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DR. SILVER CONFERS WITH BEVIN ON PALESTINE; BRITISH AMBASSADOR PRESENT AT TALK

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, leader of the Zionist movement in the United States, conferred for one hour yesterday on the Palestine issue, it was learned in diplomatic circles here today.

The conference took place at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York where Bevin is attending the conference of "Big Four" Foreign Ministers. Lord Inverchapel, British Ambassador to the United States, was the only other person present at the meeting.

PALESTINE POLICE HEADS MEET WITH SCOTLAND YARD MISSION TO MAP SECURITY MEASURES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The top officers of the Palestine police force met today with Charles Wickham, head of the Scotland Yard mission sent here to improve security conditions.

The Arab press says that the Palestine Government has received 15 trolleys equipped with mine detection devices for use in patrolling the rails. However, there has been no evidence that such vehicles are in operation. This morning three policemen were injured when the armored trolley in which they were combing the tracks for explosives was blown up by a mine.

The Stern Group posted leaflets here today calling on the Jewish population to isolate "defeatist Jewish leaders who condemn Jewish fighters." The leaflets attacked the conservative newspaper Haaretz for its condemnation of terrorism.

A broadcast by the Irgun radio today denied that units of the Haganah kidnapped and held overnight a party of Irgunists who sought to mine the roads near Givat Brenner. At the same time, a Haganah source denied the report that a member of the Haganah was killed recently while trying to remove some of the explosives placed in the Jerusalem railroad station.

(Reuters reports that continuing their war of nerves against the Palestine Government, terrorists today called the English-language Palestine Post and warned that Government House, residence of the High Commissioner, and the offices of the Palestine Broadcasting Service and the District Commissioner had been mined.)

29 PALESTINIAN JEWS ENTERING ENGLAND STRIPPED, SEARCHED IN HUNT FOR ALLEGED TERRORISTS

LONDON, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Twenty-nine Palestinian Jews who were among the passengers who arrived in Liverpool yesterday from the Middle East aboard the Ascania, were stripped of their clothing, kept waiting for hours, and had their luggage fine-combed by Scotland Yard detectives hunting alleged terrorists seeking to enter the country to assassinate prominent government officials. Nothing suspicious was discovered.

STATE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT BRITAIN SHOULD ADMIT 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The State Department believes that the British Government should grant 100,000 Palestine immigration certificates for displaced Jews immediately, as requested by President Truman and as recommended by the Anglo-American inquiry committee.

This was revealed by George L. Warren, adviser to the State Department on displaced persons, in an address prepared for delivery over a nation-wide broadcast tonight. He also outlined proposed legislation to pool unused U.S. immigration quotas for one year and to allocate some of them to displaced persons now ineligible because of over-subscribed quotas.

Emphasizing that feelings of "tension and depression" now prevail among the displaced Jews because the requested 100,000 Palestine visas have still not been issued, Warren said that it is the "fixed policy" of the United States that these Jewish refugees be admitted to Palestine.

Dr. Moshe Sneh, executive member of the Jewish Agency, yesterday conferred with Loy Henderson, chief of the Division of Near Eastern Affairs of the State Department. Dr. Sneh is leaving by plane for London from where he will proceed to Palestine for a ten-day stay prior to going to the World Zionist Congress in Basle.

FIVE JEWS WOUNDED IN CLASH WITH FRENCH TROOPS AT BORDER OF U.S.-FRENCH ZONE OF AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Five Jewish refugees received bayonet wounds in a clash between French military police and 506 Polish Jews seeking to proceed from the American zone of Austria to Marseilles via the French zone last week. Three of the wounded Jews were taken to a hospital in Salzburg, while the remainder of the party was sent to a camp in the French zone of Germany.

The clash occurred at the border town of Bregenz when the French guards questioned the validity of the Bolivian passports which the refugees presented. The Jews also had French transit visas. The train with the 500 Jews was surrounded by military guards and forced to remain at Bregenz for a week. During this time the refugees were forced to live in dilapidated drafty coaches and received a limited food ration sent by the Joint Distribution Committee from Innsbruck.

POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER REGRETS JEWS ARE LEAVING POLAND; URGES THEM TO REMAIN

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y. Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Polish Foreign Minister Wincenty Rzymowski, head of the Polish delegation at the United Nations Assembly, today expressed regret that Jews were leaving Poland to seek homes elsewhere, and maintained that his Government was doing everything in its power to make the country liveable for them.

