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JEWS LIKELY TO JOIN LONDON CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE; DECISION REPORTED REACHED

LONDON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Three members of the Jewish Agency executive -- Prof. Selig Brodetsky, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Berl Locker -- were expected to return here to day from Paris with a decision they reached together with David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive, which is likely to bring the Jews into the conference on Palestine now going on here.

(Reuter reported today that "a proposal for Jewish participation in the Palestine conference has been authorized by David Ben Gurion." The report quoted a Jewish Agency spokesman in London as stating that the three members of the Jewish Agency executive who consulted Ben Gurion in Paris were authorized to approach Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and to propose to him the Agency's participation in the conference.)

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns that no actual decision on participation in the conference has been reached as yet by the Jewish Agency executive. Even the size of the Agency's delegation to the parley has not yet been decided upon. Originally the Jewish Agency intended to have a small delegation, but it seems that the delegation will now be larger, since the government invited sixteen Jewish representatives who are not affiliated with the Jewish Agency.

Meanwhile, the executive of the Agudas Israel today announced its official attitude towards the conference. The announcement said that the Agudah favors Jewish participation in the parley, but believes that its own participation would serve no purpose if all other invited Jewish organizations do not attend. As it now appears that the Jewish Agency will join the talks, the Agudah leaders hope that friendly co-operation will be maintained at the conference itself, despite different points of view held by the various Jewish groups invited to the parley.

A Colonial Office spokesman today said that prospects for Jewish participation in the conference were "better now than they had ever been." The conference, it was indicated, is not likely to resume before Friday even if Jewish delegations decide to attend.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT MAY DISBAND JEWISH MUNICIPALITIES FOR SUPPORTING NON-COOPERATION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government today indicated that it may disband the local Jewish councils and municipalities and veto their expenditures, should they decide to make any allocations towards the \$400,000 fund which the Jewish National Council of Palestine decided to raise for the purpose of bringing Jews into Palestine by all means regardless of Jewish immigration restrictions.

A letter asking clarification of its resolution setting up the fund, signed by Robert Scott, Acting Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, was received today by the Jewish National Council, while all Jewish municipalities and local councils were making preparations to hold country-wide public meetings tomorrow to vote on the raising of the fund, as the first act in the policy of non-cooperation with the government.

POLICE AND TROOPS RAID ARAB QUARTERS IN JERUSALEM IN SEARCH FOR ARMS; ARRESTS MADE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Police and troops, for the first time in many years, today raided Arab sections of the city, including the Old City which is predominantly Arab.

The raids followed a threat made yesterday by Jamal Hussein, leader of the Arab Higher Committee, in the course of an interview with the Palestine High Commissioner, when he declared that the Arabs in Palestine intend to take "direct action" against Jewish extremists.

Hussein demanded the dissolution of the Jewish Agency and other Jewish political organizations, charging them with directing the "Jewish terrorist activities." He also urged the impounding of Jewish Agency funds, the imposition of collective fines upon the Palestine Jewish community in case of attacks by the Jewish resistance movement, and "the blowing up of Jewish quarters and houses where terrorist activities occur." Hussein told the High Commissioner that the British were not suppressing terrorism in Palestine "for political reasons of their own."

Today's raid and extensive searches in the Arab sections of Jerusalem yielded no firearms, but some daggers were found. A number of Arabs were reported to have been arrested.

The British Army spent \$560,000,000 in Palestine between 1939 and 1945, it was reported here today in data released by the statistical department of the Palestine Government.

Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Agency, was today refused permission to visit Moshe Shertok, political chief of the Agency, who is interned at the Latrun camp.

TWO JEWISH BOYS WOUNDED IN JERUSALEM WHEN BRITISH SOLDIER OPENS FIRE ON PASSERS-BY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Two Jewish boys, David Mizrahi, 14, and Abraham Mizrahi, 16, were shot and wounded here last night when one of a group of British soldiers alighted from a military truck and deliberately opened fire on persons walking along the street. The shooting occurred near the Menora Ex-Servicemen's Club in the center of the city.

The official version of the incident asserts that both boys were wounded when "a soldier accidentally discharged his submachine gun." The youths were taken to a government hospital for treatment.

120 POLISH JEWS LEAVE PALESTINE FOR POLAND; PASS THROUGH ITALY ON UNRRA TRANSPORT

ROME, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The first Jewish repatriation movement in reverse--a large group of Jews returning to Poland from Palestine--passed through Italy today as part of a group of 500 Polish displaced persons traveling homeward aboard an UNRRA box-car train.

