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JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE MEETS WITH RELEASED LEADERS; SHERTOK SAYS STRUGGLE CONTINUES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive today held its first full meeting since June 29, when a number of its members were arrested and held in the Latrun detention camp until yesterday. Absent from the meeting were David Ben Gurion and Dr. Moshe Shneh who are now in the United States and who are free to return to Palestine, according to an official announcement made by a government spokesman here last night.

The released members of the executive received a tremendous ovation as they entered their offices in the Jewish Agency building. They were greeted by Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, in the name of the Jewish community.

Replying to the greeting, Moshe Shertok, the released head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, warned the gathering that although the situation had eased somewhat and the government has retreated slightly, "nobody should forget for a single minute that we are still in a bitter and perhaps prolonged struggle." He added that "in view of the Yishuv's stand during recent months, we will find a way to continue our struggle."

Meanwhile, a large crowd had assembled in the courtyard of the Agency building and clamored for the appearance of the released leaders. Following a thunderous welcome, Shertok addressed the crowd from the balcony of the building and appealed for unity in the "hard struggle facing us and the entire Jewish people." Pointing out that the British attempt to "dictate" to the Jewish Agency had failed, Shertok declared that "we cannot allow any dissensions or any acts besmirching our standard if we are to pilot our case to a successful conclusion."

Outlines Jewish Demands; Asks Free Immigration and Statehood

Later, addressing his first press conference since his release, Shertok said that the detention of the members of the Jewish Agency was a part of the British policy to discredit the Agency and undermine its authority. This attempt miscarried, he declared, adding that it must be a matter of deep regret to all concerned that the British Government should have been so poorly advised on such a vital issue.

"The restoration of liberty and the resumption of the normal functioning of the Jewish Agency, welcome as they are, do not of themselves solve any of the great problems now confronting the Jewish people in relation to Palestine," Shertok said. "The crux of the matter remains freedom of immigration and the establishment of Jews as a nation in their own country, free to work out their solution in collaboration with their neighbors on a footing of equality with the nations of the world."

"This," he continued, "is the essence of Jewish statehood for which we are now more than ever striving. One of the outstanding results of the trials and tribula-

tions experienced during the last four months is a further strengthening of our conviction of the indispensability of statehood for the Jewish people."

Says Agency Is Against Terrorism; Speaks of Relations with Palestine Govt.

Shertok thanked the British and Arab personnel of the Latrun detention camp for their efforts to make his imprisonment as pleasant as possible. Replying to a question regarding the steps which the Jewish Agency may take against terrorism, Shertok said: "The stand of the Jewish Agency on the issue of bloodshed as a political weapon remains unchanged. This stand has also found renewed expression in a resolution to this effect taken by the Actions Committee at its last meeting."

Asked whether the Jewish Agency expects to resume normal relations with the Palestine Government, Shertok replied: "This is a very important issue which is presently at stake. It depends on the spirit in which the Palestine Government tackles our problems and on the prospects of our getting real satisfaction which we feel is due us."

HIGH COMMISSIONER URGES TRANSFER OF VISALESS IMMIGRANTS FROM CYPRUS TO PALESTINE

LONDON, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham has recommended to the British Government that Jewish visaless immigrants intercepted while attempting to enter Palestine and deported to Cyprus be transferred to the Athlit clearance camp near Haifa, it was learned today. The government is reported giving the matter serious consideration.

A Jewish Agency spokesman, commenting on the release of the members of the Agency's executive in Palestine, said that the British Government detracted from the value of its gesture by freeing at the same time Arab prisoners who had been held for terrorism since 1937, a Jewish Agency spokesman here declared today.

The spokesman emphasized that the Agency regretted that only the eight leaders had been released up to now and that several hundred other Jews arrested at the same time had not yet been freed. He declared that the move had cleared up one point of tension but asserted that there were still several pressing problems such as the admission of more Jewish immigrants, the release of the Cyprus deportees, and the curfews and searching of homes, which must also be settled. "We think this action is a step in the right direction," he said, "and if the government continues like this, the Palestine tangle will begin to be unwound."

