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106 EAST 41: STREET, NEW YORK 17. N. Y. MOLOTOV CITES PALESTINE IN U.N. TALK; SCORES BRITISH RELUCTANCE TO  $G_{\sim}$ VE UP MANDATE

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Soviet Foreign Secretary Vyacheslav Molotov thrust the explosive Palestine issue before the United Nations General Assembly tonight when he charged Britain with unwillingness to relinquish the Palestine mandate and with

merely confining herself to "insignificant declarations" with regard to the mandated territories.

"Someone," he said, addressing the General Assembly, "is deliberately hindering the establishment of the U.N. Trusteeship Council." He stressed the necessity of bettering the living conditions in the mandated territories and of helping the inhabitants along the path to self-government and independence.

"But," he continued, "not a single step has been taken along this path by the countries which would not let go their firm hold on the mandates of Palestine, Tanganyika, Togo, New Guinea, etc., confining themselves for the time being to the writing of unsatisfactory drafts and ineignificant declarations."

Meanwhile, it was learned that the Arab states do not plan to bring the Palestine issue before the General Assembly, in view of the fact that the problem is still to be discussed at the London conference called by the British Government. This was confirmed by Syrian delegate Faris el Khoury in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

In reply to a question as to whether his government will refuse to support the proposed International Refugee Organization if Jews are not barred from Palestine, khoury said: "I believe that the question of the IRO, being exclusively humanitarian, should not include any matter having such important political aspects as Palestine."

He reiterated the Arab states' opposition to further Jewish in igration into Palestine "before the establishment of a government of Palestine representative of the wishes and aspirations of its people."

# Compromise Reached on Human Rights Proposal

A compromise proposal under which the section of a proposed U.N. Declaration of Fundamental Human Rights covering the rights and duties of states will be shifted from the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee to the Political and Security Committee was reached last night at a session of the General Committee.

The compromise followed a demand by Soviet delegate Andrei Vishinsky that the entire declaration-submitted by Panama-be transferred from the Social Committee to the Political Committee. It provides that all sections of the declaration will be discussed jointly by the two committees, with the exception of the clauses on the duties of states. The sections to be dealt with jointly are the part of the proposal dealing with fundamental human rights.

#### LABORITES PLACE FIRST, REVISIONISTS SECOND IN PALESTINE ELECTIONS FOR CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The more than 200,000 voters the went to the polls yesterday to indicate their sentiments on partition and other vital assues facing the Zionist movement gave the Palestine Labor Party the largest number of votes, with the Revisionists, who have not participated in a Congress election since 1935, placing a surprising second.

The Labor Party received 74,000 votes and the Revisionists 28,300. They were followed by the Poale Mizrachi with 24,500, the Hashomer Hatzair, 24,000 and the Tenua L'Achdut Avoda, left-wing opposition in the Palestine Labor Party, 23,000. The Aliya Hadasha, the party of post-Hitler immigrants, mostly from Germany, received 12,000 votes, while the General Zionists received 5,000 as did the Mizrachi organization. Ten thousand ballots were still uncounted.

The 79 seats that were being contested will be distributed on the following hasis: Labor Party, 28; Revisionists, 12; Poale Mizrachi, 10; Heshomer Matzair, 9; Tenua L'Achdut Avoda, 9; Aliya Hadasha, 6 and five to the minor parties.

In the Latrum detention camp where special balloting was permitted by the authorities, the Revisionists received an overwhelming mejority of the votes. The count was: Revisionists, 247; Laborites, 30; Aliya Hadasha, 4; Hashomer Hatzair, 2; and General Zionists, 1.

The balloting was quiet and completely without incident. On election eve a score of youths engaged in a minor fracas, but were stopped by their comrades. Following this melee, the representatives of all parties agreed to maintain strict discipine.

# Actions Committee Leaves Decision on Participation in London Parley to Congress

The Small Zionist Actions Committee met here today to hear reports on the Jewish Agency negotiations with the British Government, but it is understood that it will take no decision on Zionist participation in the London talks when they resume, leaving it to the World Zionist Congress.

