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TRUMAN TELLS U.N. ASSEMBLY RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IS NECESSARY TO RESTORE PEACE

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- President Truman today appealed to the United Nations General Assembly to establish the International Refugee Organization as soon as possible, so that it may take over from UNRRA the tasks of caring for and resettling the hundreds of thousands of refugees and displaced persons in Europe.

In his address opening the Assembly meeting, the President stressed that the United States "considers this a matter of great urgency in the cause of restoring peace and in the cause of humanity itself."

Mr. Truman reiterated his intention to ask Congress to authorize the United States to join with other nations in receiving "those refugees who do not wish to return to their former homes for reasons of political or religious belief." He also said that he would urge Congress to vote funds to help finance the International Refugee Organization.

CHURCHILL AGAIN URGES BRITAIN TO GIVE UP PALESTINE MANDATE TO U.N.; HITS U.S. INACTION

LONDON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill today again urged the British Government to surrender its mandate for Palestine to the United Nations if it is unable to fulfill its pledge of creating a Jewish National Home there.

Speaking after Prime Minister Attlee had made a statement on foreign policy in which his only reference to Palestine was to describe it as "one of the urgent world problems," Mr. Churchill charged that the Labor Government had caused a tremendous amount of suffering because it had not adopted a decisive policy on Palestine. He deplored the fact that large military forces were engaged in "a squalid conflict with the Zionist community."

Churchill criticized the United States, declaring that it was not right for the U.S. "not to take a share in solving the Palestine problem, and then reproach us for our obvious incapacity to cope with the problem." He added that the mandate was the "most thankless task ever undertaken by any country."

Bevin Says Mufti Broke Promise Not to Engage in Politics

Speaking in Commons earlier, Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin revealed that the British Ambassador in Cairo has complained to the Egyptian Government at the failure of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem to keep his promise to refrain from political activity while in Egypt.

A Jewish Agency spokesman today welcomed the replacement of Lieut. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker as British military commander in Palestine by Maj. Gen. G.H.A. MacMillan. "We hope this change in the regime will be followed by a change in personnel," he said. Barker had been under fire on several occasions for his alleged anti-Semitism.

THREE COLONIES ESTABLISHED IN PALESTINE IN NEW SURPRISE MOVE; GOVERNMENT INFORMED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- In a surprise move last night several hundred members of the Hapoel Mizrachi, the labor wing of the orthodox Zionists, erected three new colonies near Jerusalem in an area where Jews are prohibited from purchasing land under the White Paper of 1939.

The action, which followed the pattern of "Operation Land" of eleven days ago, when 12 colonies were established in the Negev within the space of one night, is not expected to be contested by the authorities because the land on which the settlements will be built was purchased by the Jewish National Fund prior to 1939. The first official notification the government received was a communication this morning telling it that the colonies had been established.

A Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent who this morning visited one of the new settlements situated near the peaks of the Hebron Hills found the settlers, most of whom are about 20 years old, busy laying the foundations for a communal dining hall and watch towers. They arrived last night with several trucks on which they had loaded two pre-fabricated houses and their personal belongings.

Residents of a neighboring Arab village, who at first complained of all the traffic that was passing through their settlement, agreed when the situation was explained to them to help level a road which skirted the village to accommodate the Jewish traffic. Later they paid a ceremonial visit to the site of the new settlement, voicing good wishes for its success.

MILITARY TRUCK BLASTED AFTER WARNING BY STERNISTS; KAPLAN SEES HIGH COMMISSIONER

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- A large land mine exploded tonight on the Haifa-Tel Aviv road, near Nathanya. First reports said that a military truck was blown up.

The blast followed a warning issued last night by the Stern Group that "guerrilla warfare" against the British would be intensified. It said that all military vehicles would be blown up.

Eliezer Kaplan, who has just returned from London where he was one of the Jewish Agency negotiators who met with Colonial Minister Arthur Creech-Jones, conferred today with High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham at the latter's request. The subject of their talks was not disclosed, but Kaplan was given permission to visit the imprisoned leaders of the Agency in the Latrun prison and report on the London negotiations.

The Agency executive met this morning to hear a report from Kaplan and Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, another of the negotiators. The Small Zionist Actions Committee is now expected to convene after the elections for delegates to the World Zionist Congress, which are to be held here on Monday.

