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106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.AGENCY AND BRITISH TO RESUME TALKS ON LONDON CONFERENCE FOLLOWING NEW GOVT. PROPOSAL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency and the British Government will resume discussions looking towards Agency participation in the London conference, following new proposals made by the government during the week-end, it was disclosed today.

A hurriedly summoned meeting of the Agency executive decided this afternoon that "in view of His Majesty's Government's new approach to the Jewish Agency, Rabbi Judah L. Fishman and Eliezer Kaplan will go to London to consult with members of the Jewish Agency there and in Paris concerning preliminary negotiations aimed at creating the essential conditions which will make possible the Jewish Agency's participation in the London conference." Rabbi Fishman and Kaplan will leave for the British capital tomorrow morning, reportedly by military plane.

An Agency spokesman refused to reveal the details of the government's new offer. He said, however, that the Agency "now has a good deal of freedom to act, even without consulting the Small Zionist Actions Committee."

(There were persistent reports in London tonight that the meeting between the Agency representatives and the government would begin tomorrow at either the Foreign or Colonial Offices, although the Agency headquarters in London professed to have no knowledge concerning imminent negotiations.)

High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham met last night with Mrs. Goldie Meirson, acting political chief of the Agency, for an informal talk concerning the Zionist attitude towards the London parley. Mrs. Meirson is reported to have informed Sir Alan that release of imprisoned Agency leaders to enable them to attend the conference was a prerequisite for Agency participation.

Informed circles here expressed hope today that the new negotiations may result not only in the release of the Agency chiefs, but in a general amnesty for all persons seized since June 29, with the exception of those suspected of complicity in terrorism.

Palestine Government Charged With Abusing Powers under Defense Laws

Addressing a press conference today, Jacob Shapiro, acting political adviser of the Agency, charged the Palestine authorities with "lawlessness" and abuse of their powers under the Emergency Defense Regulations in keeping detained 1,500 men and women, the bulk of whom have never had charges filed against them.

He cited as other examples of the government's abuse of power the curfew in Tel Aviv and the house-to-house searches. Palestine, he charged, is a country where "habeas corpus does not exist, where the authorities are not obliged to give a lawful explanation for their acts and where a man acquitted by a court of law can immediately be arrested and detained for an unspecified time."

Dr. Wolfgang von Weisl, Viennese doctor and journalist, ate his first meal in four days after ending a 28-day hunger strike protesting British policy in

Palestine. Placed in detention on June 29, Von Weisl was released on Sept. 18 under police supervision after his hunger strike had weakened him considerably, but he decided to continue his fast. His condition was described tonight as "poor."

Broadcasting over its secret radio, "The Voice of Fighting Zion," the Irgun Zvai Leumi tonight called for a world-wide "Jewish Liberation Army" to attack vital British communications and to fight "until the Jewish flag waves over Jerusalem and Amman," the capital of Transjordan.

Meanwhile, the Stern Group issued a manifesto warning that it will "strike without pity" in new blows against the British authorities, and accusing the Hagana of "open incitement to civil war between Jews in Palestine."

The ~~band-to-bank~~ curfew clamped down on a large section of the Palestine coast last week due to the rumored approach of illegal immigrant ships was lifted this evening.

ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION PREPARED TO JOIN LONDON PARLEY DESPITE ABSENCE OF ZIONISTS

LONDON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Jewish Association made clear today that it is prepared to join the current Palestine Conference at any time it feels its participation could be helpful in reaching some solution.

A general meeting of the Association endorsed by an undisclosed vote the position of its executive committee, which was outlined by Leonard Stein, chairman of the organization. Stein criticized the Jewish Agency for its refusal to join in the conference and said that the Association "is ready to participate at any stage where it can be of service." Although criticizing the continued detention of Agency leaders, he charged that the Zionist decision to reject the British invitation might lead to the Jewish case being lost "by default."

The Agudas Israel, which also met today to define its stand on the parley, decided in view of the sudden resumption of negotiations between the government and the Jewish Agency to defer its decision in the expectation that the situation would be clarified in the near future.

Rabbi I.M. Levin, Agudah leader in Palestine, expressed the hope that a satisfactory solution of the present impasse would be found enabling the Jewish groups to participate in the conference in dignity, thus bringing peace to Palestine. H.A. Goodman, the Agudah political secretary, reported he was consulting with representatives of other Jewish organizations and with members of the Agudah executive in Jerusalem and New York.