Eliezer Kaplan, Agency treasurer, told the Committee today that no agreement of any kind had been reached with the British Government during the recently concluded London talks. He said that the negotiators acted only in accordance with instructions given them by the Actions Committee.

The Agency executive was slated to present to the meeting a three-point resolution scoring the existence of a police regime in Palestine, condemning terrorist activities and expressing appreciation of President Truman's policy on Palestine and appealing that it be implemented as soon as possible.

# PALESTINE EDITOR STRIPPED OF PAPERS BY POLICE OFFICERS UPON RETURN FROM LONDON

JERUSALEM, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Gershon Agronsky, editor of the English-language Palestine Post, had all his papers impounded by a Criminal Investigation Division officer when he arrived today at Lydda airport from London. Among the documents seized were private letters, minutes of meetings with members of parliament and British officials, telegrams and newspaper articles.

# JEWISH PROTESTS FORCE AUSTRIAN GOVT, TO CALL BACK DRAFT OF NEW RESTITUTION MEASURE

VIENNA, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government's "Third Restitution Law," which covers mainly Jewish property now in the hands of private individuals, has been called back for further study by Minister of Property Custody Peter Krauland, following strong protests by Jewish circles. It will be taken up at an inter-ministerial conference on Nov. 4, it was learned here today.

The objections to the present draft arise from the fact that it deals only with forced sale of properties by a Jew to a non-Jew, in most cases a Nazi, but does not cover other means by which the Nazis stripped the Jews of their property, such as auctioning if off, with a Nazi purchaser obtaining the property at a fraction of its value.

Another flaw in the proposed law is that it provides for a lengthy and complicated restitution procedure, under which the present holders of the property would remain in possession for at least another year and which would give them the full legal protection given legitimate owners.

## END OF U.S. MARITIME STRIKE EXPECTED TO SPEED FLOW OF IMMIGRANTS FROM GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 prospective immigrants for the United States are piled up in Bremen as a result of a nation-wide U.S. maritime strike, which has just ended, Army headquarters here announced today.

The announcement said that about another 3,000 are waiting in Berlin, Stuttgart, Frankfurt and Munich. Since the Bremen staging area is capable of accommodating 2,000 persons, it is expected that another 1,000 will be moved there shortly, now that the strike has ended.

## RUMANIAN MILITARY COMMISSION INVESTIGATING AFTERMATH OF JASSY MASSACRE

BUCHAREST, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The military commission which is investigating the pogram at Jassy in 1941 in which thousands of Rumanian J. ws were slaughtered, has completed its on-the-spot inquiry and is now sifting the facts in the subsequent murder of 80 percent of the survivors of the Jassy incident.

The Commission established that some 5,000 men, women and children were packed into two freight trains and kept there for six days during which more than 4,000 perished from suffocation and lack of food, water and medical care. The commission is now tracing the route of the death trains, and numerous bodies have been exhumed from shallow common graves where they were buried after being hurled off the trains.

In Mircesti, Moldavia, 468 bodies have been buried in a common mausoleum, bearing the simple inscription: "Here lie 468 Jews massacred June 22, 1941." At the town of Roman four bodies were recently uncovered and reinterred in a ceremony attended by the entire Jewish community, local officials and the commander of the local garrison.

## JEMISH DEMOCRATIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION IN EGYPT REJECTS ZIONISM; URGES UNITY WITH ARABS

CAIRO, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish Democratic Youth Association today published a resolution adopted by its membership rejecting Zionism and affirming solidarity with Arab national movements aimed at achieving a free and independent Arab East.

### PALESTINE MILITARY HEADQUARTERS SUSPENDS OFFICER WHO MADE ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Lieut. Col. Richard Webb, commander of the First Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, has been removed as a result of the anti-Semitic remarks he made to a group of correspondents last Thrusday.

The official announcement of his suspension (which was reported by the JTA on Sunday) said that he had made remarks which were "both unauthorized and unofficial." British military headquarters yesterday ordered a formal court of inquiry into the temporary detention of the correspondents. It is also understood that the status of the reporters is being investigated, since several are believed to be "unaccredited civillans."