Four hundred of the refugees, including 120 Jews, arrived in Naples from Palestine earlier this week, and were joined in Rome by 70 other Poles who have also decided upon repatriation.

"We are very determined to make a go of it," a spokesman for the Jewish repatriates said. He added that the group had decided against remaining in Palestine despite the reports of widespread, anti-Semitic persecution in Poland, because the "new Poland needs strong people with strong ideals and the determination to fight for those ideals."

POLISH JEWS REPATRIATED FROM RUSSIA APPLY TO SOVIET CONSULATE FOR RE-ADMISSION

WARSAW, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- As a result of continued anti-Jewish terrorism in Poland, several hundred Polish Jews who were repatriated from the USSR have applied to the Soviet consulate in Warsaw for re-admission to Russia, it was learned here today.

The Soviet consulate has so far granted only a very limited number of visas to these applicants, the majority of whom are told that it will take several months before their applications are approved by central authorities in Moscow.

Some of the applicants, unwilling to wait several months, are trying to find their way back to Soviet territory illegally. This led to the killing of four Jews this week at the Polish-Soviet border at Przemysl by a group of armed men who first undertook to smuggle the Jews across the frontier. Other Jews in the party succeeded in escaping, after they realized that the smugglers intended to rob and kill them.

It is believed in Jewish circles here that the four Jews were not the first to be murdered by smugglers who have been luring Polish Jews to the Soviet frontier under promises to get them into Russia for a small fee. Several groups of Jews are known to have made arrangements to cross into Soviet territory and have not been heard from since they left Warsaw some time ago.

BAVARIAN OFFICIAL CHARGES ANTI-SEMITISM REVIVING IN GERMANY; SEES NO DESIRE TO ATONE

MUNICH, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The assertion that anti-Semitism is reviving in Germany was made here today by Dr. Thomas Dehler, prosecutor-general of Bavaria, in addressing a conference of the Union of Politically Persecuted Persons.

Declaring that no desire for atonement can be detected among the Germans, Dr. Dehler maintained that anyone daring to speak of German guilt toward the Jews is considered anti-national. He appealed for hospitality to the persecuted people of Eastern Europe.

Dr. Albert Stenzel, president of the League for Fighting Anti-Semitism, proposed new methods of education in schools and urged teachers and clergymen to use their influence in suppressing anti-Jewish hatred. He maintained that Jews have the right to obtain reparations not from the Allies but from German authorities.

SHIPMENT OF RELIEF SUPPLIES FROM BRITISH JEWS REACHES HUNGARIAN COMMUNITY

BUDAPEST, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The third transport of food and other relief supplies for Hungarian Jewry sent by the Chief Rabbi's Emergency Council of Britain arrived today. The 30-ton transport was accompanied by Arthur Mozes, the Council's supply and transport officer.

In addition to the Council's shipment, Mozes brought 4,300 private parcels and a quantity of clothing donated by school children in England. The supplies will be issued primarily to children under 12 and to the aged and sick. Two trucks which brought part of the shipment will remain in Hungary to be used by the Jewish Community. A truck formerly used as a mobile synagogue will be converted into an ambulance.

TRANSIT CENTER OPENED NEAR PARIS FOR JEWISH IMMIGRANTS PASSING THROUGH FRANCE

PARIS, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- A transit center for the temporary care of Jewish immigrants en route to other countries was opened at Bezons, near Paris, today by the Cojassor, a French-Jewish relief organization. The center, which can accommodate 110 persons, now holds 30 emigrants awaiting departure for South America.

AUTHORITIES IN SLOVAK CITY ASK INHABITANTS TO HELP STOP SPREAD OF ANTI-JEWISH LIES

PRAGUE, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The authorities in the Slovak city of Lucenec today called upon the inhabitants to turn over to the police all persons who are spreading false rumors concerning the Jews.

Anti-Semitic forces in Slovakia are circulating reports that Jewish doctors are inoculating non-Jewish children with poisonous serums and that other Jews are distributing poisoned cigarettes and food.

ARGENTINE JEWS HOLD RELIEF CONFERENCE FOR EUROPEAN JEWRY; RAISE \$475,000 IN 8 MONTHS

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- A national conference of the United Central Relief Committee for European Jews today adopted a decision to continue its affiliation with the World Jewish Congress. Most of the Zionist groups as well as groups which cooperate with the Joint Distribution Committee were absent from the conference, which was attended by 244 delegates.