Dr. Isaac Levin, of New York, who has just returned from a three-months visit to Germany and Austria, urged participation in the conference but appealed to the Palestine Government to make a gesture of good will by admitting the homeless refugees of Europe.

The Daily Herald, official organ of the Labor Party, today appealed to Zionist leaders to join the conference, declaring that their boycott of the talks "may have fateful, historic consequences." It added that Jewish leaders have nothing to lose by attending.

The Herald editorial said that it is understood that the Arab states have presented their case "in a spirit which has been consistently moderate and constructive," and expressed the belief that "given good-will on all sides," a solution which will advance both Jewish and Arab interests can be found.

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RUSSIAN BELIEF POLAND NEEDS JEWS REPORTED BEHIND CLOSING OF AUSTRIAN ZONE TO REFUGEES

VIENNA, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Varying explanations were given here today for the Russian order, revealed on Friday, that no further transports of Palestine-bound Jews from Eastern Europe would be permitted to pass through the Soviet zone in Austria.

The Soviet move is reported motivated by the belief that the continued presence of Jews in Poland will aid in the democratic reconstruction of the country, by the alleged presence among the emigrants of non-Jewish anti-democratic elements, chiefly members of pre-Anders anti-government bands and by the fact that among the refugees have been some who are now Russian citizens and consequently not authorized to emigrate.

The last transport of Jews to be allowed to cross through the Russian zone said on arriving here that they had been told by the Soviet military authorities that a large number of "fascist reactionary elements" had been found hiding among the fleeing Polish Jews.

It was learned today that the Russian authorities in Prague have also asked that the Polish-Czech borders remain closed to fleeing Jews. The frontier was closed last week following a protest to the Czechoslovak Government by the British embassy.

Only a small number of Jews arrived in Vienna this week, in comparison to the 700 who had been arriving daily, as a result of the closing of the Czech-Polish, Austrian-Czech and Austrian-Hungarian frontiers.

ARMY SURVEY SHOWS 139,026 DISPLACED JEWS IN AMERICAN ZONE OF GERMANY; DP'S AID COMRADES

FRANKFURT, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Army authorities announced yesterday that the latest count showed 139,026 displaced Jews in the American occupation zone of Germany.

Abraham Cohen, JDC area director, reported that some of these Jewish DP's have been contributing food and clothing from their own meager supplies to refugee Jews in two tent city camps, located at Landshut and Cham.

Cohen said both camps were administered mostly by DP's, plus a few J.D.C. workers, Army clerks and medical officers. He declared that parents with children less than one year old are given a priority for transfer to a permanent camp as soon as possible.

POLISH SOLDIER GETS EIGHT-YEAR TERM FOR ATTEMPTING TO INCITE ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS

LUBLIN, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- A military tribunal here sentenced Josef Wroblewski, a non-commissioned officer in the Polish Army, to eight years imprisonment for attempting to provoke anti-Jewish excesses in Lublin last August, and for beating and threatening to shoot Jewish passers-by, it was reported today.

COMMANDER OF RUMANIAN DEATH CAMP WHERE THOUSANDS OF JEWS KILLED ARRESTED IN BUCHAREST

BUCHAREST, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Rumanian police today announced the arrest of Major Ion Stefanescu, commander of the death camp near the town of Vapniarca where 5,000 Rumanian Jews died in 1941 from starvation and typhus. Transports of Jews who filled the camp in 1942 were killed and paralyzed by poisoned food. Stefanescu hid for two years in Transylvania.

JDC RUSHING 25,000,000 POUNDS OF FOOD TO EUROPEAN JEWS TO RELIEVE ACUTE SHORTAGES

PARIS, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that, in order to help combat the food shortage in Europe, the J.D.C. was rushing 25,000,000 pounds of meat, fish, dairy products, fruit, vegetables and canned goods to European Jews. They have already received 26,000,000 pounds of food from the J.D.C. since the beginning of the year.

Including food shipments to all parts of the world, the year's total will be 51,000,000 pounds, costing nearly \$9,000,000, already purchased, with a budget of \$58,000,000 being spent in Europe.

"Food distribution is one of the major undertakings of the J.D.C. seeking to assist the Jewish survivors of Europe in regaining their health. The food we distributed reached more than 500,000 men, women and children in 13 countries, saving them from starvation," Dr. Schwartz declared.

