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REFUGEE SHIP CARRYING 3,985 VISALESS JEWS ARRIVES IN PALESTINE; COURT HALTS DEPORTATION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The small steamer "Lochitah," renamed the "Kneseth Israel," was escorted into Haifa this morning by two British destroyers. Aboard were 3,985 visaless Jews, the largest number of prospective immigrants to arrive in Palestine on a single vessel in the country's history.

Before they had landed, writs of habeas corpus had been filed with the Palestine High Court on behalf of 1,941 of the immigrants whose names are known. The court issued writs ordering the Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, the commander-in-chief of British military forces and several other high officials to show cause on Wednesday why the refugees should be deported.

The Attorney General, who represented the government, assured the court that the arrivals would not be sent to Cyprus before the hearing on Wednesday. The habeas corpus petitions were filed by Edward Goitein, British-Jewish lawyer.

A delegation representing the Jewish National Council attempted to see High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham to urge him not to deport the refugees under any circumstances, but the High Commissioner refused to see it, stating that he had not yet been officially informed of the arrival of the Kneseth Israel. He promised to contact the delegation later.

Government Urged to House the Immigrants in Palestine Clearance Camps

The Council representatives, among whom were Isaac Ben Zvi, its president, Goldie Meirson and Eliezer Perlson, deputy mayor of Tel Aviv, pointed out that the Reffa and Athlit clearance camps were empty and could be used to house the immigrants until they were granted immigration certificates. They declared that if the government were seriously interested in calming the population, it would not deport the newcomers.

The vessel, which is believed to have sailed from Italy, is reported to have been on the verge of sinking several times. The number of passengers aboard exceed by 1,000 the normal passenger list of the Queen Elizabeth. Four infants were born during the voyage.

The Hashomer Hatzair and the Tenua L'Achdut Avoda, left wing labor groups, today urged the current plenary session of the Jewish National Council to forward a protest to the United Nations against the British refusal to allow Jews into Palestine on the basis that the procedure constitutes racial discrimination.

The Hashomer Hatzair and other left-wing groups are expected to demand that the Council implement further stages of its planned non-cooperation policy with the government, since there are no indications that the authorities plan a change in the immigration policy.

TROOP REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE IN PALESTINE; POLICE, EXTREMISTS EXCHANGE SHOTS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- A large contingent of British troops has arrived in Palestine within the last few days and huge camps are being erected in the south-western outskirts of Jerusalem.

Shots were exchanged this evening between guards patrolling the fortified center of the city, where government buildings are located, and several men in a passing car. The police opened fire when a parcel was thrown from the vehicle. Sirens were sounded and bomb experts were summoned to deal with the package.

The Haganah radio today warned the extremist groups that the Jewish community would not surrender to terror, nor to propaganda, such as the incident at Rehovoth yesterday when the Irgun invaded a cinema and flashed slogans on the screen. The broadcast charged, at the same time, that the police had "received hints" from their superiors to fire even on youngsters who are just distributing leaflets. "This is possible only in a police state," it charged, "this is murder."

The Irgun radio last night appealed to all delegates to the Zionist Congress to set up a provisional Jewish government with its own army during the Congress deliberations. It warned the delegates against accepting partition.

GEN. MONTGOMERY GOING TO PALESTINE; WILL ATTEMPT TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM AMONG TROOPS

LONDON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial Staff, will visit Palestine next week-end in an attempt to combat "the hideous growth of anti-Semitism" among the troops there, it was reported today in the Manchester Guardian. The paper predicts that his visit will lead to "important results."

"The bad tempered censorship" in Palestine was attacked today in an editorial in the Evening Standard, which declares that there is an "irrefutable accumulation of evidence of seemingly limitless severities and stupidities" committed by the censors.

The editorial cites a number of specific instances of the suppression of passages advocating Arab-Jewish understanding and says that by impeding the free circulation of truth the censorship is "hindering not helping the task of pacification of Palestine."

