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BRITISH INCREASING PALESTINE GARRISON BECAUSE OF EXPECTED DECISION FAVORING PARTITION

LONDON, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The British Government has decided to increase its garrison in Palestine from 87,000 to 125,000 by the end of the year, when the government is expected to announce a new Palestine policy which will probably call for the partitioning of that country, it was reported here today.

The Sunday Times, which carries the report, says that secret troop movements are already under way in the Middle East and large contingents of troops are being moved into Palestine. It states that senior British officers feel these reinforcements are necessary because of the growing strength of the "Najada," underground Arab "army," from whom they anticipate more trouble than from Jewish extremists.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews today rejected a motion requesting the government to submit the Palestine problem to the United Nations. The vote came after a lively debate, during which Prof. Selig Brodetsky, Board president, pointed out that it would not be advantageous to bring the issue before the U.N., where six Arab states are represented, and with the attitude of the Eastern European countries unclear.

PALESTINE RAIL NETWORK HIT AGAIN; OFFICER KILLED BY LAND MINE BLAST, TRACKS CUT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Palestine's rail network which has not had 24 hours of uninterrupted service in the last few weeks was disrupted again today when an explosion of a large land mine derailed a freight train on the Lydda-Egypt line, near Rehovoth, completely destroying one car and causing service to be suspended. No casualties were reported.

A British officer was killed earlier and an enlisted man slightly injured when a mine they were dismantling on the tracks north of Lydda exploded. The officer was in command of a sapper unit which had been summoned when a railway patrol discovered the mine.

Thirteen members of the Jewish settlement police at Safad have been arrested and lodged in the Acre prison, charged with repulsing the attack by a group of armed Arabs on the new settlement of Neoth Mordechai on Nov. 3, during which two Jews were killed. Six of the attackers have also been seized. Meanwhile, a land court has ruled that the 50 acres which provoked the dispute rightfully belong to the Jews.

It is reported that Israel Yesternitzky, 35, the deputy commander of the Stern Group, who was arrested in Tel Aviv last August disguised as a rabbi and deported to Eritrea, recently escaped disguised as a high-ranking Polish officer and fled to Khartum, in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, where the British governor put him up for the night and placed a plane at his disposal, which allegedly took him to Europe.

BRITISH PRESS WARNS OF WAVE OF ANTI-SEMITISM AS RESULT OF TERRORIST OUTRAGES, THREATS

LONDON, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- In a front page editorial headed "Crisis for British Jewry," the Sunday Pictorial today warns that a wave of anti-Semitism similar to that which engulfed Germany may sweep Great Britain as a result of the alleged threats by Jewish terrorists against political and military figures.

These threats, the editorial says, "have brought to an ugly head the rising irritation of the ordinary Britisher. It declares that the majority of British Jews are dismayed by the deterioration of goodwill resulting from the terrorist outrages in Palestine and by the "preposterous threats by American Zionists."

The paper says that terrorism must be countered with the utmost severity, British Jewry must lead the way in hunting down assassins if they arrive in England and "the fight against degrading anti-Semitism must continue. We have seen how anti-Semitism reduced millions of Germans to the level of beasts and sadists, that must not happen here," it concludes.

The Sunday Chronicle today protests against the "campaign of calumny conducted in the United States against Britain." The paper cites full-page advertisements in the American press criticizing British policy in Palestine and says 80 percent of the newspapers attack Britain in "a scandalous exchange for British blood shed in Palestine." It appeals to America to realize the growing wave of indignation in England.

The Board of Deputies today approved by an overwhelming vote the statement issued by the Board's executive last week, which condemned terrorism, but decried the sensational manner in which the matter was being treated in the British press. Speakers pointed out that the press campaign was of less relevance to the Palestine issue as to the Jews of Britain, who are directly affected by the undesirable notoriety.

A dispatch from Jerusalem says that Benjamin Kagan, who was recently described in the London Daily Graphic as a leader of the Stern Group, is actually the Tel Aviv correspondent of the London News Chronicle.