Most of the food comes from the United States, Canada, South America, South Africa, Switzerland, Sweden and Denmark. About 16,000,000 pounds of food, equalling 22,000,000,000 calories, were recently obtained in one gigantic order, costing more than \$4,000,000. Huge quantities of food were obtained from surplus United States Army stocks, which recently turned over 3,500,000 pounds of canned fruit to the J.D.C.

The fruit is now on the way to Germany, Austria, Poland and Hungary. Those countries, as well as France, are key centers of J.D.C. distributions. Germany received more than 3,500 tons of food, which has already been given out; Poland, 2,500 tons; Hungary, 2,500; France, 1,700; and Austria, 1,100. In the next few months, Hungary will be the major recipient, getting 4,240 tons. Germany will get 3,000, Poland, 1,700, Austria, 1,400 and France, 834. Countries receiving J.D.C. food include Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece, Czechoslovakia and Rumania.

The J.D.C. has also shipped clothing and equipment to Europe in preparation for the distribution of winter supplies. A ship loaded with 200 tons of J.D.C. winter clothing is en route from Bremen to Antwerp, where it will be unloaded and rushed to displaced persons camps in the American zone of Germany. Since the first of the year, the J.D.C. distributed more than 3,250,000 articles of clothing, as well as nearly 400,000 pairs of shoes.

STATE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINS DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF TRANSIT VISAS TO SHANGHAI REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The Visa Division of the State Department yesterday told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it has not received applications for transit visas from 200 Jewish refugees in Shanghai who have complained that the U.S. consulate in Shanghai is delaying their emigration by not issuing visas permitting them to pass through the western part of the U.S.

The refugees, who have visas for Latin American countries, were told that the consul submitted their applications to Washington for approval, but officials at the Visa Division explained that was not necessary. They said that individual applications about which there is any doubt may be referred to them, but that in general consulates are authorized to issue transit visas on the spot.

Visa officials here said that applications of U.S. citizens get priority and that the Shanghai consulate is very short of personnel. They stressed that entry visas to Latin American countries have sometimes been found invalid and that applicants who lived under Japanese occupation, as did these refugees, must be cleared by security officials.

CHURCH GROUP TAKES ACTION BY CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE ADMISSION OF MORE DP'S

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The United States was urged yesterday to admit more displaced persons "by whatever legislation or administrative procedures may be required" in a statement issued by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Supporting President Truman's announced intention of liberalizing immigration regulations, the church statement recommended sending messages to the White House and to Congress requesting that constructive action be taken without delay. The statement asked church-goers to increase their relief contributions through their churches.

BROOKLYN ESTIMATED TO HAVE 1,000,000 JEWS, MAKING IT LARGEST JEWISH COMMUNITY IN WORLD

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- The borough of Brooklyn has a Jewish population of about 1,000,000, it was estimated today in a survey by the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation, making it the largest Jewish community in the world. The survey found that probably not more than one-fourth of the Jews in Brooklyn were affiliated with a synagogue or a temple.

The survey put the religious divisions in Brooklyn as follows: 37 percent Jewish, 32 percent (or more) Roman Catholic, 29 percent (or less) Protestant, and two percent Eastern Orthodox.

CHEMICAL PROCESS DEVELOPED BY DR. WEIZMANN WILL BE PUT ON MARKET BY BRITISH COMPANY

LONDON, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- A chemical process developed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann 12 years ago will be put on the market by a newly-organized British company named Petrocarbon, Ltd., it was reported today.

The Government-sponsored Finance Corporation for Industry will provide 50 percent of the total loan capital of \$8,000,000. Dr. Weizmann will receive \$2,000 annually as a consultant, \$36,000 in cash for promising not to act as consultant for any other company, and a portion of \$200,000 which will be paid for certain shares, licenses and patents held by Dr. Weizmann and others.

The process to be marketed produces raw materials from petroleum to make paints, dyes, plastics, cosmetics and insecticides, which were hitherto obtained from coal tars.

JDC APPEALS TO MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO VOLUNTEER FOR WORK AMONG JEWS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. J.J. Golub, director of the Hospital for Joint Diseases in New York and chairman of the Health Committee of the Joint Distribution Committee, has issued a call for physicians, dentists, public health workers, nurses and psychiatrists to "join the battle for health in which the distressed Jews of Europe--first victims of Nazi torture and oppression--are now engaged."

Nearly thirty persons are now on the medical staff of the J.D.C. in Europe, Dr. Golub pointed out, but more are needed. They work together with local health and medical organizations to create and develop public health services, sanitariums, clinics and hospitals throughout the continent.