68 PALESTINE POLICEMEN, BRITISH SOLDIERS KILLED IN ATTACKS DURING ONE YEAR

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- A total of 68 Palestine policemen and British soldiers were killed during extremist attacks in the period of Sept. 9, 1945 to the same date, 1946, a government spokesman announced today.

He added that at least 19 of the attackers were also killed. The victims included 19 British constables, 10 Arab policemen, two Jewish policemen, and 37 soldiers.

Asked whether the government will grant legal status to recent immigrants to Palestine, the spokesman replied that 16,800 visaless immigrants for whom certificates have been allocated will be permitted to participate in the forthcoming census. He declared, however, that all other immigrants who have not received certificates but are in the country now, will not be counted in the Jewish totals.

U.S., BRITISH GOVTS. ACCEPT FRENCH INVITATION TO THREE-POWER CONFERENCE ON IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The United States Government has accepted a French invitation to a three-power conference in Paris on refugee migration, a State Department spokesman announced today.

The French invitation was made in notes to the British and U.S. Governments Oct. 31, following a British protest over the sailing of Jewish refugees from Marseilles to Palestine. The United States will be represented at the parley by officers attached to the U.S. military government in Germany, the U.S. political advisor's office in Berlin and from the headquarters of U.S. forces in Europe.

(In London a Foreign Office spokesman announced that the British Government had also accepted the French invitation.)

U.N. COMMITTEE APPROVES AMENDMENT WHICH MAY AFFECT JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Nov. 25. (JTA) -- An amendment to the constitution of the International Refugee Organization which obligates the IRO to give consideration to protests that might be lodged by Palestine Arabs against immigration of displaced Jews into Palestine was approved today by the U.N. Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee by a vote of 21 to 5. Voting in favor were the United States, the United Kingdom, the Slay bloc and the Arab states.

The amendment provides that the IRO, in endeavoring to carry out its functions in such a way as to avoid disturbing friendly relations between nations, should "exercise special care in cases where the planning of re-establishment or resettlement of refugees or displaced persons in countries contiguous to their respective countries of origin, or any non-self-governing countries, is contemplated. The organization should give due weight, among other factors, to any evidence of genuine apprehension and concern felt in regard to such plans, in the former case, by the countries of origin of the persons involved, or in the latter case by the indigenous population of the non-self-governing countries in question."

Four of the Arab states spoke in favor of the amendment while Canada, Colombia, and Argentina opposed it on grounds that it was too vague, decreases the authority of the IRO, and would cause long delays in resettlement.

PALESTINE NEWS AGENCIES INSTRUCTED TO CLEAR ITEMS WITH CENSOR PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The censorship today informed all news agencies in Palestine that as of Dec. 1 they will be required to submit certain items to the censors before distributing them to their client papers. The order will affect British and American agencies, including the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The items which will require prior clearance by the censor include all news referring directly or indirectly to Palestine, including statements by Arab and Zionist bodies and individuals. Internal security was given as the reason for issuance of the order.

The Egyptian Government has been censoring Jewish mail between Palestine and Yemen, even destroying some, in violation of international postal regulations, the Hebrew newspaper *Devar* revealed today.

A Jewish Agency spokesman protested the violation of the mails and called upon the Palestine authorities to intervene with the Egyptians and also with the Lebanese Government which denied landing permits at Beirut to American Jews en route to Palestine.

SEN. MORSE, IN GERMANY, CALLS FOR FIVE-POWER CONFERENCE TO SETTLE DP PROBLEM

MUNICH, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- A five-power conference to settle the DP problem was urged here today by Senator Wayne L. Morse of Oregon, who is visiting here on a world trip.

Asked whether he advocated opening the doors of the United States to DP immigration, Sen. Morse declared that the United States must abide by any decision arrived at by such a five-power parley. "It is absolutely unfair to keep the displaced persons in camps and deny them normal human existence," he said. On his trip he will also visit Palestine where he will study the possibilities of increasing Jewish immigration there.

