

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE TO HEAR REPORT ON INFORMAL JEWISH TALKS WITH BRITAIN

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Unofficial talks between representatives of the British Government and leaders of the Jewish Agency continued today. They were devoted to discussions of steps to lessen the tension in Palestine. The Agency representatives declared that they would report the results of the talks to the Zionist Actions Committee which is scheduled to meet next week in Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, it was reported here today from Palestine that British patrol vessels have been sent out of Haifa to intercept a ship allegedly carrying Jewish immigrants. Patrols were also sent to investigate a rumor that an immigrant ship had been seen off the Palestine coast near Hedera, but found nothing there.

TERRORISTS SET JERUSALEM CAFE AFIRE; KILL POLICE INSPECTOR IN CENTER OF CITY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The fashionable Empire Cafe here was set afire today, after the owners allegedly refused to contribute funds to the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Group. Several unidentified persons overpowered the watchman and set one whole floor of the establishment ablaze.

The fire climaxed a night of violence, during which a police inspector was shot and killed in the center of the city by unknown assailants, while land mines exploded under a freight train and two military trucks. Five soldiers who were riding in the trucks were injured.

In an attempt to prevent the inspector's killer from escaping from the city, police set up road checks at all exits from Jerusalem and searched all vehicles. Intensive searches are also going on in other parts of the country, but no arrests have been made.

The blasting of military vehicles has become almost commonplace in the past week. Despite a rigid dusk to dawn curfew on the roads and the use of armored cars equipped with mine detectors, terrorists continue to strew the main traffic arteries with mines.

The fourth Arab to be killed in ten days was shot today by persons reportedly opposed to the sale of Arab land to Jews. A leaflet issued last week by Arab extremist groups warned that all "traitors" who sold land would be killed.

The Palestine Government has decided to extend aid to Palestinian soldiers attending Hebrew University, as part of its program to assist ex-servicemen. The students will receive text books and \$800 a year, which includes tuition fees. This assistance will enable between 120 and 140 former soldiers to resume their studies at the university and will make a university education possible for a considerable number of new students, most of whom enlisted in the Army immediately after completing their secondary education. Representatives of Hebrew University cooperated with the government in arranging the plan.

MORE NATIONS INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO HONOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PERMITS FOR REFUGEES

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Australia and India have indicated that they will join the 15 nations which this week subscribed to an agreement to issue international travel documents for stateless refugees, it was learned today. Several other states have also expressed willingness to honor the documents, which will serve in lieu of passports.

The present signatories to the agreement are: United States, Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Britain and Venezuela.

The travel permits, which will be similar to the Nansen passports issued by the League of Nations after the last war, are an improvement on the latter in that the holder may return to the country in which it was issued without a visa.

Although it is still not clear exactly which categories of refugees will be eligible for the new permits, it is thought that the bulk of the displaced persons in the western zones of Germany and Austria will be eligible, if they come within the jurisdiction of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees.

JEWIS EXCEL AS MINERS IN POLAND; MANY RECEIVE AWARDS IN SILESIAN COAL, GOLD MINES

WARSAW, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Reports received here today from Silesian mining towns disclose that Jewish miners have established production records in both coal and gold mines.

Sixty Jews were awarded premiums for their good work in the coal mines at Bialy-Kamien which belonged to Germany before the war. Fifty Jewish miners were given special awards at the Nowa Ruda mines.

In the gold mine at Bowne, Silesia, eleven Jews have been cited as among the best workers. This is the first time Jews have been employed in this mine.

Formal ceremonies were held in Bystrzyca to award premiums to Jewish workers in railroad-car factories. Similar ceremonies were arranged in Zagorze and Chojnow where Jewish workers in government factories received awards for their good work. Government representatives, addressing the gatherings, emphasized the willingness of the young Jews in Poland to do hard labor and to produce needed goods for the reconstruction of the country.

JEWISH REFUGEES STILL CONTINUE TO CROSS INTO U.S. ZONE IN AUSTRIA; 150 ENTER DAILY

MUNICH, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- One hundred and fifty Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe are still entering Austria daily, Dr. Philip S. Bernstein, adviser on Jewish affairs to U.S. Army forces in Europe, revealed at a press conference today.