British Press Lauds Release of Jewish Leaders in Palestine

The British press today generally expressed approval of the freeing of the detained Jewish leaders. The Daily Telegraph, which declared that the step was "to be commented," pointed out, however, that while the prospects for Jewish and Arab participation in the London Conference have improved, the likelihood of Arab-Jewish agreement at the conference has not.

The liberal Manchester Guardian stated that the releases were indispensable to any attempt at achieving peace in Palestine and added that the arrests were a "mistake of inept military officials to whom in a moment of panic the government surrendered authority," and which had to be undone before opening new talks with the American Government. The editorial also termed the turning away of refugee ships from Palestine a "perpetual condemnation of the British name."

The Daily Express looked toward a reconciliation of Anglo-American policies on Palestine at the forthcoming talks between Secretary of State Byrnes and Foreign Minister Bevin. It bitterly attacked American Revisionists for their anti-British campaign in the United States.

OIL TRAIN DERAILED AND SET ABLAZE IN PALESTINE; JEWISH-OWNED VEHICLE BLOWN UP

JERUSALEM, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Despite the lifting of the curfew in Palestine and the release of the Jewish leaders imprisoned at the Latrun camp, extremist groups have not ceased mining roads and bridges throughout the country.

Last night a 17-car oil train was blown up as it passed over a rail bridge near Ras el Ain, outside Tel Aviv. The locomotive engineer was seriously injured and all cars were derailed. A fire broke out, destroying five of the tank cars.

A Jewish driver of a civilian truck was seriously wounded when his vehicle struck a landmine near Rishon L'Zion. The extremists had apparently mined the road before they received news of the lifting of the curfew during which only military and government cars and trucks were permitted on Palestine roads.

From Cyprus it is reported that the Palestine Labor Party slate placed first by a slight margin in the elections for the World Zionist Congress which were held in the internment camps. The Labor Party received 816 votes; Hashomer Hatzair, 796; Poale Mizrahi, 650; Achduth Avoda, 680; and the Revisionists, 550.

FORMER BRITISH COMMANDER IN PALESTINE HOPES CONDITIONS THERE WILL BE NORMAL BY CHRISTMAS

LONDON, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- General Sir Evelyn Barker, former commander of British forces in Palestine, who arrived in England today, declared that "we are fed up with having British soldiers murdered" in Palestine.

Barker added that at present "there is little we can do. We can hit back, but the trouble is that we may get the wrong people. I hope that by Christmas some of the barbed wire will be removed from Palestine streets and everything will get back to normal," he concluded.

The War Office today granted a request that 99 Jewish soldiers of Gen. Wladislaw Anders Polish Army who were kept in a separate "Palestine camp" in Italy and later placed in segregated quarters in the Orkney Islands, off Scotland, be placed in a temporary camp of the type normally used for other troops of the Polish corps awaiting demobilization. The soldiers, who will join their families in Palestine as soon as they are discharged, were represented by the Advisory Committee for Polish Jewish Soldiers.

BRITISH PRESS CONCERNED AT GROWTH OF ANTI-SEMITISM AMONG TROOPS IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Influential sections of the British press are showing concern at the reported rapid increase of anti-Semitism among British troops garrisoning Palestine.

An editorial in the Daily Telegraph says that in the absence of a clear definition of purpose by the government, the task of the military in Palestine is made doubly difficult and "men such as (Sir Evelyn) Barker and (Col. Richard) Webb can only too easily do harm." As long as the present policy of procrastination continues, the present reign of terror and violence is likely to continue and "we will be committed to a repetition of the tragic events in Ireland," the editorial concludes.

The Times publishes a lengthy review by a special correspondent of the relations between the army and the population in Palestine, which stresses that as a result of the "lack of policy" the "military is unpopular with the Jews and the Jews are unpopular with the military." The "vicious circle" of terrorism and the resulting searches and arrests, all of which lead to mutual hostility can only be broken by a wise, determined political plan, the correspondent says. The tenseness of the situation "explains but does not excuse the signs of anti-Semitism among the troops here," he declares.

U.N. COMMITTEE STARTS DISCUSSION ON REFUGEES; ASSEMBLY TO ACT ON RACIAL EXTERMINATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The refugee problem came up today for a full-fledged discussion before the U.N. Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee, with Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet delegate, as the first speaker. The discussion is expected to continue for three full sessions.

