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SOVIET ATTACKS BRITAIN AT U.N. FOR FAILING TO OFFER PALESTINE FOR TRUSTEESHIP

IAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The explosive Palestine issue was dumped squarely into the lap of the United Nations today, when Soviet delegate Nikolai V. Novikov strongly attacked Great Britain for failing to offer to place Palestine under U.N. trusteeship and charged that Britain's direct consultation with Arab and Jewish groups and the United States was a violation of the U.N. Charter.

"One thing is clear," Novikov told the Trusteeship Committee "the attempts of the British Government to solve the question of Palestine by negotiations with the U.S. Government as well as with Arab and Jewish representatives apart from the U.N. organization does not correspond to the principle of the U.N. charter."

Novikov declared that Britain's failure to submit a draft trusteeship agreement on Palestine "raises the question of the reasons which the British Government may have" for this action. He said sarcastically that the British have "not found it possible to inform" Moscow of its reasons. "If, however," he continued, "the British Government considers that there are certain special circumstances compelling it to treat the Palestine mandate differently, it would have been better to inform the General Assembly accordingly and the latter could have considered the measures necessary."

British Say They Ready to Submit Issue to U.N. if London Parley Fails

In answer to the Russian charges, Ivor Thomas, British member of the Trusteeship Committee, issued the following statement: "On the 17th of January Mr. Bevin fully explained that no proposals for the future of Pelestine could be put forward until the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry has reported, and the resulting talks with Arabs and Jews have still to be concluded." Another British spokesman said that Britain was prepared to turn the matter over to the U.N. if the London conference on Palestine collapsed.

Novikov maintained that there are only two legal ways of dealing with former mandates; granting "true independence" or transforming them into trust territory. There is no third way, he stated.

He declared that the failure to submit an agreement on Palestine violated not only the U.N. Charter but also the General Assembly resolution of last February requiring mandatory powers to submit their mandates to trusteeship. He pointed out that neither of these "provides for any exceptions in respect to any territories under mandates and do not establish any postponement in the matter of the presentation of these draft agreements."

Novikov also urged the Assembly to study carefully the treaty between Britain and Transjordan in order to aid the enforcement of charter principles and assist the people of Transjordan "in achieving actual and full independence."

Referring to Transjordan, Thomas said that in February the Assembly had welcomcomed the action of Britain in establishing Transjordan as an independent state, adding that "were it not for Soviet opposition, Transjordan would undoubtedly be here ... totay."

TEIZMANN CONFERS WITH COLONIAL SECRETARY; SHERTOK DEFINES AGENCY'S ATTITUDE TO USSR

IONDON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, today conferred with Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones, and it is understood that their discussions were in preparation for the resumption next month of the conference on Palestine.

Meanwhile, Moshe Shertok, chief of the Jewish Agency's political department, asked whether the Agency would "prefer an alliance with Russia" in order to achieve a settlement of the Palestine problem, said:

"The question does not arise. Our first business is to try to get a favorable settlement with Britain which is the mendatory power and is in effective control of Palestine. The settlement we are striving for is a Jewish state. Such a settlement would have to be approved by the United Nations."

Shertok made this statement in a reply to several questions cabled to him by the Sunday Express. Another question put to him was "who would maintain order in calestine in the absence of the British?" To this Shertok answered:

"I do not necessarily accept the underlying assumption that the British are intending to evacuate Palestine militarily. But assuming that they did, then the Jews could be quite ready to maintain order inside Palestine with the assistance of such rabs as may be willing to conserts."

To the question as to why Jews are fleeing from Slav countries governed by lements friendly to them, Shertok replied that these well-intentioned governments re unable to prevent the murder of Jews.

The London newspaper also wanted to know his opinion of "why leading American fews are organizing emigration to Palestine, while the United States is prepared to admit only a few thousand Jewish refugees." Shertok's reply was: "Because these leaders believe that only in Palestine can the Jewish refugees find a permanently secure come without creating evil anti-Semitism from which they are trying to escape."