The Foreign Minister told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Polish Jews should remain in their country by all means, and promised that they would definitely find a secure future. He said that the best proof of the government's good intentions was the return to Jews of their former property, providing financial aid for development of Jewish enterprises, and settling Jews in Silesia.

He upheld the right of Polish Jews to emigrate if they so desired, but he declared that every aid would be given them if they remained. At the same time, he emphasized that the government was doing its utmost to stamp out anti-Semitism, citing the law recently passed against fomentors of racial disturbances.

MASS EXODUS OF JEWS FROM POLAND LESSENS; ONLY 5,000 NOW EMIGRATE MONTHLY

WARSAW, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- An average of 5,000 Jews monthly continue to emigrate from Poland, although the mass exodus from the country has lessened.

Jewish circles estimated today that about 2,000 Jews are leaving the country legally each month and that more than 3,000 are leaving "illegally." The majority of those who emigrate without permission from the authorities consist of members of Zionist training centers who travel to similar centers in the American zones in Germany and Austria through Czechoslovakia. It is estimated that an average of 120 Jews cross the Polish-Czech frontiers daily.

Legal emigration is meeting with difficulties because of red tape introduced by the Foreign Ministry. Clearance from the military authorities and from the tax office is required prior to issuance of a permit to leave the country. It now takes more than two months for an applicant to get a passport, whereas a few months ago it was possible to obtain one in a short time.

A delegation of the Central Committee of Polish Jews and of the Palestine Office here visited the Foreign Ministry and appealed for a speedier procedure. Officials of the ministry explained that due to their limited staff, it was impossible to grant passports at a faster rate. However, they promised to take the request of the Jewish delegation under consideration.

RITUAL MURDER PROPAGANDA SPREAD IN SOME CHURCHES IN POLAND, GOVERNMENT ORGAN CHARGES

LODZ, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Ritual murder propaganda against Jews is being fostered in a number of churches both openly and under various disguises, Polish newspaper reports today citing several cases.

Recalling that such propaganda led to the recent pogrom in Kielce, the official government organ Rzeczpospolita draws special attention to the fact that in a Catholic church in Leczyca, near Lodz, there is a box displayed near the altar containing the skeleton of a child with an inscription that the child was murdered in 1639 for Jewish ritual purposes. There is also an oil painting in the church showing a group of bearded Jews in prayer shawls allegedly in the process of murdering a child for "ritual use."

NINE CONVICTED OF PARTICIPATION IN KUNMADARAS POGROM APPEAL TO HIGHER COURT

BUDAPEST, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The Hungarian Court of Appeals today began hearing the appeals filed by nine persons convicted on July 26 of having instigated and participated in a pogrom at Kunmadaras last May during which three Jews were killed and more than 20 injured.

The sentences being appealed range from death, meted out to three of those convicted, to six years imprisonment. Defense counsel stressed the ignorance of the defendants and the fact that consequently they believed rumors that Jews had kidnapped a child for purposes of ritual murder.

Deputy Solicitor-General Janos Borbely agreed that the anti-Semitic propaganda spread by the former regime and the activities of some sections of the clergy had laid the groundwork for the anti-Semitic incitement.

200 JEWISH REFUGEES ENTER ITALY DAILY SEEKING PASSAGE TO PALESTINE

ROME, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- About 200 Jewish refugees continue to enter Italy daily seeking passage to Palestine. They are being placed in UNRRA camps in northern Italy.

A committee of the Central Committee of Displaced Persons, representing about 25,000 Jewish DP's in Italy, has submitted a memorandum to the Italian Ministry of the Interior protesting against the "libelous campaign" launched by a section of the Italian press against the DP's, charging that they are "terrorists" and responsible for the recent bombing of the British embassy in Rome.

BRITISH URGED BY PARLIAMENTARIANS TO BRING RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES BEFORE U.N.

LONDON, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The problem of the permanent resettlement of displaced Jews should be brought before the United Nations by the British Government in an attempt to find out what countries would be willing to accept them, it was stated today in a report issued by ten members of Parliament who recently investigated the administration of the British zone in Austria.

They pointed out that large numbers of Jews from Eastern Europe were in Austria and alleged that their exodus from their homelands in the hope of reaching Palestine was highly organized and financed by ample funds. The MP's asserted that two camps in the province of Styria were full of able-bodied Jewish men and women who, they charged, pose a security problem since there are not enough British troops to guard them.

