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JEWISH AGENCY WELCOMES TRUMAN STATEMENT, BUT DOUBTS BRITISH WILL HEED RECOMMENDATIONS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A Jewish Agency spokesman today declared that the Agency welcomes President Truman's statement on Palestine, but doubted that the British Government would agree to his proposals.

The President's statement, the spokesman told a press conference, reflected not only his views, but the views of both major political parties in the United States and, therefore, those of the American people. He pointed out that despite the fact that the United States has "real and legitimate interests in the Arab countries," it did not hesitate to recommend the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine and a final solution of the entire problem.

Referring to the widespread attacks on the Truman statement in the British press, which termed it a political gesture, the Agency representative said that it was in accordance with American policy and not a campaign stunt. He stated that it was "within the President's competence to issue statements to the American people before elections, after elections and without elections. We feel that the interest of the American people in Palestine is as legitimate as that of the Arab states."

The "unanimous outcry" in the British press, however, indicates that the British Government is not ready and unwilling to come to grips with the Palestine problem, the spokesman said.

Haganah Hails Truman, but Asks Deeds not Words

The Haganah radio "Voice of Israel" said tonight, in commenting on Truman's statement, that "we are happy and grateful to see that there is at least one man in power in this world to whom a pledge remains a pledge." It added, however, that the Jewish resistance movement awaited deeds, not words. Referring to Prime Minister Attlee's reply, the radio declared that he had "let the cat out of the bag" by clearly indicating he was angry at President Truman, because he had not succeeded in pulling the wool over his eyes.

The newspaper Mishmar, organ of the left-wing Hashomer Hazair, said today that Attlee's rejection of the Truman suggestions is additional proof that England wants the gates of Palestine to remain closed. "This is the hard fact, and in its light we will have to establish our line, and seek our way," the paper wrote.

The conservative daily Haaretz published an editorial stating that if the British Government cannot see its way clear to allow Jews and Arabs to build their respective independent national lives, it should surrender the mandate to an international authority. "Only one thing cannot continue: constant postponements and a one-sided British solution," it concluded.

The Arab Higher Committee, which was scheduled to meet today to discuss the

Truman statement, decided yesterday to oppose the "moderate proposals" for a Palestine solution set forth in London by Arab representatives at the Palestine conference.

British Informed of U.S. Support of "Viable Jewish State" in August

LONDON, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Stressing that the U.S. support of the Jewish Agency plan for a "viable Jewish state" in Palestine had been communicated to the British Government as early as August, a statement issued here tonight by the Jewish Agency office said that President Truman's remarks cannot have occasioned surprise in British official circles, as has been indicated.

The President's insistence on the admission of 100,000 Jews can certainly not be regarded as sudden intervention, since he has consistently urged this over a period of a year, the statement pointed out. It challenged the accusation by a Foreign Office spokesman that Jewish non-participation in the Palestine conference led to its adjournment, and said that its present talks with the government are aimed at securing Agency participation in the London talks and easing the tension in Palestine.

Representatives of the Agency are due to resume their informal discussions Tuesday morning, when they will meet with Arthur Creech-Jones who was elevated to the Colonial Ministry over the week-end to succeed George Hall, who became First Lord of the Admiralty. Creech-Jones, who is believed to be friendlier to the Zionist cause than Hall, had been Under-Secretary for Colonies.

There was little comment in the Sunday press on former Prime Minister Winston Churchill's attack on the government Palestine policy, made yesterday at the Conservative Party conference at Blackpool. Churchill accused the Laborites of backing down on the lavish promises they had made the Jews while they were out of power.

The press, however, continued to attack President Truman's statement, indicating almost unanimous exasperation with what they charge is a political move which will further complicate a delicate situation.

DEWEY BACKS TRUMAN DEMAND FOR PALESTINE IMMIGRATION; SAYS ISSUE IS BI-PARTISAN

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Backing up President Truman's urgent request for the opening of the doors of Palestine to the displaced Jews of Europe, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, in an address at a dinner session of the United Palestine Appeal conference at the Hotel Commodore tonight, warned the British Government "that demands for immediate immigration into Palestine far transcend partisan politics and actually have the whole-hearted support not only of the leadership of both political parties, but also of the vast majority of the American people."

Gov. Dewey called for the adoption of a bi-partisan policy with regard to the entire approach to the Palestine question, emphasizing that it "has no place in political campaigns." Recalling that in 1944 the Republican party proposed the adoption of a bi-partisan foreign policy and that its adoption served to eliminate the question of the world peace organization from the Presidential campaign, Mr. Dewey urged that a similar policy of united action for Palestine could serve to remove the issue from politics and reaffirm the policy of the United States "that the pledges to the Jewish people must be fulfilled."

