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JEWS DISSATISFIED WITH AUSTRIAN RESTITUTION LAW; AUTHORITIES REJECT MODIFICATIONS

VIENNA, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Austrian authorities have flatly rejected suggestions that they modify the government's "Third Restitution Law," - covering mainly Jewish property now held by individuals - which Jewish spokesmen say is completely unacceptable in its present form.

An inter-ministerial conference this week turned down demands that it redraft the following provisions:

1. Aryanized dwellings remain in the possession of the present holder, with the former Jewish owners receiving promises of compensation under future legislation.
2. Heirless property will revert to the state, instead of being placed in a common rehabilitation fund to be used to aid victims of the Nazis.
3. The former Jewish owners are responsible for debts incurred by the present holders of the property.

The law, which now goes to the Cabinet and thence to Parliament, destroys the main hopes of the legitimate owners of the property, who have been waiting 19 months for restitution. Spokesmen for the various organizations representing Nazi victims declare that it violates the Allied declaration of Jan. 19, 1943, which said that expropriation of such property in Nazi-dominated countries was considered null and void and full restitution would be made to the rightful owners. The Austrian Government, they point out, has stated in the past that it would adhere to this principle.

BYRNES-BEVIN DISCUSSIONS ON PALESTINE WILL START NEXT WEEK IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The discussions on Palestine between Secretary of State Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Bevin will start here next week, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. British Ambassador Inverchapel is expected to come from Washington to New York to participate in the talks.

The presence in New York of David Ben Gurion, Dr. Moshe Sneh and other members of the Jewish Agency executive, as well as the presence of Arab delegations attending the U.N. General Assembly, will make it possible to consult with both, if necessary, it was pointed out. This, however, would not affect the conference on Palestine which is to resume in London on Dec. 16.

The British Foreign Minister, today received David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. It is understood that the Palestine question was the main topic of their conversation. Bevin is expected to make a public statement on Palestine next Monday at a dinner tendered by the Foreign Press Association in honor of the Big Four Foreign Ministers.

U.N. COMMITTEE HEARS POLISH PLEA FOR NEW HOMES FOR JEWS; ARAB OBJECT TO RESETTLEMENT

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that millions of Jews were exterminated by the Nazis in death camps in Poland, Polish delegate Jozef Winiewicz, today told the United Nations Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee that displaced Jews should not be forced to return to their native lands against their will.

"For them," he said, "the return will be difficult. We must find new homes for them." He pointed out that his government devotes great attention to the rehabilitation of the Jews who wish to remain in Poland.

The Polish delegate spoke during a discussion of the refugee problem. The Committee also heard a statement from the Egyptian delegate, Saad Kamel, briefly reiterating the Arab stand taken at the plenary session and declaring that the proposed International Refugee Organization should ensure prompt repatriation of refugees to their countries of origin. He also demanded that resettlement of displaced persons should not be imposed upon a sovereign state against the wishes of the native population.

The majority of the speakers emphasized the urgency of creating the International Refugee Organization, but the Australian delegate, A.S. Watt, wanted the refugee problem to be handled by a special commission of the U.N. General Assembly rather than by a new agency like the IRO. He intimated that Australia will not support the IRO if it is established.

The General Assembly session which was scheduled to have taken place today, and at which the question of racial persecution was to come up for discussion, was postponed until tomorrow.

New York's Acting Mayor Signs Petition Asking Entry of DP's into U.S.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Acting Mayor Vincent Imparitteri today signed a petition calling on President Truman to admit 100,000 Jewish refugees to the United States.

Prof. Joseph Chamberlain of Columbia University told the Academy of Political Science today that the U.S. must take the lead in opening its doors to displaced persons. If America acted other nations would follow suit, he said, estimating that Palestine and the United States could together accommodate 700,000 persons.

POLISH JEWS DEMAND SHARE OF GOLD, VALUABLES SEIZED BY NAZIS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY

WARSAW, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Polish Jews are demanding a portion of the gold and valuables which will be allotted to Poland by the inter-Allied conference which is to meet shortly in Brussels to divide the gold and other loot seized by the Nazis in occupied countries, it was learned today.