The Manchester Guardian today reports that leaders of British Jewry are disussing the reorganization of the Jewish Agency by reconstituting the non-Zionist action.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns that no formal discussions to this effect ave yet been initiated emong the organizations concerned. The Board of Deputies of ritish Jews, which is the body in Britain authorized to designate the non-Zionist ection of the Agency, intends to wait until the forthcoming World Zionist Congress o discuss the matter with the Agency executive. The Anglo-Jewish Association has imilar plans.

PABS WILL ACCEPT JEWISH STATE IF BRITAIN RECOMMENDS ITS CREATION, LOCKER SAYS

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Arabs will accept the establishment of a Jewish tate in a partitioned Palestine if Britain decides to create such a state, it was redicted today by Berl Locker, a member of the Jewish Agency executive, upon his arival here from London.

The release of the imprisoned Jewish Agency leaders is not the result of any regain between the British Government and the Jewish Agency, he told a press conferce. Locker strongly attacked terrorism in Pelestine, emphasizing that the activities the Jewish extremists have aroused public opinion against the Zionist cause.

LONDON ALERTED FOLLOWING REPORT JEWISH TERRORISTS IN ENGLAND: AGENCY SCOUTS RUMORS

LONDON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Unverified reports that "Jewish terrorists" have slipped into England to assassinate prominent government and military figures had this city agog today, with newspapers carrying screeming scare headlines, although authoritative quarters said that there was no evidence that terrorists had arrived here.

The London office of the Jewish Agency branded the reports as "probably without foundation" and "sensational," and denied that it had received any threats, while Acting Chief Rabbi Dayan Harris M. Lazarus appealed to all British Jews to give the authorities any information they may have concerning terrorists.

Three companies of troops are being held in readiness for a consergency and police guards were posted before many government buildings following early reports that threats had been made against the lives of Prime Minister Attlee, Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Sir-John Shaw, former chief secretary of the Palestine government and other prominent persons who have had some connection with the government's past or present Palestine policy.

However, the reports brought quick denials from many quarters that death threats had been received by Mr. Attlee or members of his government, while the War Office refused to comment on the report that Viscount Montgomery has been threatened, but said that as a security precaution it would not announce his public engagements in advance.

Scotland Yard detectives have been posted at ports and airdromes and coastal custom units, whose main responsibility is to halt smugglers, have been alerted. Guards were posted yesterday at the Home Office where the Royal Family, Attlee and other members of the government assembled for Remembrance Day ceremonies and special measures will be taken when Parliament reopens tomorrow.

The hunt for the terrorists is reported to have spread to Paris and completely unconfirmed reports said that Nathan Friedman-Yellin, leader of the Stern Group, had arrived there to direct operations in Europe. Another report said that the terrorists were receiving arms and funds from the United States.

PALESTINE POLICE SPREADING RUMORS HAGANAR PLATS ACTION AGAINST IRGUN, STERNISTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Faced with the failure of its frontal attack against Jewish extremists, the Criminal Investigation Department of the Pelestine Government has begun spreading rumors that the Haganah is planning to take action against the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Group, in the hope of precipitating clashes between the groups.

This whispering campaign was the reason for the broadcast on Friday night by the "Voice of Israel," Haganah radio, in which the resistance movement reiterated that the release of the Jewish Agency leaders was "not bought at the price of denunciation," but that terrorism would be fought by "internal methods."

It is learned that influential Jewish circles have been attempting to convince the extremist groups to halt their campaign of terrorism. The latter are understood to have replied that they would be willing to do so if they saw any indication that Britain planned to change its immigration policy and cease deportations to Cyprus.

Several explosions this morning demaged the rail lines just north of Ras el Ain,

where the railway station was destroyed yesterday by a time bomb. Today's blast caused damage to the tracks, but no casualties were reported. The Irgun radio last night admitted the Ras el Ain bombing, declaring that they had succeeded in cutting communications with Palestine and Egypt.