"No one can say that a final solution in Palestine is easy. But the right of large and immediate Jewish immigration is fundamental to that solution and it must be an immigration of not 100,000, but of several hundreds of thousands," the Governor declared.

Asserting that the displaced persons of Europe are a challenge to the sincerity of our leadership, he said: "For a year and a half this problem has been crying out for

action, not talk. It is the problem of not one religion or of one group; it is a problem of humanity itself. If this is the way the brave new world will solve its international problems, we have made a bad start indeed." He added that the promise of admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine should have been fulfilled long ago and that it represents a "joint obligation of our government and the British government under their long-standing commitments."

Stating that he wishes to "speak frankly to our British friends," the Governor said: "It is no service to our own cause or to the cause of friendship to muffle the truth or to make widely and strategically spaced declarations, which are not followed by able, competent or productive action." Describing the plight of the Jews in post-war Europe, Mr. Dewey emphasized that the only difference between the tragic situation of the Jews of Europe before the war and their status at present is that "they have had only a few more promises since the end of the war and some new camps in Cyprus."

Freda Kirchwey, editor of the Nation, expressed the hope that President Truman's request to the British Government would serve to silence the extreme pro-British and pro-Arab elements in the State Department. She added that the President's request means Britain cannot initiate a new stalling operation without creating "serious resentment in this country." In appraising British policy in the Middle East, Miss Kirchwey said it was incompatible with Jewish Palestine's democratic way of life and that the British considered Zionist development a threat to their imperial interests.

Other speakers included Dr. Stephen S. Wise, James G. MacDonald, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Judge Bernard Rosenblatt, New York State Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein and Rudolph G. Sonnenborn.

At the afternoon session a rare Hebrew Bible, a gift from Mayor Rokach of Tel Aviv in Palestine, was presented to Mayor William O'Dwyer by Jacob Sincoff, associate treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal and national co-treasurer of the United Jewish Appeal.

The conference adopted resolutions calling on the State Department to implement President Truman's policy on Palestine, condemned the failure of governmental and inter-governmental agencies to aid the Jews of Europe and pledged support to the Jewish community of Palestine.

BRITISH SOLDIER KILLED, ONE WOUNDED IN STREET AMBUSH IN JERUSALEM; ARMS SEIZED ON BUS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A British soldier was killed and another seriously injured by an unknown assailant, who attacked them while they were walking on the Street of the Prophets in Jerusalem, it was announced tonight by military headquarters.

Earlier, seven young Jews, arrested last night when one of them blew the shofar at the Wailing Wall at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services, were released under bail. Their arrest was the only incident to occur during Yom Kippur.

Police today halted an Arab bus traveling between Jerusalem and Jaffa and seized four Jewish and four "Arab" passengers, as well as a quantity of arms. The "Arabs" who were compelled to doff their headgear, turned out to be Jews wearing wigs.

JEWISH DEPORTEES IN CYPRUS SPENT YOM KIPPUR EVE IN OPEN UNDER DRIVING RAIN

TEL AVIV, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The nearly 3,000 Jewish deportees interned in Cyprus spent Yom Kippur eve in the open under a driving rain, according to a cable received here today. A heavy storm flooded the camp area and blew down the tents in which the refugees are quartered.

DWINDLING BUDGET FOR U.N. REFUGEE BODY ELIMINATES FUNDS FOR RESETTLING JEWISH DP'S

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A final estimate of the budget for the proposed International Refugee Organization published today disclosed the abandonment of practically all hope for the resettlement of displaced Jews during the coming year at least. Reduction of the operating budget from \$258,000,000 to \$151,000,000 eliminated scheduled expenditures for the permanent resettlement of 175,000 refugees, of whom 100,000 hoped to go to Palestine.

The U.S. and Britain have agreed to pay almost three-fourths of the cost of financing the IRO, provided that the other U.N. members pay the remaining one-quarter. The issue now goes before the General Assembly for final action.

JDC'S SEPTEMBER SHIPMENTS TO EUROPE TOTAL 2,800,000 POUNDS; COST \$1,000,000

NEW YORK, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The JDC shipped more than 2,800,000 pounds of supplies valued at over \$1,000,000 from the U.S. during September for the relief of European Jews. Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman, reported today.