Rabbi Bernstein, who returned to Germany from the United States this week, disclosed that he is starting on a two to three-week tour of the DP camps to study the needs of the displaced Jews for the coming winter. He will concentrate particularly on the newly-established camps for infiltrators. Before he leaves he is scheduled to talk with General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, who is now visiting Germany.

David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, has arrived in Germany for a tour of the DP camps for Jews. He has already called at camps in and around Frankfurt, Heidelberg and Stuttgart.

GUARDS AT DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP RECEIVE LIGHT SENTENCES; JEWISH DP'S OBJECT

MUNICH, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Two trials of former Nazi guards at the Dachau concentration camp which have been in progress during the past week have ended with most of the defendants receiving 18-month sentences. A third group of eight guards goes on trial today.

A number of DP groups, the Victims of Fascism organization and numerous UNRRA officials have objected to the light sentences. They claim that the authorities are not pressing the cases strenuously enough and therefore do not present much evidence against the prisoners. Several of the DP groups assert that they have many documents and affidavits which could be used to obtain heavier sentences. Officers in charge of the cases could not be reached for comment.

CZECH COURT TRYING COMMANDER OF THERESIENSTADT CAMP; JEWS TESTIFY TO ATROCITIES

PRAGUE, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A charge that he was forced to confiscate the rings of Jewish prisoners and later drown them in a swamp was made today by a former prisoner named Hanus at the trial in Litomerice of Heinrich Joeckel, commander of a section of the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

Other witnesses revealed that Jewish political prisoners were treated in a more brutal fashion than other camp inmates. They declared that one prisoner, a Professor Levit, was tortured and his legs broken and then carried to a cemetery to be murdered. However, he revived and committed suicide before he could be tortured further. Other prisoners were forced to hang themselves with wire.

It was also disclosed that numerous officials in the puppet government witnessed the horrible tortures. One witness related how Joeckel, himself, beat a pregnant Jewish woman on the abdomen until an abortion occurred.

DEAF-MUTE FASCISTS TRIED IN HUNGARY AS MURDERERS OF 187 JEWS AND PARTISANS

BUDAPEST, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Three deaf-mutes, one a woman and all of them former leaders of the Arrow Cross, the war-time Hungarian fascist organization, are being tried before a Peoples Court here charged with the death of 187 Jews and partisans, whom they are accused of shooting and throwing into the Danube after torturing them.

The headmaster of a deaf-mute school is acting as interpreter for the accused as well as for the deaf-mutes who make up the majority of witnesses. At one point, the deaf-mute audience became so boisterous that the court ordered a suspension of proceedings.

An editorial addressed to the Jews has been published in the widely-read Catholic weekly, "Uj Ember," protesting against the persistent charge that the Catholic Church is anti-Semitic and does not support the democratic fight against anti-Semitism. The editorial recalled that the church played a leading role in saving the Jews from Nazi persecution, and expressed the need for understanding and unity between Jews and Gentiles.

TWO JEWISH GROUPS IN BRITAIN TO CHECK NUREMBERG COURT RECORDS ON MURDERED JEWS

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Representatives of the British Rabbinical Council and the Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation will leave for Nuremberg to examine court records of Jews who perished under Nazi persecution, it was reported today.

WHITE HOUSE SAYS TRUMAN HAS NOT YET SEEN IBN SAUD LETTER ATTACKING PALESTINE STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- President Truman has not yet seen the letter from King Ibn Saud, in which the Arabian monarch protested against the President's recent statement on Palestine. White House press secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters this morning that the letter has just been received.

In his communication, which was made public last night in London, Ibn Saud said that Mr. Truman's Yom Kippur statement was in "complete contradiction" to a statement from the White House in August that the United States did not plan to offer any plans for solution of the Palestine problem.

He charged that the Zionists were "aggressors" and expressed the hope that the American people will not "permit Zionist aggression against a friendly Arab country whose only fault was to believe in the principle of justice and who has given thousands of her sons to fight for the Allied cause."

A.F.L. CONVENTION SENDS PLEA TO TRUMAN TO PRESS FOR ADMISSION OF JEWS TO PALESTINE

CHICAGO, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The American Federation of Labor's annual convention, just concluded here, today transmitted to President Truman a resolution asking the U.S. Government to press for the transfer of 100,000 Jews from Europe to Palestine.

