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HAIFA JEWS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST DEPORTATION OF PALMACH REFUGEES; CALL TEL AVIV STRIKE

HAIFA, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Thousands of Jewish demonstrators attempted to break through barbed-wire barricades to the port area today following a protest demonstration against the imminent deportation to Cyprus of the more than 600 visaless refugees who arrived yesterday aboard the Palmach.

The demonstrators, who were led by Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Usiel and other notables, were kept outside the barricades by heavily-armed British troops who fired shots into the air. Reinforced troop units, assisted by hundreds of Bren-gun carriers and small tanks, patrolled the streets of the city and machine-gun posts were set up at strategic points. The Mt. Carmel section of Haifa, which is populated mainly by Jews, was declared out of bounds for British troops. All Jewish shops in the city closed at 8 a.m.

A one-day general strike, which will shut down all businesses and halt urban and inter-urban traffic, has been called for tomorrow in Tel Aviv to protest the "shooting of unarmed refugees seeking to reach their homeland," it was announced today.

30 Young Refugees Try To Swim Three Miles to Shore

Thirty young passengers aboard the Palmach attempted to swim to shore this morning, but were rounded up by naval launches before they had gone more than a third of the three-mile distance. They were dragged from the water and several were beaten when they attempted to put up resistance.

An official announcement this afternoon said that transfer of the visaless immigrants from the Palmach had been completed "without force being used," after the refugees had at first refused to be moved. More than 250 soldiers supervised the transfer, which was carried out by two landing craft. The Jews are now aboard the 7,000-ton British freighter Ocean Vigor, which will take them to Cyprus. About 40 sick and wounded persons have been removed to local hospitals.

The demonstration here, which was attended by 7,000, was addressed by David Ben-Avi, Jewish labor leader, who stated that "these men and women will come back here." Other speakers condemned the killing of one passenger and the wounding of several others by British marines yesterday.

The municipal council of Petach Tikvah, which was the scene of searches today, stood in silence for several minutes today in memory of the dead man, who has been identified as Yechiel Schwartz, 31. It will send a delegation to attend his funeral. However, one report said his body has already been brought ashore and secretly buried, but this could not be confirmed. Another report said that he would be buried in Cyprus.

The Haifa-Tel Aviv train was blown up about two miles outside of Hadera tonight

and several cars loaded with oil and benzine were set ablaze. There were no casualties, but traffic between the two cities has been disrupted.

It was announced that damage to the Haifa rail station, which was blasted on Friday by members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, will total more than \$200,000. It is not planned to rebuild the station at present, "in order not to give the terrorists new objectives," the manager of the station said. Recent attacks on the rail network have resulted in loss of passenger and freight revenue, worsening the already weak financial position of the government-operated system.

BRITAIN REFUSES TO RELEASE JEWISH AGENCY MEMBERS TO ATTEND LONDON CONFERENCE

LONDON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The possibility of Jewish participation in the conference on Palestine grew dimmer today when it was learned that Colonial Secretary George Hall had informed the Jewish Agency over the week-end that "under present circumstances" it would be impossible to release the imprisoned members of the Agency executive to enable them to attend the parley.

(In Tel Aviv, a spokesman for the Palestine Government told a press conference today that the government has received no instructions to release Moshe Shertok and other leaders of the Jewish Agency from the Latrun camp.)

Hall's action is expected to have an adverse effect upon the Small Zionist Actions Committee, which is meeting tomorrow to decide on participation.

Meanwhile, it was learned that David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, has charged the members of the executive in London with reversing the decision taken at the executive session of the Agency in Paris with regard to the question of joining the London conference.

Ben Gurion is reported to be insisting that the Agency participate only if the British Government accepts the terms of the Weizmann letter. This letter said that participation of the Agency would be possible only if partition is the basis for discussion and if the detained Agency members are released and accepted as delegates to the conference.