A delegation of the Central Committee of Polish Jews conferred with the Finance Ministry and pointed out that the great bulk of the valuables seized in Poland came from Jews. The Ministry suggested that the Committee prepare documentary evidence, based on its records, of the valuables looted from Jews, which the Polish delegation will submit to the Brussels conference. Representatives of the Committee will accompany the delegation.

According to preliminary estimates it is expected that Poland will be allotted 12,500 kilograms of gold, valued at about 8,000,000,000 zlotys (nominally \$53,000,000.)

PALESTINE RAIL SERVICE SUSPENDS AFTER DARK TO CUT LOSSES FROM TERRORIST BOMBINGS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Following a one-day suspension of service because of bomb damage, the Palestine Government announced that all rail traffic will halt after dark.

The move was taken because of the severe damage and casualties in the past ten days as the result of the explosion of mines planted on the roadbed by the Irgun Zvai Leumi.

This morning an explosion tore up a section of track on the Jerusalem-Lyddah line near Ramleh, but there were no casualties. During the night two road mines exploded near Givat Brenner despite the Irgun's announcement that it was discontinuing mining roads and would concentrate on the rail network.

The Haganah radio "Voice of Israel" said tonight that the release of the Jewish Agency leaders was "not bought at the price of denunciations to the White Paper government, but terrorism will be fought by internal methods." At the same time, the broadcast warned the military authorities that retaliatory terror on their part will have the opposite results of that desired.

More than 1,500 Jewish employees of diamond polishing factories at Nathanya went on strike today to protest a cut in the work week from six days to three-and-a-half.

BARKER RETURNS TO PALESTINE TO FINISH TOUR OF DUTY DESPITE REPORTED PROTESTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Lieut. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander in Palestine, who is to be transferred from his post on Jan. 31, returned here today from a two-week visit in Britain.

Reports from London say that some members of the Cabinet advised that Barker not return because of the hostility between him and the Jewish population, but they were overruled by the Imperial General Staff.

A Jewish Agency spokesman said last night that the non-cooperation campaign was still operating. Jewish members of government bodies will not participate in their work and funds will continue to be raised to finance immigration of visaless Jews.

ZIONIST CONGRESS DELEGATES IN HUNGARY FEAR THEY MAY NOT GET EXIT PERMITS

BUDAPEST, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The national executive of the Social Democratic Party today adopted a resolution opposing Zionism in principle, but asserting at the same time that the Zionist movement is entitled to the same democratic rights as other political movements.

Delegates to the World Zionist Congress here are making preparations to proceed to Switzerland in order to participate in the congress, but are not yet certain whether they will receive permits to leave the country. Such permits cannot be issued without the approval of the Soviet military authorities in Budapest.

Zionist leaders here today warmly welcomed a statement by President Zoltan Tildy, in an interview with a representative of a Swiss newspaper, to the effect that he can understand the aspirations of the Zionist movement and that he will not hamper the movement in Hungary. This statement is particularly important in view of the hostility which the Zionists have encountered from some of the authorities.

FRANCE ASKS U.S. AND BRITAIN TO HOLD PARLEY ON EMIGRATION OF REFUGEE JEWS

PARIS, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- A three-power conference on the so called illegal emigration of Jews from eastern and central Europe who wish to enter France en route to Palestine has been proposed to Britain and the United States by the French Foreign Office, it was announced last night. Receipt of the French note was confirmed this morning by the British embassy here.

The Quai D'Orsay pointed out in its note that it was being embarrassed by the large numbers of Jewish refugees who arrive at the French borders from the U.S. zone of Germany without any valid passports or visas. It said that up to now France has been allowing 1,000 to pass through the country at one time, but stressed that some definitive policy on emigration must be arrived at.

A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that France was inclined to treat the refugees with the greatest liberality, but was not in a position to allow unlimited numbers to enter the country.

(In London a British spokesman said that the French note had only been received this morning and was under consideration, and, therefore, no comment could be made. In Washington a State Department spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the department had no knowledge of the French note.)