Dr. Magnes Appeals for End of Terror in Palestine; Calls It "Pagan Torah"

Asserting that continuation of terrorist attacks in Palestine will lead to the destruction of the Jewish community and its achievements in the country, Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and leader of the Ichud Party, today appealed for an end to extremist activities. He spoke at caremonies marking the opening of the University's 22nd academic year.

"Judaism must oppose the vain doctrine of achieving Zionist aims by terror--this pagan Torah--because we thus endanger all that has been built with so much love and sacrifice," he said. Referring to his recent visit to the United Company, Magnes declared that American Jewry is adhering to the Biltmore Program, which calls for a Jewish Commonwealth in all of Palestine.

PROPERTY RETURNED TO CZECH JEWS IN SOVIET UKRAINE; JEWISH COMMUNITIES FUNCTIONING

PRACUE, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- All property confiscated during the Nazi occupation has been returned to Jews residing in Sub-Carpathian Russia which was ceded to the Soviet Ukraine by Czechoslovakia last year, according to a report received there.

Jewish community councils are functioning normally in the larger cities and the approximately 3,000 Jews living in the region have encountered no anti-Semitism, the report said.

As a result of the information coming out of the area many Jevs who originally resided there are expected to choose Ukrainian rather than Czechoslovak citizenship. The problem of those Jews who still desire Czech citizenship, however, is still unsolved, with the government studying the applications submitted to it.

IMMIGRATION FROM GERMANY TO U.S. DROPPED TO NEW LOW IN OCTOBER: ONLY 42 PERSONS SATLED

MNICH, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Immigration from the U.S. zone of Germany to America dropped to a new low in October when only 42 persons embarked for America, it was learned here today. The number of applicants for visas to the United States has also dropped because the refugees are apparently discouraged by the tremendous backlog of visa requests.

The drop was attributed to the large number of Americans who were repatriated in October and to the U.S. marine strike. The number of visas issued last month remained the same as in previous months. Officials of the voluntary life agencies believe that the situation vill improve this month, particularly with the assignment of a larger number of visas to the Munich area where the majority of the displaced Jews are concentrated.

Ninety relief officials of the Jewish Agency in the American zone will neet in Berchtesgaden on Wednesday for a two-day conference at which they will discuss the Agency's cultural and educational activities in the zone. Dr. Chaim Hoffman, director of the Agency's staff in Germany, will head the conference.

NO RUMANIAN WAR CRIMINALS EXECUTED FOR MURDER OF JEWS. ALTHOUGH 600,000 SLAUGHTERED

BUCHAREST, Nov. 11, (JTA) -- Although it has officially been established that more than 600,000 Rumanian Jews were massacred by military officials and civilians, and one of the persons responsible for the atrocities has yet been executed,

In the first wave of war criminal trials 28 high ranking army and government officials were sentenced to die for their part in the murders, but the King pardoned every condemned man. Since that time no war criminal has been sentenced to death unless he was tried in absentia.

HUNGARY WANTS U.S. ARMY TO EXTRADITE GERMANS WHO TORTURED HUNGARIANS AND JEWS

EUDAPEST, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Minister of Justice Istvan Ries has requested the extradition of 36 German war criminals held by American military authorities in Germany, it was disclosed here over the week-end. The Nazis will be tried for the torture and murder of Hungarians and Jews.

The will of Geza Elek von Ejpen, a prominent Jew who was murdered together with his wife in the Oswiecim death camp in 1944, which was made public today, leaves all his property to the city of Tel Aviv for the establishment of a hospital in memory of his son. According to the will the hospital must have at least 15 beds and must give service priority to Hungarian Jews. Von Ejpen had considerable holdings in both Hungary and Austria including two distilleries, a narrow gauge sallroad, considerable machinery and two castles in which are housed a valuable art collection.

