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Z.O.A. CONVENTION OPENS IN ATLANTIC CITY; WILL NOT ENDORSE PALESTINE PARTITION PLAN

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The 49th convention of the Zionist Organization of America, which is opening formally tomorrow evening, will reject any resolution calling for endorsement of the partition plan for Palestine offered by the executive of the Jewish Agency to the British Government, a spokesman for the ZOA leadership said today.

The convention also will oppose any further postponement of the World Zionist Congress which is scheduled to open in Switzerland early in December. A recommendation against further postponement was adopted at a meeting of the ZOA national executive committee held this morning.

Approximately 1,500 delegates from all parts of the country have arrived here to attend the convention. They represent a constituency of over 500,000 members, according to an official announcement.

Leaders of the ZOA today declined to comment on the statements made by Dr. Nahum Goldmann during the last few days in Washington and New York in support of the partition plan. They said that it would be premature to make any such comment prior to the opening of the convention. However, a spokesman for the ZOA leadership said that "there is no doubt that Dr. Goldmann's statements are viewed with considerable disapproval."

BRITAIN WILL LAUNCH PROPAGANDA DRIVE IN U.S. AGAINST JEWISH RESISTANCE IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The British Government will launch a campaign in the United States to bring to the attention of public opinion the details of the activities of the Jewish underground movement in Palestine, it was announced today in the House of Commons by British Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones.

The announcement was made in reply to questions raised by several members of Parliament with regard to the renewed outbreaks in Palestine and the contemplated precautionary measures. The Colonial Secretary refused to reveal details of the security measures planned by the military authorities, but said that the Foreign Office will see to it that "the facts of the situation" in Palestine are made known in New York.

Announcing that five soldiers and policemen were killed in Palestine and 12 injured during the past month, the Colonial Secretary said: "I should like to express the abhorrence which I am confident the House feels at these abominations and cold-blooded outrages." He added that he was sure that his feelings were shared by a large section of the Jewish population. He warned against outrages at a time when efforts are being made to relieve the tension and to find a satisfactory long-term policy for Palestine.

Replying to a question from former Colonial Minister Col. Oliver Stanley, Creech-Jones said that during the recent discussions in London, the Jewish Agency representatives had shown a disposition to help in the restoration of order in Pales-

REPORTERS BARRED FROM OBSERVING SCREENING OF JEWS; SUBJECTED TO ANTI-SEMITIC HARANGUE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Ten correspondents who last night attempted to witness the screening of 500 Jews seized after three bombs exploded in the center of Jerusalem were detained by troops and taken to military Headquarters where they were individually subjected to anti-Jewish harangues by the officer in command.

Immediately after the blasts, which occurred between 7 and 7:30 p.m., the correspondents left the Eden Hotel, which is adjacent to the scene of the explosions, and converged on a huge pit, originally dug as a foundation for a building, which was being used as a screening center for the arrested Jews.

When they arrived at the pit they were "invited" by a non-commissioned officer to climb into a military truck which would take them to headquarters. "If you won't go voluntarily, you'll be taken in chains," he warned, when some of the reporters objected.

When they arrived at battalion headquarters, they were individually brought into the office of Lt. Col. Richard Webb, the commander of the First Battalion of Argyll Highlanders, who readily agreed to be interviewed and quoted.

British Commander Tells Reporters Jews Are a Despicable Race

The sense of what he said to the ten reporters is summarized in the following, which is a composite of his remarks, made over a period of an hour, using his own words:

"Jews are a despicable race. When things like this happen our boys get mad. I told them not to be biased, but we have to hit back and when we hit back the Jews keep quiet for four or five days. I've been on searches in these bloody collective settlements when men shoved women and children to the front and stayed well behind. These bloody Jews saved their skins at Alamein and other places and now they do this to us.

"You all know what these bloody Jews are and how they take advantage of everything. The Jews are very cocky about Sir Evelyn Barker's departure, but let me tell them, the new GOC, who used to be my colonel, knows how to treat them much better than little Barker. Let them wait until he comes. What we have to do here is to be of real nuisance value to these Jews--ordinary Jews I mean. That will make them turn against the Stern Gang.