1,000 JEWISH "INFILTREES" ARRIVE IN GERMANY FROM AUSTRIA EN ROUTE TO NEW CAMPS

MUNICH, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- One thousand Jewish "infiltrates" most of them from Poland, passed through Munich today en route from Austria to DP camps near Ansbach, north of here. Another group is expected tomorrow night.

Today's arrivals appeared fairly well clothed and fed and had few complaints about their treatment. They are travelling in heated box cars. They were anxious for information about their destination and whether they would be able to work soon.

Rabbi Philip Bernstein, adviser on Jewish affairs in the U.S. zones in Germany and Austria, arrived here today to begin a ten-day tour of the camps in this area, particularly the new ones, to study the progress which has been made in winterizing them.

The JDC office here today reported that it is having 5,000 menorahs and thousands of candles manufactured for Chanukah, which begins on the evening of Dec. 17. It is also securing toys for about 20,000 children and hopes to obtain candy and extra rations.

UNDERGROUND NAZI ORGANIZATION PUBLISHING ANTI-SEMITIC NEWSPAPERS IN GERMANY

LONDON, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- At least four well-organized Nazi underground movements are conducting anti-Jewish agitation in Germany, according to a report reaching here from Frankfurt, in the American zone.

Several anti-Semitic newspapers are being published, chief among them being Neue Stuermer, "Erwachung" and "Rache." The underground organizations are the crewelofs, the Edelweiss, the Rache Partei and Deutschland Erwache.

COLUMBIANS DESTROY STATE CHARTER, DECLARING THEY ARE NOW POLITICAL PARTY

ATLANTA, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Defying the action of Georgia authorities who have moved to revoke the charter of the Columbians, anti-Semitic and anti-Negro organization, the president of the group, Emery Burke, last night publicly tore the charter to shreds at a meeting here of 200 of his followers.

The organizer of the movement, Homer Loomis Jr., told the meeting that the Columbians did not need a charter any longer because they have become a political party. Voices from the audience shouted, "Send the pieces to the Jews" as Burke destroyed the document.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS ORGANIZATION URGES REVISION OF U.S. IMMIGRATION QUOTAS

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Upward revision of the American immigration quota is urged by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States in a report approved by its national executive, it was announced here today. The report points out that increased U.S. immigration is necessary for national defense since figures show that by 1970 the United States will have a stationary population whereas other countries will have a rapidly increasing population.

A charge that thousands of Jewish G.I.'s were being denied admission into colleges and universities throughout the country for no other reason than their religion was made by the J.W.V. in a report submitted today to National Commander Maxwell Cohen of Boston by a special investigating committee.

The report, based upon a survey especially prepared for the 51st annual encampment of the J.W.V. to be held in Atlantic City at the end of this month, was compiled from the confidential files of the organization in its correspondence with Jewish G.I.'s seeking admission to colleges or professional schools.

American Legion Is Asked to Favor Admission of Displaced Persons

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- An appeal to the American Legion to take cognizance of the plight of the displaced persons in Europe and favor the admission of a portion of them into the United States was made here by Rabbi Solomon A. Fineberg, director of the Community Service Department of the American Jewish Committee. The appeal was made before the Legion's Conference on Housing at which Rabbi Fineberg appeared as a representative of the Jewish faith.

CONVENTION OF JEWISH WOMEN ASKS COOPERATION WITH WOMEN OF OTHER AMERICAN REPUBLICS

DALLAS, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The 18th triennial convention of the National Council of Jewish Women which is being held here, today adopted a resolution urging cooperation with women of other American republics to insure women their civil, political and economic rights in national and international affairs. The delegates also approved a \$1,550,000 budget for the continuation in 1947 of the organization's overseas service program.

Among the resolutions adopted at today's session of the convention were: endorsement of the principle of national health insurance; strengthening of government services for the arbitration and mediation of industrial disputes; and conclusion by the United States of trusteeship agreements with the United Nations, governing certain military installations outside its borders for security purposes, keeping such areas to a minimum and open to United Nations inspection.

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