The resolution refers to the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee and emphasizes that the immediate admission of 100,000 displaced Jews to Palestine is essential in view of the tragic plight of the Jewish refugees, so many months after the end of the war.

BRITISH OFFICER WHO KILLED A PALESTINE JEW WITHOUT PROVOCATION DISMISSED FROM SERVICE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Lt. Benjamin Woodworth, British Army officer who several weeks ago was freed of a charge of murdering a Jew without provocation, has been dismissed from the service, it was officially announced today. Lt. Woodworth had been found guilty of manslaughter in the shooting of Abraham Rosenberg, a resident of Tel Aviv.

During his trial before a military court, Woodworth testified that he had fired in self-defense because he thought a Jewish "terrorist-kidnapper" was about to attack him. He declared he narrowly escaped being kidnapped together with the five British officers who were kidnapped from the Tel Aviv officers' club on June 18.

BEN GURION WISHES TO RETURN TO PALESTINE; ELECTIONS FOR CONGRESS DELEGATES POSTPONED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, wishes to return to Palestine to help participate in the Zionist Congress election campaign of the Palestine Labor Party, circles close to him reported today.

The elections for Palestinian delegates to the Congress have been postponed until Oct. 28, it was announced here by the Jewish Agency elections committee.

CONFERENCE OF SOUTHWESTERN JEWISH COMMUNITIES DECIDES TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

SHREVEPORT, La., Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The question of strengthening local Jewish communal organizations so that they can deal adequately with the responsibilities facing American Jewry dominated discussions at the annual conference of the Southwestern states region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which took place here this week, it was reported today.

The conference, which lasted two days, was the largest ever held in this area with 150 leaders from twenty-three cities in Oklahoma, Texas and northwest Louisiana participating. At the conclusion of the conference Norman Hirschfield of Oklahoma City was elected regional president. E.M. Solow of Dallas and Abe I. Lack of Houston were elected vice-presidents and Louis Fischl of Ardmore, treasurer.

The action taken by the delegates included establishment of continuing committees "to help strengthen democratic representation of local community organization;" and a call for community participation in the planning of capital fund raising campaigns which national health and welfare agencies are projecting. In the area of overseas relief and resettlement, the conference voted favorably on a recommendation urging the continuation of the United Jewish Appeal. The conference leaders also urged that President Truman's appeal for the rescue of European Jewry be speedily implemented with concrete action. Also discussed by the delegates were regional social services for children and the aged and current trends in local organization and community relations.

ARGENTINE ANTI-RACIST COMMITTEE DISPUTES PERON STATEMENT THAT GOVT. IS FRIENDLY TO JEWS

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The Committee against Racism and Anti-Semitism has published a statement commenting on President Juan Peron's New Year's message to the Jews, in which he asserted that the Argentine Government was opposed to anti-Semitism and was friendly to the Jews.

The committee declares that the actions of the government do not coincide with Peron's statement. It points out that immigration is practically closed to Jews, that persons responsible for attacks upon Jewish personnel at the Buenos Aires University medical school are still unpunished, and that the Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista, the most rabid anti-Semitic party in the country, is permitted to operate without opposition from the government.

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON ANTI-SEMITISM TO BE HELD SOON, BRITISH RELIGIOUS LEADER ANNOUNCES

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- An international conference on anti-Semitism will be held in Europe soon, Rev. W. Simpson, a leader of the British Conference of Christians and Jews, announced at a meeting here last night at which he reported on the first International Conference of Christian and Jews, held at Oxford recently.

He announced that he is leaving for Switzerland shortly to meet with leaders of the Swiss Conference who will probably make the arrangements for the European meeting. Simpson warned that the people of Britain were unaware of the progress made in the field of race relations in recent years and asserted that they must not neglect this aspect of international cooperation if they would ensure that "it couldn't happen here."

The current issue of the Peoples Post, organ of the Duke of Bedford's British Peoples Party, reveals that the party is moving toward open anti-Semitism. Beside containing a number of anti-Jewish slurs, the Post also recommends to its readers a new edition of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," notorious anti-Semitic forgery.

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