A total of 1,907,000 pesos, approximately \$475,000, has been collected in the first eight months of 1946 for relief abroad by the organization, which is known as Comite Central Unido, it was reported by Hirsch Triwaks, secretary of the committee, at a press conference. He said that 1,373,000 pesos were spent for relief supplies sent to needy Jews in Europe and that 320,000 pesos were forwarded to the World Jewish Congress offices in New York. He added that his organization has twenty branches throughout Argentina.

Beside the Comite Central Unido, there is the Junta de Ayuda, another Jewish relief organization which transmits its funds through the Joint Distribution Committee only. The Junta maintains branches in Buenos Aires, Rosario and other cities, and is now planning intensive fund raising in Tucuman, Santa Fe and Corrientes.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILLING TO ADMIT DISPLACED JEWS INTO GUIANA, FREELAND LEAGUE REPO

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The French Government is prepared to consider the admission of Jewish refugees into French Guiana, it was reported here today by the Freeland League for Jewish Territorial Colonization.

Dr. I.N. Steinberg, secretary-general of the League, who has just returned from a five-month tour of Europe, disclosed that the French Colonial Minister, Marius Moutet, wrote him a letter two weeks ago saying he would raise the question with his government of settling "a certain number" of displaced Jews in French Guiana.

The minister explained that any decision would have to be preceded by a consultation with the local population and "a study of all the problems connected with the establishment of organized communities dedicated to agricultural work." After the investigation, he said, an offer could be made by the French Government.

Dr. Steinberg recalled that the question of Jewish colonization in British Guiana, first raised in 1939, was revived in the House of Commons two months ago when Colonial Secretary George Hall announced the government would consider the matter further if the project has the backing of "responsible Jewish authorities."

SWEDISH KING RECEIVES OFFICIAL OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS SEEKING ADMISSION OF REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress announced here today that its secretary general, Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, obtained an audience with King Gustaf of Sweden. Kubowitzki is visiting Sweden to negotiate about the admission of Jewish refugees from Poland.

JWB ARRANGES HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES FOR JEWISH SERVICEMEN AT HOME AND ABROAD

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Arrangements have been made for thousands of Jewish servicemen at home and abroad to attend Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services in camps, synagogues and ships at sea, the National Jewish Welfare Board announced here today. Cooperation has been secured from Army and Navy authorities, USO staffs, Jewish chaplains and thousands of volunteers on JWB Army and Navy committees.

In the United States, Jewish servicemen will receive leaves to go home, or to worship in communities near camps where they will be given synagogue tickets provided by JWB and will go to private homes for dinner following services. For those unable to leave camp, JWB will conduct services with civilian rabbis.

A nation-wide survey of chaplains indicates that the emphasis this year will be on providing home hospitality--particularly for the younger soldiers. JWB workers and committees will devote special care to the needs of hospitalized soldiers and men in veterans' facilities.

For the use of overseas troops, JWB has shipped all the necessary supplies for the holidays, including 95,000 calendars, 85,580 greeting cards, 57,413 High Holiday leaflets, 2,229 recordings of the services and 20 shofers. Special prayer books will be furnished to each man.

In Germany and Austria, chaplains will hold services in principal cities in American areas, including Bremen, Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Nuremberg, Munich, Salzburg and Vienna.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA OUTLINES ITS PROGRAM ON SOCIAL JUSTICE PROBLEMS

DENVER, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The newly-formed social justice commission of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America has released a statement defining its views on social questions, through its chairman, Rabbi Manuel Laderman of Denver.

The statement, signed by thirteen rabbis from communities in various parts of the United States, urged the Jewish people to respond to appeals for aid to Jews abroad and urged the government to open the doors of the U.S. to the immigration of the displaced people of Europe. It also deplored labor-management strife, defended the right of labor to organize for "greater security and a better standard of living" and urged the acceptance of the five-day work week as an aid to Sabbath-observing Jews. The statement further scored anti-Negro violence, called for the assurance of legal and human rights to Negroes and advocated fair employment practices.

PALESTINE EXPORT INCREASES, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REPORTS; U.S. IS BEST CUSTOMER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Palestine's foreign trade during the first quarter of this year shows a marked increase over the same period last year, according to figures published by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Exports, led by oranges and polished diamonds, increased some 45 percent over the first quarter of last year. Imports were 33 percent higher.

The United States was Palestine's best customer taking some \$5,850,244 worth of goods during that period. The United Kingdom bought \$5,391,100 worth of Palestinian products. Exports to European countries, especially Belgium, increased considerably. Egypt, Greece and Syria were important customers although exports to the Middle East declined generally.