Although maintenance of Jewish DP's does not place a burden on the British taxpayer at present, it will do so when UNRRA is liquidated, the investigators state, adding that the present immigration policy of the Jews necessitates the erection of camps on Cyprus whose cost falls entirely on Britain.

The report says that the "spiritual poison of Nazism has bitten deeply into the consciousness of the Austrian people," and has become an unconscious part of the moral composition of even those Austrians who consider themselves anti-Nazis.

MILITARY POLICE ACTED AGAINST ADVICE OF OTHER ARMY CIRCLES IN LAUNCHING ZEILSHEIM RAID

MUNICH, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Although admitting that there were some black market operations at the Zeilsheim displaced persons camp, which was raided today for the second time in two days by military police seeking contraband, responsible quarters here said that the MP's greatly exaggerated the extent of the operations and acted against the advice of other military authorities in launching yesterday's raid.

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, Adviser on Jewish Affairs to U.S. military authorities in Germany and Austria, is leaving for Paris tomorrow to discuss the possibilities of further immigration into France. French authorities have already agreed to admit 10,000 displaced persons. Bernstein will also seek to arrange a program under which "infiltrates" from Eastern Europe can secure temporary havens in France.

COUNCIL OF CZECH JEWISH COMMUNITIES FORMS LABOR UNIT TO REBURY REMAINS OF JEWISH VICTIMS

PRAGUE, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Communities of Bohemia and Moravia has raised a volunteer labor brigade to rebury the remains of 20,000 Jews who died in the Theresienstadt concentration camp, it was reported today. The ashes and bodies in mass graves at the death camp represent only a portion of the Jewish dead, the remainder having been cremated and their ashes tossed into the Ohre River.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS REITERATES DEMAND F.C.C. BAR FM LICENSE TO DAILY NEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today filed a brief with the Federal Communications Commission summarizing the evidence it presented in six days of hearings in opposition to the application of the New York Daily News for a FM radio broadcast license. The brief urged FCC to deny the license to the Daily News.

The brief denies the contention of the Daily News that freedom of the press is an issue in the case, and that an examination by the FCC of the news columns and editorials of the Daily News to prove or disprove its bias against Jews and Negroes is an abridgment of the paper's constitutional rights by a government agency.

The American Jewish Congress brief points out that there are seventeen applications for the five available FM channels in the New York City area and that the FCC is required, in making a choice among the applicants, to consider the "character" and past conduct of the applicants. It cites decisions on the United States Supreme Court that the FCC is not limited to a consideration of the engineering and financial qualifications of the applicants.

BLAUSTEIN HEADS PROSKAUER DINNER TENDERED FOR EFFORTS FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, chairman of the executive board of the American Jewish Committee, has accepted the chairmanship of a distinguished group of forty-eight communal leaders who are sponsoring a dinner in honor of Judge Joseph M. Proskauer at the Ritz-Carlton in New York on Nov. 26, Col. Frederick F. Greenman announced today.

Judge Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, is an honorary vice president of the campaign to raise \$4,000,000 to establish the first medical school in Palestine at Hebrew University. The dinner is a tribute to him in furtherance of the campaign effort. The medical school campaign is sponsored by the American Friends of the Hebrew University and Hadassah.

Judge Proskauer will be honored because of his "efforts to open the doors of Palestine to the pitiful remnants of our people in Europe so that they might regain for themselves the dignity and well-being of free men, and because of his genuine interest in the establishment of the first medical school in Palestine," the announcement said.

TEAR GAS BOMB BREAKS UP COLUMBIANS MEETING; MANY PERSONS PRESENT TO CHALLENGE SPEAKERS

ATLANTA, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- A meeting of the Columbians, anti-Negro and anti-Jewish organization, was broken up last night by a person who threw a tear gas bomb through the window of a room where it was being held.

Police authorities expressed the opinion that the bomb incident might have been inspired by the Columbians themselves in order to draw sympathy to their movement. The meeting was attended by 500 persons including many members of veterans organizations and civic and church leaders who had intended to challenge the speakers' statements.

EGYPT APPROVES PLANS FOR IRRIGATION PROJECT FOR VALLEY ON PALESTINE-EGYPTIAN BORDER

CAIRO, Nov. 15. (JTA) -- Plans for the irrigation of the Alarish Valley, on the Egyptian-Palestine border, have been approved by the Egyptian Ministry for Public Works, it was announced here today. The projected dam will be capable of retaining 165,000,000 cubic meters of water.

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