PALESTINE ARABS WILL ASK ARAB LEAGUE TO DEMAND AMNESTY, DELEGATE'S STATUS FOR EX-MUFTI

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The Palestine Arab delegation at the Arab League meeting, which opens next week, will urge the League to demand that Britain grant amnesty to the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and that he be recognized as a delegate of the Palestine Arabs to the London conference, it was learned here today.

The Palestine Arabs will base their demands on the fact that Moshe Shertok and the other imprisoned Jewish leaders have been released and will, if the Jewish Agency chooses, attend the London parley as full-fledged delegates. If the Arab demands are not met by Britain, Jamal Hussein, vice-chairman of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, will stand by his most recent decision and go to London as an observer.

6,000 VISALESS IMMIGRANTS ON CYPRUS STRIKE AGAINST LOW PALESTINE IMMIGRATION QUOTAS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The more than 6,000 Jewish visaless immigrants interned on Cyprus began a 24-hour strike at midnight last night in protest against the recently announced Palestine quota for the next two months. Under the quota 300 Jews from Cyprus will be permitted to enter Palestine during the Nov. 15-Dec. 14 period and an additional 750 will be admitted the following month.

ARABS UNLIKELY TO TURN TO RUSSIA FOR AID IN PALESTINE ISSUE, SAYS FOREIGN POLICY ASSN.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The Arabs are unlikely to turn to Soviet Russia for aid in their fight against the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, the Foreign Policy Association says in a report on the Arab League, prepared by Vernon McKay and published today.

"The significance of Arab threats to turn to Russia, made in the heat of the Palestine controversy, have been greatly exaggerated," according to Mr. McKay. "In any case, available evidence indicates that the Arabs are winning their fight against a Zionist state comprising the whole of Palestine, and therefore have no reason for so drastic a step.

"Whatever its weakness, the Arab League is more than a device to combat Zionism, and is likely to outlive the Palestine issue if only to carry on the fight against European domination of other Arab lands," McKay predicts. "Although British and Arab interests sometimes coincide, the Arab League is not a British tool," he adds. "Some British army men who were alienated by Arab hostility during World War II fear that the Arabs, having driven the French out of Syria and Lebanon, will turn against the British once the Zionist threat is removed.

"In view of Russia's growing influence in the area," the report concludes, "the ideal approach for the Big Four would be a program of economic development undertaken in full cooperation with the Arabs. If the Soviet Union will not participate, the West should not hesitate to act alone. Typical of the possibilities is the proposal for a ten-year, \$280,000,000 Jordan Valley development to provide enough power and irrigation to make room for 2,000,000 more people in Palestine."

Arab Boos When He States Zionism Brought Only Bloodshed to Palestine

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- An audience of 700 attending a Foreign Policy Association luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday booed and hissed Dr. Khalil Totah, executive director of the Institute of Arab-American Affairs, when he stated that "the great contribution of Zionism to the Holy Land has been bloodshed ever since Zionism began." He was also booed when he stated that only ten percent of American Jews are Zionists.

Dr. Totah shared the platform with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency representative in the United States, who stated that the Agency executive's proposal for a Jewish state in a partitioned Palestine would enable both Jews and Arabs to live their own lives and cooperate to build "one of the greatest centers of human civilization in the world." The Arab spokesman asserted that "Zionism means war" and that the Arab world would over-run the Jewish community in Palestine if the Zionists did not withdraw their demands.

U.N. BODY TO STUDY PROPOSALS FAVORING AND ATTACKING IRO AID TO DISPLACED JEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- A Yugoslav proposal outlining the proposed International Refugee Organization's obligation to resettle displaced European Jews and Egyptian amendments aimed at hindering Jewish immigration into Palestine will be discussed this week by the U.N. Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee.

These amendments are among the more than 50 still before the Committee. The body yesterday defeated a Soviet proposal that the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee be liquidated following establishment of the IRO.

THREE DISPLACED JEWS WOUNDED, TEN ARRESTED IN CLASH WITH AMERICAN TROOPS AT AUSTRIAN CAMP

VIENNA, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Three Jews were seriously wounded and three American military policemen were injured in a clash between 3,000 displaced Jews in the Haid DP camp near Linz, and 200 MP's last Thursday afternoon, informed Jewish circles disclosed here today. According to the military police version one Jew was shot in the arm and two American soldiers were injured by stones.