In maintaining this position, Ben Gurion made it clear that he is abstaining from voting on the revised terms of participation, since he is anxious to avoid precipitating a crisis within the ranks of the executive. He is, therefore, leaving it to the Actions Committee to make the final decision.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO WITHDRAW FINANCIAL AID FROM JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government is contemplating postponing its grants-in-aid and other financial allotments to the Jewish National Council of Palestine until the latter withdraws its decision not to cooperate with the authorities, it was learned here today. The largest part of the financial aid given by the government to the Council is for health activities and maintaining the Jewish school system.

Commenting on the government's alleged intentions, S.Z. Shragai, the Council's press officer, said that any such step might speed up implementation of the second stage of the non-cooperation campaign--non-payment of taxes. He said that the government has no right to withhold grants as long as the Jewish community provides the funds through the taxes it pays.

PALESTINE LABOR GROUPS OPPOSE PARTITION AS BASIS FOR JOINING LONDON PARLEY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- On the eve of a vote by the Zionist Actions Committee on Jewish Agency participation in the London conference, two Jewish labor groups today adopted resolutions strongly opposing the decision of the Agency to participate in the parley if the British agree to discuss partition.

The two groups are the Movement for Labor Unity, an opposition wing within the Histadruth, and the Hashomer Hatzair. The extremist Irgun Zvai Leumi also issued a warning against "accepting a Jewish zone" in Palestine instead of a Jewish state.

The Movement for Labor Unity resolution, adopted at a nation-wide conference, protested against the negotiations carried on by the Jewish Agency in London to make partition a basis for attending the conference. "We reject any form of partition, federalization or cantonization," the resolution said.

The decision of the Hashomer Hatzair emphasized that partition cannot be the basis for negotiations. The organization demanded that the movement of 100,000 refugees from Europe to Palestine be started prior to Jews joining the London conference, and irrespective of the outcome of the conference. It also insisted on the release of the imprisoned Jewish leaders.

The central committee of Agudas Israel today endorsed the decision of the Agudah leaders in London to participate in the conference only if the Jewish Agency and other Jewish groups participate. A similar resolution was adopted today by the Poale Agudas Israel, the labor wing of the Orthodox organization.

MOSCOW NEWSPAPER WANTS PALESTINE ISSUE PLACED BEFORE U.N.; SCORES FEDERALIZATION

MOSCOW, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The British "federalization" plan for Palestine was scored today by the trade union newspaper Trud which said that the only way of preventing the "tragedy looming over" the people of Palestine was to place the entire issue before the United Nations.

Palestine's fate should not be the subject of bargaining between the United States and Britain while there is an organization like the United Nations, it declared, adding that the plan would attach Palestine to Britain and deprive her of all possibility of future political and economic development as an independent entity.

GREAT SYNAGOGUE OF FRANKFURT WILL BE RE-OPENED FOR ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

FRANKFURT, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Great Synagogue of Frankfurt which was destroyed during the Nazi regime has been restored and will be re-opened this Wednesday for Rosh Hashanah services.

The synagogue was restored with the aid of American Jewish organizations. American Army Chaplain Joseph Miller will conduct the services because there is no German rabbi in Frankfurt now.

Ottomar Jeschka, a municipal councillor, addressing a demonstration of "Victims of Fascism" in Berlin, declared yesterday that of the 286,000 Jews who lived in Berlin before the Nazis, only 5,500 remained there today. He called on the Allies not to execute in Berlin any of the German war criminals on trial at Nuremberg. "Our dead comrades ask this," he said, "as it would be a dishonor for them if these men were executed at the same spot as they."

LEHMAN CHARGES "NUMERUS CLAUSUS" FOISTED ON U.S. COLLEGES; ASKS REMEDIAL LEGISLATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA)--Charging that a "numerus clausus," which he termed "one of the worst features of European culture," had "foisted itself on the American educational system," former Gov. Herbert Lehman today urged the creation by New York State of a special agency charged with outlawing discrimination in the field of education.

Mr. Lehman spoke at a luncheon meeting of the New York State Committee Against Discrimination, which met in an all-day session to draft legislation for the elimination of discrimination in institutions of higher learning in New York State. Discussion centered around the Austin-Mahoney Bill, which was drawn up by the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress.