JDC's overseas shipments from the U.S. since the first of the year total more than 17,000,000 pounds of supplies costing nearly \$8,000,000, he added.

FIFTY JEWS STRANDED IN HONG KONG DURING WAR ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIA NEXT WEEK

MELBOURNE, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Fifty of the 300 German Jews who were stranded in Hong Kong during the war are expected to arrive in Sydney on Oct. 13, Radio Melbourne reported today.

DUTCH CONDUCTOR TO LEAD PALESTINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN TEL AVIV IN MARCH

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Edward van Beinum, conductor of the Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra, will leave for Tel Aviv in March to conduct a series of concerts with the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, the Hilversum radio reported today.

BRITISH JEWISH NATIONAL FUND RAISES \$1,250,000 DURING 5706, TOPPING PREVIOUS TOTAL

LONDON, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- The sum of \$235,000 has been cabled to the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem by the British JNF, marking the end of the campaign for the Hebrew year 5706, it was announced today.

The announcement said the total raised by the British JNF during the year exceeded \$1,250,000, which was about a quarter-million dollars more than was raised in the previous year.

JEWISH SCHOOLS IN U.S. TO "ADOPT" SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS IN RUMANIA; WILL SEND AID

BUCHAREST, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A number of Jewish schools in the United States are to "adopt" similar institutions in Rumania, and send them aid in the form of libraries, equipment and funds, the Rumanian section of the World Jewish Congress announced today on the basis of advices from Congress headquarters in New York.

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NON-JEWISH DEPUTIES IN POLAND INTRODUCE BILL TO CURE ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

WARSAW, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A group of non-Jewish deputies, including members of the League to Combat Anti-Semitism and Racism, have introduced in the National Council a bill to suppress anti-Jewish propaganda. The legislation was referred to the appropriate Parliamentary commission which will report on it at the next session.

Adoption of similar legislation was urged by the Jewish deputy, Dr. Adolph Berman, who said anti-Semitic propaganda should be legally outlawed since measures against actual violence were insufficient.

Speaking in the debate on the electoral law, Dr. Berman warned that the coming elections will be used by reactionary elements to resume violent anti-Jewish propaganda, which subsided after the Kielce pogroms. He pointed out that local anti-Semitic incidents were continuing, disclosing that a Jew named Shtajnberg was murdered recently in a village near Siedlce.

Dr. Berman appealed to the Church to use its influence in ensuring peaceful elections. He voiced the apprehension of the Jewish population at the utterances of Cardinal Hlond and other members of the clergy, especially Bishop Wyszynski in Lublin, who allegedly told a Jewish delegation that the question of ritual murder had not been clarified.

Meanwhile, the government has not yet replied to Dr. Berman's appeal urging punishment for all those guilty of incitement leading to the Kielce pogrom. He had asked whether further trials could be held in addition to the first trial of the Kielce pogromists and what measures the government intended to take to liquidate the fascist centers to prevent further pogroms.

The literary monthly "Odrodzenie" carries a letter in its current issue from the well-known critic J.A. Szczepanski, in which he reveals that a painting showing four bearded Jews stabbing a small girl is still hanging in the Kalwaria Zebrzydowska monastery and is being shown by the monks to thousands of visitors. He points out that reproductions of the painting were widely circulated by the Nazis during the occupation.

BRITISH GOVT. COMMITTEE CONSIDERING BILL MAKING ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA LIBELOUS

LONDON, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- A Parliamentary committee is considering legislation sponsored by the Board of Deputies of British Jews to make anti-Semitic propaganda punishable under the libel laws, Sidney Salamon, press officer of the Board, today told a national conference of Jewish youth delegates discussing the problem of combatting anti-Semitism.

Gordon Liverman, chairman of the Board's defense committee, reported that fascist elements in England were "gradually creeping out of their holes." He warned that the book clubs set up by Sir Oswald Mosley must be carefully watched.

It was learned today that the British People's Party, which includes many former members of Mosley's British Union of Fascists, intends to put up candidates in the forthcoming municipal elections.

CZECH MINISTER APOLOGIZES FOR MOLESTING OF YOM KIPPUR WORSHIPPERS BY POLICE

PRAGUE, Oct. 6. (JTA) -- Two high officials of the Ministry of the Interior today called on Ernst Frischer, president of the Council of Jewish Communities, and conveyed Minister of the Interior Vaclav Nosek's regrets that several worshippers had been molested by policemen Friday night after leaving Kol Nidre services. They promised that the policemen would be punished.