"Frankly, we brought you down here because you were distracting our soldiers. As a matter of fact we sometimes have to use rifle butts and you people have a rather embarrassing effect on the soldiers. Webb was asked at this point whether he could be quoted and replied: "Yes, by all means. You people were interfering with the soldiers and I just wanted to get you out of the way."

After the separate interviews, Webb spoke briefly to all the correspondents, commenting that America refuses to come to Britain's assistance and that "Britain would give up the mandate but for the Russians. They're the key to all things."

No Terrorists Found Among Detained Jews

After the screening, during which no terrorists were found, had been completed, the correspondents were released. Among the 500 questioned was 70-year-old Moshe Kleinman, editor of Haolam, official organ of the World Zionist Executive. All of

those searched complained that the soldiers man-handled and mistreated women, children and aged persons. They smashed furniture and mirrors in private homes and voiced threats of further violence.

According to figures available this morning, the soldiers caused at least \$40,000 worth of damage in homes near the area where the explosions occurred. This figure does not include goods looted from shops whose windows were smashed by the blasts.

An official announcement this morning said that three of the twelve soldiers injured here last night were seriously wounded, while the others were "progressing satisfactorily." It also disclosed that there were two other land mine explosions last night, one on a roadbridge between Haifa and Yagour and the other under a military truck at an undisclosed point.

#### High Commissioner Discusses Problem of Jewish Detainees with Chief Rabbi

Meanwhile, the Jewish Agency's political department today categorically denied reports that the Agency has concluded an agreement with the British Government under which it compromised its claim to an immediate increase in immigration.

High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham today received Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog and discussed with him the problems of Jewish detainees in Palestine and Eritrea. They also considered the question of Jewish immigration and the fate of the visaless Jews now in Cyprus detention camps. Herzog submitted a number of proposals for lessening the tension in the country.

#### BYRNES ASSURES WISE THAT STATE DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTS TRUMAN POLICY ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Byrnes has assured Dr. Stephen S. Wise, American member of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, that no difference of opinion exists between President Truman and the Department of State regarding United States policy toward Palestine.

The Department of State today made public an exchange of correspondence between Byrnes and Rabbi Wise, in which Dr. Wise asked for clarification of rumors that "the President's statement (of Oct. 4) is not to be considered as policy of the American Government and that, in fact, the State Department is not giving full support to the policy which the President's statement would seem to reflect."

Byrnes, in his letter of Oct. 24 to Dr. Wise, emphatically denied the rumors. "I am happy to assure you," he wrote, "that the rumors to which you refer have no basis in fact. The statement made by the President on Oct. 4 with regard to Palestine and to Jewish immigration into Palestine is, of course, an expression of the policy of this government. With this policy I am in hearty accord."

Byrnes declared that both the Department of State and the Foreign Service will continue loyal and wholehearted implementation of Presidential policies regarding Palestine and the question of displaced persons in Europe.

"The importance which this government attaches to the matter and the deep personal concern of the President over the situation in Palestine and over the condition of the displaced persons in Europe," Byrnes said, "a concern which I share--is shown by the fact that on this occasion, as on several prior occasions, the President himself has expressed the views of this government. The Department of State and the Foreign Service are endeavoring loyally and wholeheartedly to do their part in the implementation of these policies with regard to Palestine and associated problems. They will continue so to do."

A Jewish Agency spokesman welcomed Byrnes' statement, particularly the Secretary's reference to implementation of Presidential policy by the Foreign Service.

U.S. OFFICER SUSPENDED, JEWISH DP'S ARRESTED FOR FORCING GERMANS TO EXHUME NAZI VICTIMS

MUNICH, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- An American military government officer who compelled the residents of a German town to exhume and rebury the remains of Jews murdered in concentration camps has been suspended and several displaced Jews have been arrested, it was announced today by military government headquarters for Bavaria.

The announcement said that Capt. D S. Fields, the MG officer in the Bavarian town of Neunburg vorm Wald, has been removed pending an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the exhumation ceremonies.