Since the fight against discrimination must also be national in scope, Mr. Lehman said, he advocated creation of a permanent FEPC, anti-lynch and anti-poll tax legislation and also "revision of our racist and restrictive immigration laws." We must demonstrate to the world our willingness to welcome to our shores thousands of displaced persons of all races, nationalities and creeds," he declared.

Former Assemblyman Irving M. Ives, who was co-author of the N.Y. State Anti-Discrimination Law, also spoke, expressing support of measures to curb discrimination in education.

MAJOR JEWISH BODIES WARN AGAINST SUPPORTING "THE PROTESTANT;" CONSIDER MAGAZINE HARMFUL

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA)--Central Jewish organizations engaged in combatting anti-Semitism in this country today made public a resolution advising against support of the magazine "The Protestant" and other enterprises of The Protestant Digest, Inc. on the basis of an investigation which they said established that the magazine, while soliciting funds "ostensibly for the purpose of combatting anti-Semitism," has in fact "contributed to inter-group dissension, and is inimical to the interests of the Jewish community in America."

The resolution which emphasizes that The Protestant "has no connection with any official body of the Protestant Church," was adopted by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, which is the central coordinating and policy-formulating body of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of America, Union of American Hebrew Congregations and local Jewish community councils. Its text reads:

"The National Community Relations Advisory Council, acting under the direction of its plenary session, held in Chicago on June 15, 16, and 17, 1946, has reviewed the published material, program, activities, and techniques of the Protestant Digest, Inc., publisher of the magazine known as The Protestant, which has no connection with any official body of the Protestant Church; and finds that while its solicitations of funds are ostensibly for the purpose of combatting anti-Semitism, the Protestant Digest, Inc. has contributed to inter-group dissension, and has obstructed the development of good inter-group relations in the United States; that it has made irresponsible and malicious attacks upon Jewish agencies, national and local; and that it is inimical to the interests of the Jewish community in America. The National Community Relations Advisory Council therefore urges its constituent agencies to discourage support of the Protestant Digest, Inc., of its magazine, 'The Protestant,' and of its other enterprises."

WHITE HOUSE MUM ON REPORT URGING GERMAN REPARATIONS TO RESETTLE JEWS IN PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- President Truman has no knowledge of a report allegedly submitted by Edwin W. Pauley, his personal envoy on reparations, recommending that German reparations be used for re-settling Jews in Palestine, White House press secretary Charles G. Ross said today.

Ross declared that the President had not seen the report, the text of which the newspaper PM published this morning. According to the newspaper, Pauley, who carried the rank of ambassador on his European mission, also urged that the U.S. Army begin moving displaced Jews from camps in Germany to Mediterranean ports "closer at least to their permanent homes" and that a United Nations conference be called to provide for the resettlement of 500,000 to 1,000,000 Jews.

The State Department also denied any knowledge of the report, referring all questioners to Pauley's office at the White House. A spokesman there said that in Pauley's absence in California, he could make no comment. However, sources close to Pauley said that the report has been at the White House for five weeks and expressed doubts that, in view of his direct dealings with the President, it has not yet reached Mr. Truman.

The report suggests that at least a share of the financial assistance needed by the 100,000 Jews whom President Truman asked to be admitted immediately to Palestine, be taken from Germany. It states that these supplies could be part of a reparations payment to the Jews or a part of the United States reparations, or that they could be paid in lieu of restitution of Jewish property confiscated by the Nazis, or as exports for which payment could be made in currency.

In reference to beginning the movement of Jewish DP's toward their eventual homes, the report urges that initially a transport of 5,000 Jews be moved in protected caravans to Mediterranean ports, perhaps in Italy, to await shipment to permanent homes. Pointing out that this would be but a small step, it emphasizes that "if it served to revive the broken spirits of some who have stopped dreaming, it would be worthwhile."

