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COURT TO RULE TODAY ON WHETHER "KNESSETH ISRAEL" REFUGEES CAN REMAIN IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The Palestine Supreme Court will rule tomorrow morning on whether the 3,854 visaless Jews who arrived in Haifa on Tuesday aboard the Kneseth Israel are to be deported to Cyprus or allowed to remain in the country, it was announced today.

Meanwhile, residents of Tel Aviv could see three small vessels accompanied by destroyers anchored outside territorial waters. Port authorities believe that they are refugee ships and are being prevented from approaching the shore by the destroyers.

High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham, receiving a delegation of the Jewish National Council which appealed to him to detain the arrivals in Palestine instead of deporting them to Cyprus, said that he could not comment on their request until the court proceedings had terminated, but that he was studying the possibility of making available accommodations in Palestine camps for some of the persons now held in Cyprus. The Raffa and Athlit camps here will be empty within a few weeks.

The Agudas Israel executive in London also cabled the High Commissioner urging that the Kneseth Israel passengers not be deported and at the same time suggested to the Jewish Agency that it propose to Sir Alan that certificates available under future immigration schedules be reserved for them. The Agudah said that it was prepared to allocate the certificates which would normally be made available to it for that purpose, if the Agency would agree to do likewise with its portion of the visas which constitutes the largest section of those available each month.

Deportation Vessels Steaming Along Coast Awaiting Court's Verdict

A 24-year-old girl, Shoshana Beilin, jumped overboard this morning from one of three deportation vessels to which the refugees were transferred on Tuesday. She was captured by a coast guard vessel and taken to a hospital in Haifa. The deportation ships are steaming up and down the coast waiting the court's verdict.

Fifty-seven of the refugees who were brought ashore because they were ill are now confined in a hospital at Haifa or at the infirmary of the Athlit clearance camp. Those in the hospital are, in addition to 11 new-born babies, Mendel Muntianu, 18, from Rumania; Meir Gottlieb, 20, and Mendel Zussman, 29, from Hungary; Abraham Fried, 38, from Czechoslovakia; Jetty Finkelstein, 32, Frieda Petrover, 25, and Lotte Manger, 30, all from Rumania who are in the maternity ward. Also in that ward are Nova Fried, 24, wife of Abraham, Irene Weiss, 22, and Magdona Weiss, 24, both of Hungary. It is understood that several of the women have already given birth. One unidentified immigrant died in the hospital yesterday.

The two immigrants who were killed during the nine-hour battle aboard the Kneseth Israel on Tuesday were buried yesterday amid great secrecy. Only police officials and Jewish grave-diggers were present. One of the dead was identified as Elzik Rosen-

baum, 17, the son of a rabbi in Seret, Bukovina, but the other remained unidentified. He was interred under the name of Abraham ben Abraham. All work stopped in Haifa when the population learned of the burials and tens of thousands of persons marched to the cemetery to pay their respects to the victims.

Jewish extremists yesterday flooded Jerusalem with leaflets warning that terrorism will be resumed if the immigrants are deported to Cyprus. A Jewish Agency spokesman commenting on the events, said that they jeopardize the prospects of Jewish participation in the conference on Palestine which is to be resumed next month in London. If the immigrants are deported to Cyprus, it will certainly not help to combat terrorism in Palestine, he pointed out.

The Histadruth, Palestine Federation of Labor, today cabled an appeal to British Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones asking him to intervene on behalf of the 4,000 Jewish immigrants so that they may land in Palestine. A similar cable was sent by the Histadruth to William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and to Philip Murray, C.I.O. president.

The Roman Catholic communities of Jerusalem and Haifa were called on today to hold mass meetings to protest the "desecration of Mount Carmel" by Jews who allegedly built bonfires on the peak of the mountain on Monday night to welcome the Knesseth Israel. It is understood that a protest to the Pope is being considered.

(Several hundred youths attending the Youth Conference for Labor Palestine demonstrated today outside the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, where Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin is staying, to protest against the forced transfer of the Knesseth Israel refugees to deportation vessels.)

MONTGOMERY ARRIVES IN PALESTINE TO TOUR MILITARY POSTS; SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, chief of the Imperial General Staff, arrived here today to tour military installations. The entire country has been converted into an armed camp to guard against any attempts on his life. Strong guards have been posted at all points where Montgomery is due to appear.