In a lengthy statement Vishinsky demanded that the proposed International Refugee Organization repatriate refugees and displaced persons from Germany and Austria to their native countries instead of resettling them "in other countries, distant from their native lands."

As a result of a recommendation adopted last night by the U.N. steering committee, the General Assembly will act on a proposal to study the problem of genocide with a view toward outlawing it as a crime against humanity. The proposal, presented by Cuba, India and Panama, described genocide as the destruction of "national, racial, ethnic or religious groups either in whole or in part." The only opposition to the proposal on the agenda of the General Assembly was voiced in the steering committee by the representatives of the Soviet Union and the Ukraine who argued that human rights are adequately protected in the U.N. Charter.

NO JEWS OF GERMAN ORIGIN HAVE BEEN DEPORTED FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, MASARYK DECLARES

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- "No Jews of German origin have been deported from Czechoslovakia," Jan Masaryk, Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. Mr. Masaryk was hopeful that the regulation requiring Jews, who in 1930 had declared German as their mother tongue or nationality to reapply for citizenship, will be relaxed.

Czechoslovakia, Mr. Masaryk pointed out, has not only permitted Jews fleeing from Poland to Palestine to pass through her territory, but has supplied them with food and shelter as well. He indicated that the closing of the Czechoslovakian frontier to further "infiltration" of Polish Jews was temporary and was caused by the overcrowding of camps in the American zone of Germany.

The Foreign Minister indicated that different conditions exist in Slovakia and Bohemia. He intimated that this is so because in Bohemia it was the Germans who "aryanized" Jewish property, whereas in Slovakia the Slovaks took it over. He stated that Czechoslovakia will continue its traditional policy of friendliness toward the Jews and will combat anti-Semitic tendencies. Mr. Masaryk was confident that such iniquities as now exist will be eliminated completely in the near future.

1,500 JEWISH REFUGEES EXPECTED TO LEAVE AUSTRIA FOR U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY THIS WEEK

MUNICH, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Three groups of Jewish refugees from Poland totalling 1,500 persons are scheduled to be transferred from the American zone of Austria to Germany within the next few days, it was learned here today.

These groups are part of the 10,000 refugees who were to be shipped in daily transports during September. The shipments were suspended for the High Holidays and will be resumed this week. However, the size of the groups leaving Austria has been reduced considerably from the 1,000 persons who left daily during the earlier period.

The new groups are expected to be housed at Ansbach and Coburg, both in Bavaria, in camps which formerly sheltered displaced persons of other nationalities. American troops supervising German laborers have renovated the camps, which have been certified to be in good condition by officials of various voluntary relief agencies and the Jewish Central Committee.

EINSTEIN FOUNDATION NAMES ITS UNIVERSITY AFTER BRANDEIS; WILL OPEN NEXT OCTOBER

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The Albert Einstein Foundation, Inc., by unanimous vote of its board of directors, has named the university it proposes to open next October, Brandeis University, after the late Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Louis D. Brandeis.

Nucleus of the new educational institution will be Middlesex University, which will change its name accordingly. Brandeis University will take over the charter of Middlesex together with its campus and buildings in Waltham, Massachusetts.

A resolution of the board of directors confirming the new name was made public today by S. Ralph Lazrus, president of the foundation. The resolution says that the projected university will be named Brandeis University "to honor the memory of one of the noblest men of our generation, Louis D. Brandeis, whose exemplary life as a great American Jew will, we hope, have through our university a worthy memorial dedicated as a Jewish contribution to the promotion of higher learning in America for the advancement of human culture and science and for the enhancement of understanding, good will and righteous living among men."

Professor Albert Einstein, leading proponent and sponsor of the first secular American university to be established under Jewish auspices, gave his endorsement to the choice of name. Commenting on the university's name, Mr. Lazrus pointed out that "Justice Brandeis himself said: 'To be great, a university must express the people whom it serves, and must express the people and the community at their best. The aim must be high and the vision broad; the goal seeming attainable but beyond immediate reach.' Brandeis University will be the living symbol of this ideal," Mr. Lazrus stated.