"During the ceremony incidents occurred wherein members of the population, both ex-Nazi Party members and others, were forced to commit excesses, including cleaning human bones and removal with their bare hands of decayed flesh," MG headquarters stated.

"During this time the exhumation party was assaulted and beaten by Jewish and Polish displaced persons witnessing the procedures and certain American soldiers are alleged to have participated in the attacks. Over 50 persons are reported to have been injured, with at least six of them requiring medical treatment.

Both the Military Government and the American constabulary headquarters are investigating the incident, the announcement added, stating that any soldier found to have acted in a disorderly manner will face a court martial.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR REPORTS PROBLEM OF DISPLACED JEWS HAS INCREASED IN U.S. ZONES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Assistant Secretary of War Howard Peterson, who returned this week from an inspection trip in Germany and Austria, today told a press conference that the occupants of the Rothschild camp in Vienna and at Feldafing outside Munich, which he visited, unanimously expressed the wish to go to Palestine. He said there had been a very noticeable increase in the number of Jewish displaced persons from Poland since the pogroms of last July, and that they infiltrated into the American zone "because it is closer to Palestine." The British zone has no comparable DP problem, he pointed out.

Petersen emphasized that the Army care of displaced persons does not constitute a permanent solution. "It should be thoroughly understood that it is only a temporary stopgap," he said. "The DP problem is not only not solved, but has increased," largely due to the heavy influx of Jews from Poland. Most of the "admittedly sub-standard" tent camps which the Army established to care for this influx will be closed before winter, according to Petersen, and their occupants transferred to billets.

He praised the Central Committee for Liberated Jews for its liaison functions with the Army, and its cognizance of the need for self-supporting projects for Jewish displaced persons. Pointing out the "psychological antipathy" of these DP's toward working in Germany and thus contributing to a renaissance of German economy, Petersen said he was encouraged by the development of work programs at Feldafing, where 1,500 of the total 4,290 population were engaged in some full-time employment.

DP CONFERENCE IN BRITISH ZONE PLEDGES SUPPORT TO JEWISH AGENCY, SCORES PALESTINE TERROR

BERGEN-BELSEN, Germany, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A resolution pledging full support to the Jewish Agency and vigorously denouncing terrorism in Palestine was adopted at a conference of Jews from the displaced persons camps in the British zone and representatives of Jewish communities, which was held here.

The conference was addressed by Mrs. Rebecca Sieff, president of the Women's International Zionist Organization, who spent the High Holidays with the DP's at Belsen.

VISHINSKY DEMANDS HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION BE TRANSFERRED TO POLITICAL COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A demand that the Draft Declaration on Human Rights drawn up by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations should be transferred to the Political and Security Committee of the General Assembly, known as Committee One, from the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee, which is Committee Three, was made today at the General Committee of the U.N. by Soviet delegate Andrei Vishinsky.

Following a suggestion by Roberto Jimenez of Panama that Committee Three take up the human rights declaration as its first order of business, Mr. Vishinsky said that the Soviet delegation felt that the declaration was more in the competence of Committee One since it was a matter of political rights and freedoms.

In response to an appeal for a ruling by Paul Henri Speak, president of the General Assembly, U.N. Secretary Trygve Lie said that in his opinion under the terms of reference given Committee Three, it should get the human rights proposal. Mr. Vishinsky disagreed with Lie, and suggested that the chairman of the two committees meet with the Secretary General and report back to the General Committee. This suggestion was adopted.

In an address to the General Assembly today, British delegate Philip J. Noel-Baker expressed the hope that the Assembly will draw up a bill of rights which will be a mandate for the Commission on Human Rights.

Stressing Panama's interest in the human rights declaration, Mr. Jimenez recommended that the U.N. act to secure freedom of religion and equal rights for all, irrespective of race or religion, in every country throughout the world. "Everyone has the right to protection against arbitrary discrimination in the provisions and applications of the law because of race, religion, sex or any other reason," he stated.

