since the outbreak of war, it was officially stated today. At the same time, it was announced that approximately 10,000,000 boxes of oranges and grapefruit will be exported this year, with Britain taking 6,500,000 boxes. Eire and Norway are also slated to receive large shipments.

DR. VON WEISL, ON 17TH DAY OF HUNGER-STRIKE, IS REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Wolfgang von Weisl, noted journalist and physician, who today entered the 17th day of his 28-day hunger strike, is reported to be in a serious condition. He fainted a number of times today and has vomited blood on several occasions.

POLISH HOOLIGANS ASSAULT JEWISH REFUGEES AT JEWISH DANCE IN ITALIAN DP CAMP

ROME, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Polish hooligans assaulted Jewish refugees at one of the international DP camps in Italy, it was learned here today. The attack took place when the Jews arranged a dance and refused to permit Poles to take part. The Poles threatened that their "next attack would be better organized."

CAPTAIN OF BRITISH SHIP ARRESTED FOR REFUSING TO TRANSPORT VISALESS JEWS TO CYPRUS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The captain of the Empire Heywood, one of the British ships engaged in transferring visaless Jews from vessels intercepted off Palestine to the island of Cyprus, has been arrested by the military authorities for refusing to sail his ship with Jewish deportees to Cyprus, it was revealed here today. He will face a military trial.

Military police today raided the Zichron Yakov quarter of Jerusalem and arrested fifteen Jews who were immediately sent to the Latrun detention camp where earlier, thirty-five Jewish settlers were administratively sentenced to unlimited detention.

Four more Arabs died today at the Jaffa hospital as a result of the attacks there by Jewish extremists last Friday. The number of Arabs killed in the incidents has now reached eight.

A clash between Arab shepherds and Jewish settlers at the Tel Adashim settlement, several miles south of Nazareth, today resulted in minor injuries to four Arabs and the serious wounding of one Jew. The fight broke out when Jewish settlers attempted to eject the trespassing shepherds.

Two shots were fired late last night at the police post of Sarafand El Kharab, ten miles southeast of Tel Aviv. Thinking that it was the prelude to an attack, nervous policemen replied with half an hour's gunfire. There were no casualties and no damage.

Jewish Agency Condemns Irgun Attacks on Banks and Killing of Arabs

The recent attacks in Palestine were strongly condemned today "as a form of gangsterism" by the Jewish Agency. The Agency issued a statement here saying the outrages were "the work of elements who do not accept the discipline of the organized Jewish community and who do not seem to understand that their actions recoil on the heads of the Jewish community which abominates them."

The Agency expressed sorrow that the raids took a "toll of innocent Arab lives, particularly as, even in days of strained relations, every effort has always been made by the Jews to prevent injury or suffering to people with whom they have no quarrel."

A broadcast by the Irgun Zvai Leumi over its secret radio, "Voice of Fighting Zion," contained a statement which Jewish circles here consider an apology for Friday's raids on the Jaffa and Tel Aviv banks. "Other underground movements have huge budgets, we have not," said the broadcast, "therefore, we are sometimes compelled to take measures conflicting with our conscience."

The broadcast announced that relations between the Irgun and other underground movements have entered a new phase. "Soon we will remain isolated, but in the meantime our strength will grow and we will be able to attack more often," it said. The broadcaster said that the Haganah will soon turn against the Irgun.

It was officially announced today that Robert Scott, Palestine Government Financial Secretary, has been named Acting Chief Secretary pending the arrival of H.L. Gurney, who was recently appointed to succeed Sir John Shaw. Gurney was formerly Colonial Secretary for the Gold Coast. Sir John left Palestine Friday.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES SEPTEMBER QUOTA OF 1,500 CERTIFICATES FOR JEWS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government today announced its immigration quota for this month providing 1,500 certificates for Jews and 200 for non-Jews.

JEW WHO SPENT SIX YEARS IN NAZI CAMP BECOMES BAVARIAN COMMISSIONER FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS

MUNICH, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Philip Auerbach, a German Jew who spent six years in a concentration camp, assumed office today as Commissioner of Jewish Affairs in the Bavarian Government. In his first interview, he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he was happy to meet with a cooperative spirit on the part of the United States authorities and some Germans.

Among his projects is an advisory council consisting of representatives of the Central Jewish Committee of Germany and of various agencies, who will meet regularly and advise him on matters of policy and make suggestions. He plans to ask some of the small communities to take in families from the camps for displaced persons, in order to relieve the crowded conditions there and to restore family life.