The clash occurred after a visit last Thursday morning by Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, advisor on Jewish affairs to American forces in Europe, who found the displaced Jews tearing down several barracks to obtain firewood to heat the remaining barracks in which they were living. The commander of the camp informed Rabbi Bernstein that there was sufficient coal available for heating purposes and, when Dr. Bernstein departed, the commander summoned the military police to arrest the Jews who had ripped apart the barracks.

In the resulting melee shots were fired by the troops who drove the Jews into their barracks and arrested ten persons. The official version of the incident is that one Jew was wounded when he attempted to wrest a rifle from a soldier. When an ambulance was called, the military police report says, the angry DP's stoned it, injuring two soldiers and bruising a third.

POLISH POLICE ROUND UP FASCIST BAND, SEIZE LARGE ARMS CACHE STORED IN CHURCH

WARSAW, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The Polish police have rounded up an underground band which has been killing Jews, Poles and Russians in the Brest-Litovsk area and has seized a large arms cache of the fascist Polish Home Army, hidden in a church in the town of Drohiczyn on the Bug River.

The capture of the band and the discovery of the arms store followed the arrest of two leaders of the band known by the pseudonyms of "Victor" and "Mlot." The weapons found included three heavy machine guns, five automatic rifles, ten other rifles, twenty hand grenades and 4,000 rounds of ammunition. All the weapons were new and of British manufacture.

WARBURG IMPRESSED BY ACHIEVEMENTS OF JEWISH COMMUNITY IN POLAND; LEAVES FOR PRAGUE

WARSAW, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Dr. Joseph Schwartz, its European director, left today for Prague after a tour of the Lodz Jewish children's home, the largest in Poland.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency before his departure, Warburg said he was impressed by the "vitality of the Jewish community of Poland." He pointed out that in the past two years the Jewish community has rallied from its greatest catastrophe and has built a chain of children's homes, work cooperatives and cultural institutions throughout the country. "The Jewish organizations in Poland are doing a great deal of work," he declared, "and judging from the accomplishments we have seen, that work has been done with much energy and heart."

The J.D.C., he stated, will continue to help the Jews of Poland increase their productivity and aid the welfare, medical and cultural institutions. It will also help the Jews emigrate wherever it is possible for them to go, he added. Warburg declared that Polish leaders whom he met made a "great impression" and that from discussions with President Boleslaw Bierut and other government officials he "came to the deep conviction that they have a warm and sincere understanding of the fate of the remaining Jews in Poland."

MOST GERMAN AND HUNGARIAN JEWS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO BE GIVEN CITIZENSHIP, PROPERTY RIGHTS

PRAGUE, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- All Jews in Czechoslovakia of German and Hungarian nationality, except those who actively engaged in Germanization or Hungarianization, will be granted Czechoslovak citizenship and will have their confiscated property returned, under a decision taken by the Ministry of the Interior, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

Up to the present, property seized from the German and Hungarian Jews during the Nazi occupation has not been returned and there has been considerable agitation for meting out the same treatment to them which is being given other persons of German and Hungarian nationality--deportation and expropriation of property. In some sections local authorities even ordered seizure of the property of such Jews. However, under the Interior Ministry's ruling they will be treated as are all other victims of the Nazis.

A World Jewish Congress Committee was established here today under the leadership of Karel Stein, chairman of the Jewish Community of Prague. Thus far only the Jewish communities of Slovakia are affiliated with the Congress, and the Prague committee will endeavor to have the Jewish communities of Bohemia and Moravia join the Congress.

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL CITIZENS PROVIDED IN DRAFT OF NEW CONSTITUTION FOR GERMANY

BERLIN, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- One form of citizenship with equal rights and with equal obligations for all is proposed by the Socialist Unity Party executive in the new draft constitution for a German Democratic Republic published today.

Divided into five parts, the proposed constitution includes a section entitled "Basic Rights and Obligations of Citizens," which introduces the single-citizenship standard and outlines equal rights provisions. In addition, citizens would have the right to live anywhere in Germany or to emigrate at will.

RUMANIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY PLEDGES CURB ON ANTI-JEWISH INCIDENTS DURING ELECTIONS

BUCHAREST, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Widespread fears by Rumanian Jewry that anti-Semitic outbreaks will occur during Tuesday's elections were quisted today by Minister of Interior Tachari Georgescu. In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Georgescu promised that all measures will be taken to prevent excesses.

Minister of Education Stefan Voitech announced yesterday that teachers in Jewish elementary schools will receive equal status with those in state schools, that Jewish schools will receive adequate text-books from the ministry, and that the Jewish religion, which hitherto has not been taught in Jewish schools, will be introduced as a regular subject. Similar measures were taken some time ago in Jewish secondary schools.

BISHOPS CALL FOR RESETTLEMENT OF NON-REPATRIABLE REFUGEES IN U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Resettlement of displaced persons in the United States and other countries, if their repatriation is not advisable, is urged by the Catholic bishops of the United States in a statement on "Man and the Peace" issued yesterday. The bishops hail President Truman's announced decision to ask Congress to admit considerable numbers of DP's to the U.S. They stress that the refugees cannot be kept in camps indefinitely.

PATTERSON AND GEN. HILLDRING TO ADDRESS UNITED JEWISH APPEAL PARLEY IN ATLANTIC CITY

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Major General John H. Hilldring, Assistant Secretary of State for Occupied Areas, will head the speakers who will participate in the three-day national mobilization conference for Jewish relief and reconstruction in Europe and resettlement in Palestine and for aid to displaced persons coming to the United States. It was announced yesterday at national headquarters of the United Jewish Appeal, under whose auspices the conference will be held at the Ambassador Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J., from Nov. 30 to Dec. 2.

A group of the foremost spokesmen of the more than 200,000 Jews in the displaced centers of Germany, Austria and Italy, led by Leon Retter, who fought with the Polish partisans against the Nazis and who is now general secretary of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews of Germany, will present the picture of homeless and stateless Jewry to the conference. Representatives of Jewry from Palestine, Rumania and Poland will also play a prominent role in the proceedings, serving in an advisory capacity to the delegates in blueprinting rescue operations to save the 1,400,000 Jews of Europe.

DISPLACED JEWS MAY GAIN ADMISSION INTO SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES, SAYS A.J.C. AIDE

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic activity and sentiment in Latin American countries have diminished recently and there is a distinct possibility that limited numbers of Jewish displaced persons may gain admission into several South American countries, according to Maximo G. Yagupsky, representative of the Foreign Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, who recently returned from a two-months tour of Central and South America on behalf of the Committee.

Although the prospects for immigration on a large scale are not too bright, some countries, particularly Brazil, may very likely become a haven for a portion of the refugees, Mr. Yagupsky said. Argentina, however, remains a stronghold of anti-Semitism and its present director of immigration, Dr. Santiago Peralta, with avowed Nazi sympathies, has committed himself to a policy which bars Jews from the country. While political and social anti-Semitism has decreased generally in Latin American countries, there are still strong anti-Jewish currents rooted in religious prejudice which find their most forcible expression among writers and university students in Argentina and in Central America, notably Costa Rica, the Committee representative found.

IRWIN ROSEN APPOINTED JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE MIGRATION CHIEF IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The appointment of Irwin Rosen, former assistant to the executive vice-president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, as director of Joint Distribution Committee emigration services overseas was announced yesterday by Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C. Mr. Rosen has been in Europe for the past several months, where he has supervised the extensive resettlement activities of the J.D.C. A native and resident of New York, Mr. Rosen is a graduate of Harvard and Columbia Universities. From 1939 to 1941 he was director of the J.D.C.'s Transmigration Bureau, which assisted the migration of several thousand Jewish refugees.

The J.D.C. yesterday announced additional allocations during November of \$2,945,000 for relief, reconstruction and resettlement activities in behalf of Jewish survivors abroad, including the doubling of the monthly appropriations for Jews detained in Cyprus, who are receiving supplementary food and medical, clothing and educational assistance. The latest appropriations bring to \$53,309,226 the sum allocated by the J.D.C. so far this year for overseas aid.