Finally, the report states that the doors of all the nations of the world must be opened to the 500,000 to 1,000,000 Jews who "may wish or be impelled to emigrate from Europe." It suggests that at the United Nations conference to be called for the specific purpose of meeting the problem of European Jewry, every nation be asked to accept a certain number. The United States, Pauley is reported to have stated, can and must do its share toward providing the Jews with homes where they can live in "peace and dignity."

Life Magazine Calls on U.S. Govt. to Admit More European Displaced Persons

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- An editorial appeal to the United States Government to overhaul its immigration laws to permit the entrance of a substantial number of European displaced persons is published in the current issue of Life magazine.

Asserting that it is time for the U.S. to review its attitude toward displaced persons and the immigration problem as a whole, the magazine declared "we have a deep moral obligation not to be too exclusive." It supported bills now before Congress which would permit unused quotas to be offered to approximately 100,000 DP's in Europe regardless of nationality.

Life pointed out that although President Truman issued an order last December to facilitate the migration of refugees in the American zone of Germany to this country, red tape and the fact that unused quotas are non-cumulative have deprived the refugees

of some 30,000 visas which might legally have been issued since December. It said that only 3,000 European immigrants arrived in this country during the last nine months.

Referring to President Truman's plea to admit 100,000 Jews to Palestine immediately, Life stated that it was a "cheap gesture which put us in the position of trying to make the British the scapegoats for our own unwillingness to take in DE's." If the United States were as hospitable in proportion to its population and area as it asked the Palestine authorities to be, the magazine said, "we should let in 10,000,000 immigrants this year."

LOWENHERZ CLEARED BY INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE; CONDUCT FOUND "BEYOND REPROACH"

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The report of an investigation conducted by a special committee into the conduct of Dr. Joseph Lowenherz, director of the Vienna Jewish Community during the Nazi regime, which was made public here today, states that his activities were not only "beyond reproach," but that Dr. Lowenherz, at the risk of his life, rendered outstanding services to the Jews of Vienna, saving the lives of tens of thousands and alleviating the tragic fate of many more."

The investigating committee was appointed by the Association of Austrian Jewish Refugees in Great Britain, the Alumni Association of Zionist Fraternities of Austrian Universities, and the Jacob Ehrlich Society in London. "The Committee feels bound by justice and honor to express on behalf of the Austrian Jewish immigrants in this country its confidence in and gratitude to Dr. Lowenherz and its appreciation of his heroic and unselfish struggle against the cruel treatment of Austrian Jews by the Nazis," says a statement issued in London.

1,100 JEWISH CHILDREN IN BERLIN SEE CIRCUS FOR FIRST TIME; ARRANGED BY JDC

BERLIN, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Ambassador Robert D. Murphy, political adviser to USFET commander Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, and high American officials were among the guests at a performance here of the Blumenfeld Circus arranged by the JDC for 1,100 Jewish displaced children and 100 American children.

The circus was re-established by the Blumenfeld family after being closed down by Nazi edict for the past ten years, while its members were cruelly persecuted by the Nazis. For the Jewish children - who came from UNRRA camps, the German-Jewish Gemeinde and a camp in the French sector - this was the first circus they had ever attended, and they did not even know how to blow up the balloons that were distributed to them.

MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED FOR SCOTTISH WOMAN WHO REFUSED TO DESERT BUDAPEST JEWISH GIRLS

BUDAPEST, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A memorial tablet has been unveiled at the Scottish Mission here in honor of Miss Jane Haining who, at the outbreak of hostilities, refused to return to safety in Britain and desert a group of Jewish girls entrusted to her care at the Mission's college here. Miss Haining died in a Nazi concentration camp where she was imprisoned for loyalty to her charges.

The Jewish weekly, Uj Elet, reports the looting of a synagogue at Sajoszentpeter, near Miskolc where three Jews were lynched several months ago. In an appeal to the government to take immediate action to halt anti-Jewish incidents, the newspaper pointed out that another anti-Semitic demonstration had occurred in the town last February. It charged that the fascists in the area have become bolder in their attacks against Jewish lives and property because they are not being punished.