A report from Cyprus says that the freighters Ocean Vigor and Empire Rival arrived in Famagusta this morning with the 800 Jewish refugees from the schooner Alma, who were transferred to the freighters in Haifa harbor yesterday. There are now more than 5,000 refugees interned in Cyprus.

Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, speaking before the Tel Aviv municipal council today, thanked the French Government for making 5,000 visas available to Jewish refugees from Poland. He urged nations to admit refugees and appealed to UNRRA to continue to help the displaced Jews until they can come to Palestine.

JEWISH AGENCY MAY SEEK TO BRING PALESTINE ISSUE BEFORE UNITED NATIONS, DR. GOLDMAN SAYS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency may urge--through some friendly nations--that the United Nations take up the Palestine question, if the Agency leaders come to the conclusion that it is hopeless to expect any agreement with the British Government, it was revealed at a press conference here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, a member of the Jewish Agency executive, upon his return from Europe where he participated in the informal talks between Foreign Minister Bevin and Jewish leaders on the Palestine issue.

Dr. Goldmann declared that all elements exist for a compromise solution of the Palestine question, and that the continuation by the British Government of its "present repressive and dilatory tactics" can only result in "an explosion."

Asserting that the Jewish Agency had made "a supreme concession" in an attempt to break the present stalemate, Dr. Goldmann warned that if no agreement is reached between Britain and the Jewish Agency by Dec. 16, when the London conference on Palestine is to resume, it would cause "an all-out struggle" against the British Government by Palestinian Jews supported by Jews in other parts of the world. The Jewish Agency, he declared, would wage a political fight, but lacking police power and in the face of rising tension, particularly among younger Jews, it would be unable to restrain those elements which will increasingly turn to methods of violence and terror.

"If the British want a compromise and a just solution, they can get it today," he stated. He pointed to the oft-expressed American support and said that in seven talks in three weeks with Foreign Minister Bevin, he and other representatives of the Agency had clearly outlined the basic conditions for Jewish participation in the Palestine Conference in London. They were: freedom to choose the Agency spokesmen and an agreement on a basis of discussion likely to lead to fruitful results. Neither of these conditions, he said, were accepted.

Says "Viable Jewish State" Would Include 65 Percent of Palestine

Failure of the British Government to accept the compromise solution offered by the "viable state" proposal of the Agency, which is supported by the American Government and by moderate Arabs, Dr. Goldman declared, will show lack of goodwill and will "permanently embarrass Anglo-American relations." He warned that, while unable to foretell the actual results, "it will be nasty for everybody concerned."

Agency leaders, he said, told Bevin that if the British Government accepted the principle of a viable state, they were prepared to participate in the London talks and to submit their idea of an adequate area. This would constitute approximately 65 percent of Palestine to include Galilee, the coastal plain and the Negev.

The Jewish Agency "reluctantly" decided "to accept the supreme sacrifice involved in another partition," Dr. Goldman continued, "not out of choice or a conviction of equity," but "in a desperate effort to open the way for immediate large-scale Jewish immigration" to save hundreds of thousands of Jews in Europe." He asserted that "very important Arab leaders would be ready to consider a partition scheme if they knew that they had to accept a compromise," and called on the British Government to press for "a conciliatory mood" among the Arabs.

POLISH AUTHORITIES CRACK DOWN ON BANDS TERRORIZING JEWS; MEET OUT DEATH SENTENCES

WARSAW, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Polish military and judicial authorities have launched a concerted drive to stamp out the bandit groups which have been terrorizing Jews throughout Poland for more than a year and which have been responsible for the death of several hundred.

A detachment of 40 which operated along the rail lines between Lukow and Miedzyrzec, dragging Jews from trains and killing them, was rounded up by the militia after a fierce engagement during which ten bandits were killed.

At Katowice, a military court this week sentenced to death three brigands who had murdered many Jews in the Katowice-Bielske district. Two of their confederates received terms of life imprisonment and fifteen years, respectively. At Bialystok a fascist leader named Wacław Maliszewski and his assistant have been sentenced to be hanged, while in Cracow another military tribunal doomed the leader of a band which dragged Jews from trains between Cracow and Nowy Sacz. Ten other members of the group received terms ranging from three to fifteen years.