He stressed that he does not intend to separate the Jews of Poland from the Jews of Germany, since "everyone experienced common sufferings, regardless of the original country." He expects to take active steps to institute effective restitution laws. He wishes to help restore the cultural and spiritual life of the Jewish communities and to obtain a sanitarium in Bavaria for tubercular patients.

BUDAPEST ZIONIST LEADER DENIES HUNGARIAN JEWS IN PALESTINE SEEK RETURN TO HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Laszlo Nagy, secretary-general of the Zionist Federation of Hungary, today denied reports published by various Budapest newspapers that large numbers of Hungarian Jews who settled in Palestine are seeking to return to this country.

Dr. Nagy declared that anti-Zionist groups in Hungary are attempting to exploit recent unrest in Palestine and are circulating this "irresponsible and tendentious allegation." He said the number of Jews in Palestine who desire to return to Hungary is very small.

It was revealed today that a Hungarian-Palestine chamber of commerce has been founded here to re-establish trade and industrial contacts which were broken off between the two nations during the war.

The Budapest police authorities have announced that they captured a long-sought war criminal when he attended the public hanging of three of his accomplices. They were condemned for torturing patients at a Jewish hospital during the pro-Nazi Szalasi regime.

USE OF GERMAN REPARATIONS FOR REFUGEE RELIEF ORGANIZATION URGED AT U.N. COUNCIL

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The use of German reparations for the purpose of financing the work of the International Refugee Organization to be established by the United Nations as the successor of UNRRA was urged today at the U.N. Economic and Social Council which entered its third day of discussions of the problem of refugees and displaced persons.

The suggestion was made by Dr. Jan Papanek, Czechoslovakian representative, and Fausto Soto of Chile. The latter recommended that an international loan be raised against the reparations. George Warren, U.S. representative, urged the establishment of the International Refugee Organization as speedily as possible.

POLAND PROCLAIMS "MAIDANEK WEEK" TO HONOR THREE MILLION PERSONS EXTERMINATED IN CAMP

WARSAW, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- "Maidanek Week" was proclaimed here today to honor the memory of three million people of 23 nations who perished in the notorious Maidanek extermination camp. The program includes a commemoration service and the presentation of 23 barracks, which will be turned into museums, to the representatives of the countries concerned.

AMERICAN AGUDAH ENDS CONVENTION WITHOUT TAKING STAND ON PALESTINE CONFERENCE

BEIMAR, N.J., Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The sixth national convention of the Agudas Israel organization of America closed here last night without adopting any resolution on the question of participation in the Palestine conference now going on in London.

The convention, which was attended by 450 delegates from the U.S., Canada and Central America, urged unification of efforts by Zionist and non-Zionist Jewish organizations to obtain legal entry of European Jews to Palestine by appealing to all democratic countries. The delegates also approved a resolution thanking American military forces for aiding in the liberation of European Jews.

Rabbi Eliezer Silver was re-elected president of the organization.

MICHIGAN STATE U.J.A. CONFERENCE PLEDGES TO RAISE \$447,000 IN FALL CAMPAIGN

DETROIT, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A fall campaign to raise \$447,000 in the Jewish communities in Michigan was voted here last night by delegates attending the Michigan State conference of the United Jewish Appeal. This sum will be collected outside of Detroit, which has already raised \$2,800,000 this year.

The principal speaker at the conference was Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, who declared that one out of every six Jews surviving in Europe has migrated from his pre-war home within recent months.

A.J. STYBEL DIES IN NEW YORK; SPENT \$2,000,000 PROMOTING HEBREW LITERATURE

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Abraham Joseph Stybel, outstanding patron of Hebrew literature who financed the publication of more than 1,000 Hebrew books and aided many prominent Hebrew writers financially, enabling them to devote themselves to their literary work, died here today at the age of 62. His funeral will be held here tomorrow.

He was the publisher of the "Hatekufah," a Hebrew quarterly, the publication of which he started in Moscow in 1918 and transferred later to Warsaw. Following the outbreak of the war he moved to New York, where he resumed the publication of the "Hatekufah" last year. It is estimated that he spent approximately \$2,000,000 of his personal fortune promoting Hebrew literature.

Born in Poland, he studied in Yeshivahs in various Polish cities, but later entered the commercial field as a leather merchant. But his desire to see modern Hebrew literature disseminated prompted him to establish the Stybel Publishing Company, whose aim was to publish new original works by Hebrew authors and Hebrew translations of the classics.