SPLIT IN BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS; NINETY-THREE MEMBERS FORM OPPOSITION GROUP

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A split within the ranks of the Board of Deputies of British Jews was revealed today when fifty-eight non-Zionist members held a meeting under the chairmanship of Neville Laski, former president, and adopted a resolution severely criticizing the present policy of the board. Speakers at the meeting claimed that the board is being dominated by party politics foreign to its constitution and directed by an outside body for its own purposes.

Thirty-five more members who did not attend the meeting wrote approving letters to the group. The Jewish Chronicle, leading British Jewish publication, today publishes an editorial supporting the dissident group and charging Prof. Selig Brodetzky, president of the board, with being partial to the Zionist elements among the deputies since he is a member of the Jewish Agency executive.

The resolution adopted at today's meeting says that "the fine tradition lost during recent years will not be regained until independence of the Board of Deputies is regained."

THERESIENSTADT COMMANDANT HANGED FOR CRIMES AGAINST JEWS; CONVICTED, EXECUTED SAME DAY

PRAGUE, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Heinrich Joeckel, commandant of the Theresienstadt concentration camp, was executed this afternoon in the Litomerice jail. He was convicted this morning of the murder and torture of thousands of Jewish prisoners and of having supported the Nazi movement in Czechoslovakia.

SUMNER WELLES URGES U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORITY BE USED TO OPEN DOORS OF PALESTINE

TORONTO, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The whole weight and authority of the United Nations General Assembly should be used to open the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration from Europe, Sumner Welles, former Under-Secretary of State, declared at a press conference here.

Welles supported President Truman's plea for the immediate admission of 100,000 displaced Jews to Palestine and asserted that this number would only be a start toward solving the problem and that further immigration opportunities must be afforded the Jews. He also urged that the immigration policies of the western nations should be liberalized to give the Jews the greatest aid.

Jews IN PALESTINE UNDETERRED BY BRITISH OPPOSITION, ZIONIST LABOR LEADERS REPORT

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The progress which the Jews in Palestine are continuing to make despite British opposition was reported on by Don Pines, Histadruth leader and by Hayim Greenberg, leader of American Zionist laborites, who have just returned from Palestine.

Addressing a dinner last night Pines, who is one of the editors of Davar, largest Hebrew daily newspaper in Palestine, said that the Jews in Palestine are determined to bring in as many Jews as possible from Europe and are developing industrial and agricultural plans for the economic absorption of the newcomers. "The Yishuv is optimistic as to the outcome of its fight, even though the atmosphere in the country is tense," Pines reported.

Greenberg, addressing a press conference, said the average Jew in Palestine feels that no matter what the present political difficulties are, the Jews can win only if they continue to strengthen their economic positions in the country and to expand their agricultural settlements. He indicated that the Jews in Palestine are not enthusiastic about proposals for partition, but will accept it if it is imposed upon them, even though the extremist groups will continue to oppose it.

DR. SCHWARTZ, J.D.C. EUROPEAN DIRECTOR, ARRIVES IN GERMANY TO INSPECT WORK IN DP CAMPS

MUNICH, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, arrived here today on a tour of inspection of J.D.C. activities in displaced persons' camps near here, and the local Jewish community.

He first visited the Neu Freimann camp toured by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower last week and then proceeded to the Rosenheim camp where 1,300 Jewish children live. Here he was informed that school supplies and warm clothing were still desperately short. Later Dr. Schwartz inspected the Schleissheim and Fohrenwald camps and discussed local problems with Jewish leaders, J.D.C. and UNRRA officials and displaced Jews.

JACOB KIRSCHENBAUM, MEMBER OF JEWISH MORNING JOURNAL STAFF, DIES AT 61

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Jacob Kirschenbaum, a member of the editorial staff of the Jewish Morning Journal, died here last night at the age of 61. Funeral services will be held Sunday.

Born in Galilee, Kirschenbaum came to the United States in 1900. Before he joined the Journal staff in 1915, he was a correspondent for many papers in this country, Canada, South America and Poland. He was also managing director of the Cleveland Jewish World.

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