In Stettin, a criminal court sentenced a militiaman, Karel Dobrzanski to life imprisonment for firing into a group of Jewish children, gravely injuring two of them. Dobrzanski pleaded that he "couldn't pass Jews in the street without getting excited." In pronouncing the verdict, the president of the court said that "the murder of Jews is Poland's greatest shame." He added that he had refrained from imposing the death sentence because of the defendant's "poor mentality."

SHIPMENT OF DP'S FROM AUSTRIA TO GERMANY HALTS BECAUSE OF DECREASE OF INFILTRATES

MUNICH, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- No organized shipments of displaced Jews from Austria to the American zone in Germany are scheduled because of the relatively small number of refugees now entering Austria from Eastern Europe, it was learned today.

It is understood that the American military authorities in Austria have agreed to keep about 30,000 infiltrates in their zone, but as soon as the figure rises above that amount they will request that the surplus be shipped to Germany. However, since only about 150 refugees are entering Austria daily, it is not expected that the 30,000 figure will be reached for some time.

HUNGARIAN GOVT. ASKED TO GRANT MILITARY PENSIONS TO JEWISH VICTIMS OF LABOR CAMPS

BUDAPEST, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Imre Kallos, secretary of the Labor Camps Veterans Association, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he has applied to the War Ministry to grant posthumous military status to the victims of the labor camps in order that their families may receive pensions. The ministry has agreed to take the suggestion under consideration. Most of the inmates of the camps were used to construct military installations on the Russian front.

Jewish victims of atrocities at the camps will be reburied on Sunday in the Budapest Jewish cemetery, following action by the Veterans Association.

Although the law provides for exhumation and reburial of camp victims by the local authorities in the district where mass graves are found, little has been done in this respect because of the poverty of provincial administrations. The Association, therefore, secured funds from the families of some of the victims and from the JDC to finance the reburial.

CALL CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIVERSITY OF JUDAISM TO TRAIN LEADERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- A call to a conference to consider the need for a University of Judaism to train leaders and workers for the Jewish community in the United States and encourage research into all aspects of Jewish life was issued here today by Judge Simon H. Rifkind, Mrs. Felix Warburg and Alan M. Strock, all of whom are members of the board of directors of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The one day convention which is to meet here on Nov. 10, is being arranged by the Seminary in cooperation with the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue. A major event of the meeting will be the conferring of the Solomon Schechter award on an outstanding American in recognition of service to American Jewry.

Scheduled for consideration at the session is the question of how to equip American Jews for the spiritual leadership once held by now virtually extinct European communities. Plans for the conference include survey of the extent of damage to Jewish cultural and spiritual institutions on the Continent.

ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS URGED BY U.S. GROUP

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Establishment of an International Council of Christians and Jews was endorsed yesterday at a meeting of the board of directors of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, after they heard a report of the conference held at Oxford in August, at which the plan for a world-wide inter-faith council was first suggested.

The board adopted a budget of \$2,000,000 to finance the activities of the National Conference in 1947. It was announced that Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council of Judaism, has contributed \$10,000 to help organize the international council.

HEAD OF BRITISH SECTION OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS RECEIVED BY SWEDISH PREMIER

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Premier Tagle Erlander and Minister of Social Welfare Gustave Moeller yesterday received Samuel Silverman, Laborite M.P. and head of the British section of the World Jewish Congress, who is in this country visiting Jewish refugees who were compelled to emigrate here from Central Europe.

MIZRACHI SLATE PLACES FIRST IN TRANSYLVANIAN ELECTIONS FOR WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

BUCHAREST, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The elections for delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress held throughout Transylvania last week resulted in the Mizrachi Organization getting two seats, the Ichud Party two, the General Zionists one and the Hashomer Hatzair none. The popular vote was 4,343 for the Mizrachi, 3,864 for the Ichud, 1,564 for the General Zionists and 735 for the Hashomer Hatzair slate.

B'NAI B'RITH VOCATIONAL SERVICE BUREAU GETS NAVY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Vice Admiral Louis Denfeld, Chief of Naval Personnel, has presented a Certificate of Achievement to the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service Bureau, "in grateful recognition of outstanding services rendered to naval personnel during World War II." Vice Admiral Denfeld presented the award in behalf of the Bureau of Naval Personnel to Leon J. Obermayer, of Philadelphia, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service Commission, governing body of the Service Bureau.