Abraham Rachlin, who was sentenced in 1941 to seven years imprisonment for illegal possession of arms in a trial which aroused world-wide interest, was released today after serving a few weeks more than three years. His co-defendant Leib Sirkin, who got ten years, was freed several months ago. During their trial the prosecution charged that the Jewish Agency was linked with a gigantic arms conspiracy.

# BRITISH SECURITY OFFICIALS FORCED PROSECUTION OF OFFICER WHO SCORED PALESTINE FOLICY

CAIRO, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The allegedly libellous article concerning British policy in Palestine written by Lieut. Kenneth Gourlay for the "Cairo Citadel," British army newspaper, brought no action from the authorities until security officials found a copy of it three months later in the possession of an Auxiliary Territorial Servicewomen who was travelling to Falestine from Egypt.

Gourlay's commanding officer admitted today under cross-examination that the article had been written in reply to an invitation from the editors of the Citadel, which had previously published a pro-Arab letter on the Palestine situation. The defendant, testifying in his own behalf this afternoon, said that the article was based on his own observations and information furnished him by fellow officers who were Palestinians.

After the prosecution concluded its case, the defense counsel asked for a dismissal of the charges on the grounds that the prosecution had not made out a case, but he was overruled by the court. Cross-examined by the prosecution, Gourlay denied that he had likened the Palestine Government to the Nazis, but said that an investigation of its activities would turn up facts as startling as those revealed at Nuremberg.

(The Palestine Government censor yesterday suppressed a report of the trial which contained quotations from the article in the Citadel and from letters written to the Palestine press by Gourlay.)

# CAIRO POLICE REPORT ARREST OF PALESTINE TERRORISTS BUYING ARMS FROM U.S. SOLDIERS

CAIRO, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Cairo police today amnounced that they had arrested "three Palestine Jewish terrorists" caught buying 500 revolvers from American soldiers.

The Palestine Government's interference will not prevent the Arabs from carrying out their boycott of "Zionist" goods, Emil Choury, member of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, declared here. The authorities recently arrested the members of the Arab Boycott Committee in Haifa.

#### MAJORITY OF J.C.A. WORKERS EXTERMINATED BY NAZIS IN POLAND, RUMANIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

LONDON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The majority of the staff of the Jewish Colonization Association in Poland, Rumania and Czechoslovakia was exterminated by the Nazis during the war, it was reported here today by Leonard Monteflore, president of the J.C.A. Council, at a meeting of the Anglo-Jewish Association. He said that the organization is now making an effort to replace its agricultural training staff before resuming colonizing activities.

At present, Montefiore stated, the Jewish Colonization Association is concentrating on aiding displaced Jews, mainly orphans who have been brought to England. A sum of \$40,000 has been voted for that work, he said, stressing that of the original capital grant made by Baron Maurice de Hirsch when he founded the Jewish Colonization Association in 1891, only \$16,000,000 is left.

The meeting also heard a report from Leonard Stein, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, on the discussions between the Colonial Office and leaders of the Jewish Agency on Jewish participation in the London conference on Palestine. Stein expressed the hope that the discussions will result in bringing the Jewish Agency into the conference when it reconvenes Dec. 16. He stressed that the purpose of the parley is to establish peace in Palestine and said that this commands the unqualified sympathy of the Association.

The Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association, after hearing Stein's report, adopted a resolution welcoming the opportunity of presenting its views to the government. "On the resumption of the conference on Palestine it will be our duty to do whatever is in our power to contribute to its success," the resolution stated.

# DRIVE FOR \$1,000,000 AND 1,000,000 MEMBERS LAUNCHED BY ZOA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A double-barreled campaign to bring the membership of the Zionist Organization of America up to 1,000,000 by 1950 and to reise \$1,000,000 to finance a large-scale public relations program throughout the U.S. in 1947, was voted here today at the first meeting of the national executive committee elected by the 49th annual convention of the ZOA, which closed this morning.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the ZOA, who presided, said that the money would be used "to power the fight for a Jewish Commonwealth through the media of the radio, publications and other educational instruments."