4.000 LABORERS PREPARING FIVE BIG CAMPS ON CYPRUS FOR VISALESS JEWISH IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Four thousand laborers, including more than 1,000 German prisoners of war, are working feverishly to prepare five big camps on Cyprus for visaless Jewish immigrants, it was reported today from Nicosia.

In addition the workers must prepare barracks for the troops guarding the interness. In an attempt to complete the task by February, the British authorities have commandeered trucks from all parts of the island for the transportation of workers and building materials.

HADASSAH CONVENTION HEARS REPORTS ON INCREASED ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

BOSTON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- M re than \$5,774,000 was raised by the Hadassah during the past year, it was reported here today at the 32nd annual convention of the organization. The Hadassah membership rose 41,000 this year to a total of 200,000 the delegates were told.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, in a message to the convention, said: "The future of the Jewish people, I am more convinced than ever, and its very existence are bound up with the age-old hope to return to Palestine and the achievement of statehood. The unexampled extinction of one-third of our people and the indifference of the nations of the world leave no doubt that we cannot rely upon others.

"I hope your convention which is being held at a fateful hour, the eve of the first peace-time World Zionist Congress and at a time when the President of the United States and its government as well as public opinion in your country has voiced the desire to help our cause, will exert influence in the right direction by advancing the National Home and Israel's rehabilitation therein. I am confident of the fruitful results of your deliberations."

FINAL COUNT IN PALESTINE ELECTIONS RELEASED; 10 PARTIES RECEIVE 70 SEATS TO CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Final figures for the elections in Palestine for 79 delegates to the World Zionist Congress were released here today. They were given as follows:

Palestine Labor Party, 69,845 votes and 28 seats; Revisionists, 26,964 votes and 11 seats; Achduth Avodah, 24,346 votes and 10 seats; Hashomer Hatzair, 23,944 votes and 10 seats; Labor Mizrachi, 19,175 votes and 8 seats; Aliyah Hadashah, 12,055 votes and 5 seats; General Zionists, 7,616 votes and 3 seats; Mizrachi, 5,238 votes and 2 seats; Yemenite Union, 3,345 votes and 1 seat; and the General Workers, 1,640 votes and 1 seat,

Zionists in Bulgaria, Sweden and Australia Elect Delegates to Congress

SOFIA, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The General Zionist Party, the Poale Zionist Party, the Womens' International Zionist Organization and the Hashomer Hatzair each received one delegate to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress as a result of the Zionist elections in Bulgaria. A large turnout of voters marked the first elections to a World Congress in seven years.

STOCKHOLEM, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- General Zionist Daniel Brick and Hechalutz representative Heinz Abt were elected delegates to the 22nd World Zionist Congress in the Swedish elections.

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The Zionist Federation placed first in the Australian elections, receiving 1,013 votes and two delegates. The Zionist Laborites with 595 votes received one seat, while the joint Mizrachi-Revisionist ticket received 336 ballots and no seat. There were seven polling stations established throughout the continent.

ONE-THIRD OF EUROPE'S JEWS WANTS TO EMIGRATE, ONE-THIRD WISHES TO STAY, OTHERS UNDECIDED

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- One of every three surviving Jews in Europe wants to leave, one wants to stay and one is undecided and is waiting to see what the future will bring, Dr. Joseph C. Eyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, last night told 500 persons attending a meeting of the Western States Regional Committee of the J.D.C.

Dr. Hyman also disclosed that \$60,000,000 will have been spent this year for the relief and rehabilitation of Europe's Jews and that \$100,000,000 would be needed for the organization's program next year. Judge Max C. Sloss was elected honorary chairman of the newly-formed regional group, while Max Firestein was named chairman and Lloyd Dinkelspiel, chairman of its executive committee.

LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE SENDS \$250,000 TO EUROPE FOR EMIGRATION OF JEWS TO PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The American League for A Free Palestine today announced that more than \$250,000 has been sent to Europe since last month to finance the emigration of Jews to Palestine. The sum was raised as a result of Ben Hecht's play "A Flag Is Born" now running in New York.