The State Department entered the DP work program picture today when a representative of Ambassador Robert Murphy's Berlin office conferred with local officials concerned with the program, it was learned here.

The State Department is apparently interested solely in the question of payment, which the displaced Jews have requested be made in either American or British currency. The State Department is investigating the possibility of exporting DP products thus building up credits in stable foreign currency for the Jews to use when they emigrate from Germany. In the meantime, the Jews would receive part payment in German marks to defray current expenses.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TROOPS, JEWS IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY WORSEN DUE TO "SCARE" CAMPAIGN

LONDON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- The scare campaign in the British press concerning the alleged attempts by Jewish terrorists to penetrate Britain and assassinate high-ranking civil and military figures has led to deterioration in the relations between Jews in the British zone of Germany and the occupation troops.

Joseph Rosensaft and Norbert Wollheim, leaders of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the British zone, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that army papers in Germany, which are also read by the local German authorities, took their lead from the British press and ran sensational stories about the menace of "Jewish terrorists."

They disclosed that they conferred with War Minister F.J. Bellinger, who promised to communicate with occupation authorities concerning the DP's complaints against the military. They also saw John Hynd, Minister for Occupied Territories, to whom they appealed for recognition of the Central Committee as the spokesman for all Jews in the British zone. They pointed out that all Jewish matters are dealt with on local levels and there is no contact between the Committee and the top military officers.

Rosensaft and Wollheim also discussed with Hynd the "catastrophic food situation," and the treatment of "infiltrates" from Poland. They demanded that Jews and other victims of persecution be exempt from requisition of homes and other similar official measures, which are applied to the German population.

Declaring that the problems facing the Jewish DP's include food, clothing and housing, they said that nothing can halt the flow of immigrants to Palestine. "Every Jew is conscious of the risks involved in illegal voyages," Rosensaft said, "but even Cyprus is paradise compared to Germany. We are denied the right to live where we wish. We cannot be denied the right to die where we choose. We do not wish to die in Germany."

U.N. ACTS TO DEFINE MASS-EXTERMINATION OF RACIAL GROUPS AS INTERNATIONAL CRIME

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Nov. 25. (JTA) -- A United Nations sub-committee today began a closed discussion of amendments to the "genocide resolution" which calls for the outlawing of mass extermination of religious or racial groups as an international crime for which states, statesmen and individual perpetrators are to be held responsible.

The sub-committee, composed of Cuba, Panama, France, the United Kingdom and India, is scheduled to have the completed resolution ready for the legal committee by the end of this week.

The legal committee has already devoted one session to consideration of the resolution, which was introduced by Panama, India and Cuba to correct an omission in the Nuremberg decisions. All the delegates who spoke on the resolution approved its substance but several amendments were suggested.

Sir Hartley Shawcross of Britain, recalling that 6,000,000 Jews had been "coldly and deliberately exterminated" during the war, urged that international law should limit the power of states over their citizens and in certain cases, protect them against their own governments.

Shawcross emphasized that if nations went to war for humanitarian purposes, it was all the more necessary that international law should provide for humanitarian intervention in time of peace. He declared that dictators should be warned that they acted upon their own risk if they infringed on human rights.

GERMAN SOAP MADE FROM BODIES OF JEWS DISTRIBUTED TO JEWISH INMATES OF UNRRA CAMPS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- German-made soap manufactured from fat rendered from Jewish corpses in crematoriums has been found among recently arrived immigrants from Europe presently confined in the Atlit clearance camp. They said that they had been given the soap, the wrapper of which indicated its content, while in UNRRA camps in Europe.

Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog has cabled a protest to UNRRA Director-General Fiorenzo LaGuardia, urging that all such soap be sent to Palestine for burial. The soap found at Atlit will be interred with the traditional Jewish burial services on the Mount of Olives.