A resolution was also adopted pledging the continued support of the ZOA to the American Jewish Conference in the effort to establish a permanent overall body for the defense of Jewish rights. Another resolution called upon American Jewry to lend its aid in supporting the economic structure of the Jewish community of Palestine and help provide a market for Palestine products.

# SHARP INCREASE IN INTER-MARRIAGE AMONG JEWS IN CANADA REVEALED IN SURVEY

MONTREAL, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A sharp increase in inter-marriage between Jevs and non-Jews in Canada is revealed in figures released by the Vital Statistics Dept. of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Among the mixed marriages there were some between Jevish men and Negro and Indian women.

The figures for 1942 show 2,674 births to parents where both father and mother were Jews and 213 births of mixed parentage--137 children were the offspring of a Jewish father and a Gentile mother and 76 children were born to Jewish mothers whose husbands were Gentiles.

# EARL HARRISON URGES LIBERALIZATION ( U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS TO ADMIT 100,000 DP'S ANNUALLY

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- An appeal for the liberalization of U.S. immigration laws to permit the entrance of approximately 100,000 displaced persons to this country annually for a limited number of years, was made here last night by Earl Harrison, former Commissioner on Immigration and U.S. representative on the International Refugee Committee.

Speaking at the fall meeting of the National Social Welfare Assembly, Harrison urged that at least 300,000 DP's be admitted to the United States on unused quotas set aside for countries whose citizens are not refugees.

# MIDDLE EAST NEEDS JORDAN VALLEY DEVELOPMENT, PALESTINE INQUIRY COMMITTEE MEMBER SAYS

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- One long-term solution to the Middle Eastern problem is the creation of a Jordan Valley Authority financed and built jointly by British and American interests but controlled by an independent Jewish commonwealth and by independent neighboring Arab states, Richard Crossman, former British member of the Anglo-American inquiry committee on Palestine, declared last night at a Herald Tribune forum on current problems.

Palestine is a perfect example of the "weakness" of the trusteeship principle, Crossman declared, pointing out that the work of the Jews there is the "finest example" of pioneering achievement in the history of white settlement overseas. Nevertheless, he continued, British colonial officials came to Palestine prejudiced in favor of the Arabs.

#### EXTENSIVE J.D.C. AID TO CHILDREN IN EUROPE DESCRIBED BY FRENCH JEWISH LEADER

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Eleven thousand Jewish boys and girls in France, many of them orphans, are today receiving care in fifty-six orphan homes supported by the Joint Distribution Committee, or through other assistance provided by the J.D.C., it was reported today by Jacques Pulver, French underground leader and executive secretary of the Eclaireurs Israelites (the Jewish Boy Scouts of France) at a press conference here.

At the same time, Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the JDC, revealed that throughout Europe the J.D.C. is helping care for over 70,000 young Jevish survivors. In 250 orphan homes aided by the Committee's funds, and through its relief, reconstruction and resettlement programs in nearly every country in Europe, the J.D.C. is now engaged in the greatest child-care activities in its history, he said.

Mr. Fulver disclosed that large funds for the underground activities during the war, in which the Eclaireurs Israelites alone saved nearly 5,000 Jewish children, were provided by the J.D.C. from Switzerland and by French individuals on the promise that the J.D.C. would repay them after the war. Stating that only six Jewish children were lost of the 6,000 rescued and hidden by the Eclaireurs Israelites, Mr. Pulver paid high tribute to the underground workers of the organization, of whom 140--out of 240--sacrificed their lives to protect their young charges.

# VANDALS BREAK INTO NEWARK SYNAGOGUE; DESTROY PRAYER BOOKS AND CONGREGATION RECORDS

NEMARK, N.J., Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Vandals broke into the synagogue of the B'nai Jeshurun congregation here last night and desecrated the premises. The synagogue was ransacked and records and prayer books were destroyed.

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