George Alpert, prominent Boston attorney and philanthropic leader, was elected to the presidency of the Board of Trustees of Middlesex University. Mr. Alpert, who is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Albert Einstein Foundation, is well known in Jewish communal activities. He is a board member of the Joint Distribution Committee and chairman of that organization's New England region. He is also a trustee of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Combined Jewish Appeal and Hebrew Teachers College, all of Boston. In addition, he is national co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, a trustee of the American Institute for International Information, and a director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

JEWISH OFFICIALS RETRISTATED IN ARGENTINA: VANDALS DEFACE BUENOS AIRES SYNAGOGUE

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- A number of Jews who were dismissed from their jobs in the Immigration Department of the Argentine Government have been rehired, it was learned today. When they were discharged a number of the Jewish employees were told by Dr. Santiago Peralta, Director of Immigration, that they were being removed because they were Jews.

A decree has been issued by the government forbidding the appointment of foreign born persons as professors in Argentine universities. It is feared that a number of Jewish professors may be dismissed from their positions because they, like most of the Jews in the country, are immigrants.

The synagogue of the Congregacion Israelita was defaced last night by vandals who smeared tar over the walls of the building. In a complaint to the police, synagogue officials pointed out that this was the fourth such desecration of the building within recent months and asked for more efficient police protection.

STATE OF GEORGIA SEEKS TO REVOKE COLUMBIANS' CHARTER; SAYS ORGANIZATION "PEDDLES HATE"

ATLANTA, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Charging that the Columbians organization is "peddling hate and intolerance" and has a strong kinship to the Ku Klux Klan, the State of Georgia yesterday commenced legal proceedings to revoke the organization's charter. A hearing has been set for Nov. 15.

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke at the same time secured an order from the court setting Nov. 25 as the day for opening arguments on demurrers in the State's pending suit against the Ku Klux Klan.

CONVENTION OF COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN HEARS REPORTS ON FIGHTING ANTI-SEMITISM

DALLAS, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The 18th triennial convention of the National Council of Jewish Women devoted its session today to reports on combatting racial prejudice in the United States and on promoting inter-faith work.

Dr. Clyde R. Miller, professor of education at Columbia University and originator of the Springfield plan for combatting prejudice in the schools, told the convention that most of the people in the United States are not "inclined to be influenced by anti-Semitic propaganda and can be immunized against prejudice." Mrs. Erwin Gutmann of New Jersey, reported that the Council will intensify its inter-faith work through various cultural projects suitable for every community throughout the country.

The convention reaffirmed the stand on Palestine taken by the Council in its resolution of 1943, urging unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine and the immediate abrogation of the British White Paper.

The award of "Jewish Woman of the Year" for 1946 was presented last night to Mrs. Adele K. Levy, chairman of the U.J.A. Women's Division, before 450 delegates attending the convention. The presentation was made by Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, president of the Council. Mrs. Welt also announced the establishment of the Adele Rosenwald Levy Scholarship, one of a number of social work fellowships which the Council is offering in America for European Jewish women who will return to serve in the reconstruction of their own countries.

PIONEER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION LAUNCHES DRIVE FOR \$1,000,000 FOR PALESTINE WORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The Pioneer Women's Organization of America today announced that it has adopted a budget of over \$1,000,000 for the coming year. Of this sum, \$650,000 will go for the rehabilitation program of the Working Women's Council in Palestine, \$250,000 for the Child Rescue Fund and \$200,000 for the Jewish National Fund.

The announcement was made by Miss Dvorah Rothbard, leader of the organization, at a luncheon given in honor of Miss Rivka Yoffe who just arrived from Palestine as a delegate of the Working Women's Council. Miss Yoffe reported on the achievements of the 70,000 organized Jewish working women represented by the Council.

CITRUS INDUSTRY IN PALESTINE ON WAY TO RECOVERY; FIRST SHIPMENT LEAVES FOR BRITAIN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The first shipment of this year's citrus crop to leave Palestine will start for Britain tomorrow when a freighter loaded with 30,000 cases of grapefruit weighs anchor at Haifa. The cargo is expected to be unloaded and distributed throughout the British Isles before Christmas.

Palestinian experts predict that the citrus industry will be well on its way to complete recovery this season with the export of 6,500,000 cases to Britain and more than 3,000,000 cases to Sweden, Holland and other European countries. It is estimated that some \$80,000,000 is invested in the industry and that 20,000 families draw their livelihood from it in Palestine alone.