GREEK GOVERNMENT WILL TURN OVER HEIRLESS JEWISH PROPERTY TO JEWISH COMMUNITY GROUP

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Heirless Jewish property in Greece will be turned over to a committee of nine persons appointed by the Federation of Jewish Communities there, Dr. Max Gottschalk, representative of the American Jewish Committee, now in Athens, was assured by the Greek Government, the Committee reported today.

The report estimated that the heirless property would amount to several million dollars. "If used for the benefit of the surviving Jews, this property may substantially alleviate their plight," the report pointed out. There are now about 10,500 Jews in Greece of an original pre-war population of 75,000. The remainder perished through Nazi deportation and extermination. Ninety percent of the Jewish survivors live under precarious economic conditions due to confiscation of all their property during the Nazi occupation, the report stated.

HENRY MORGENTHAU, SR., DIES; ONE-TIME ENVOY TO TURKEY WAS ACTIVE IN JEWISH AFFAIRS

NEW YORK, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Henry Morgenthau, Sr., former U.S. Ambassador to Turkey and father of ex-Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, died here today of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 90 years old.

Morgenthau, who was born in Mannheim, Germany, and was brought to this country at the age of 9, had a life crowded with activity as a financier and diplomat. In 1913 he was named by President Wilson as Ambassador to Turkey and remained in that post until 1917. In 1919 he was made head of a U.S. commission to investigate the conditions of the Jews under the new Polish Republic. Four years later he became chairman of the League of Nations Refugee Settlement Commission and was responsible for the resettlement of 1,000,000 Greek refugees in Asia Minor who had fled from the Turkish Empire.

Extremely active in religious and philanthropic work, Morgenthau was a member of the board of directors of Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York and was a founder of the Bronx House Settlement and helped raise funds for the establishment of the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. He was president of the Free Synagogue of New York, but resigned in 1919 following a dispute with Rabbi Stephen S. Wise over Zionism, which he opposed. He was a member of the executive committee of the B'nai B'rith.

187 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM CENTRAL EUROPE LAND IN AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- One hundred and eighty-seven Jewish refugees from Central Europe arrived here today on the French liner Ville d'Amiens. The refugees included doctors, dentists, lawyers, white collar workers and others.

JEWISH MARTYRDOM HAS SAVED CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION, DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN SAYS

CHICAGO, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- Jewish martyrdom since the rise of Nazism has saved not only the Jewish way of life, but also Christian civilization, Rabbi Solomon Goldman declared last night at the convention of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America here, attended by 1,000 delegates.

"After the ordeals Jews have lived through, it becomes even more imperative that we rededicate and reconsecrate the undying heritage and immortal values which our ancestors were the first to proclaim to the world," Rabbi Goldman said. "We have taught the world to recognize the true meaning of freedom of conscience, thought and speech. Ours has been the task to teach men the sacredness of human personality, the rights of individuals and groups to live their own lives," he concluded.

NEW ENGLAND JNF CONFERENCE PROMISES FULL SUPPORT TO PALESTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY

BOSTON, Nov. 25. (JTA) -- "Whenever the Yishuv determines the necessity of embarking on policies of resistance, the Palestine Jewish community shall receive the wholehearted support of the Zionist movement, of the Jewish people, and of freedom-loving peoples everywhere," 400 delegates declared in a resolution adopted here last night at a conference called by the New England and Greater Boston Jewish National Fund.

The resolution hailed the establishment of Jewish settlements on JNF land in the Negev despite the "illegal restrictions of the British administration." It said that "Jews may enter Palestine as of right, without limit as to numbers; and as of right may purchase the soil of Israel." The conference also assailed as "inexcusable" the British Government's policy of restricting land purchases in Palestine under the White Paper of 1939. Dr. Arthur I. Shain, president of the New England JNF, was re-elected unanimously.

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