His visit coincides with what is expected to be a period of relative calm. The Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Group announced yesterday that they will cease bombing the rail lines in order to allow the citrus crop to be exported, since the livelihood of thousands of Jews depends on it. The export period ranges from eight to ten weeks.

Jewish personnel of the Palestine Criminal Investigation Department have been warned by the Stern Group that they are liable to be shot if they do not leave the service. The warning was posted on walls in Jerusalem.

AMERICAN DELEGATION TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS SAILS ABOARD THE QUEEN ELIZABETH

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Most of the 56 American delegates who will attend the World Zionist Congress at Basle sailed today aboard the Queen Elizabeth. The delegation was headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America.

In a statement to the press Dr. Silver declared that "the Congress will meet in a bitter and disillusioned mood, and unless a measure of confidence can be restored, it is likely to adopt policies and measures which will be sharply at variance with those which it has pursued up to now and which, unfortunately, have yielded such complete frustration."

The entire Hadaassah contingent, led by Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, president of the organization, also were aboard the Queen Elizabeth.

U.J.A. CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY IN ATLANTIC CITY TO DISCUSS JEWISH PROBLEMS IN EUROPE

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- A world-wide relief and reconstruction program for 1947, which will play an important role in determining the future of hundreds of thousands of Jews in Europe and Palestine, will be mapped at the national conference of the United Jewish Appeal which opens here tomorrow at the Ambassador Hotel, with more than 1,600 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the country participating.

The conference will review the rescue and relief activities conducted this year through the \$100,000,000 United Jewish Appeal, and will decide on the sum to be raised for similar activities in the coming year. In determining the national U.J.A. goal for 1947, the delegates will consider the fact that new outbreaks of anti-Semitic violence have resulted in the mass flight of Jews from Poland and other countries; that the number of displaced Jews in Germany and Austria has more than doubled during the year; that the development of Palestine must be pushed at an accelerated pace to permit tens of thousands of homeless Jews in Europe to find haven there; and that immigration of uprooted Jews to the United States and other countries must be facilitated.

Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Assistant Secretary of State Major General John H. Hildring will present to the delegates a report on the American Government's efforts in behalf of the displaced Jews and will discuss the activities carried on by the military authorities in the American zone of occupation for the maintenance of the Jewish DP's. Other speakers will include Jan Masaryk, Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Edward M.H. Warburg, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Edwin Rosenberg and leaders of Jewish communities in Europe.

National Executive Hears Report on Increasing Needs of Jewish Survivors

At a meeting today of the national executive committee of the United Jewish Appeal, Mrs. David M. Levy, national conference chairman, reported that the needs of the Jews who survived Hitlerism in Europe have increased greatly during the past year. She pointed out that American Jews acting through agencies of the U.J.A., had during 1946 helped to provide the means of survival for hundreds of thousands of Jews in Rumania, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Germany, Austria and other lands, in addition to helping 26,000 refugees find a new home in Palestine and about 18,000 reach the United States.

Mrs. Levy pointed out that the impending liquidation of UNRRA will confront the Joint Distribution Committee with new burdens in aiding Jews in areas where UNRRA has been operating. She estimated that at least 400,000 Jews in Europe will have to find new homes during the coming year, and declared that the great majority of these Jews look to Palestine as the land of their salvation. She also pointed to the program for liberalization of U.S. immigration laws which President Truman promised to submit to Congress.

The executive committee also heard a report from William Rosenwald, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, outlining the purposes of the conference. Charles J. Rosenbloom and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, national chairmen, also spoke on the objectives of the conference.

PRECAUTIONS TAKEN AGAINST JEWISH EXCESSES DURING FORTHCOMING POLISH ELECTIONS

WARSAW, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- In view of reports of possible anti-Jewish violence during the forthcoming general elections, Adolf Berman, former Jewish partisan leader and member of the Polish National Council, is touring towns in Lower Silesia where Jews reside to make certain that adequate precautions are taken to prevent outbreaks.

Local conditions in the new Jewish communities were described to Berman at mass meetings in Wroclaw, Salbrzych, Rychbach, Lielaws and Legnica. At Wroclaw and Stettin the governors, Stanislaw Piskowski and Col. Leonard Borkowicz, respectively, assured Berman that precautions had been taken to protect the Jews during the elections and the campaign preceding them.

Following repeated attacks upon Jews in Zakopane, near the Polish-Slovak border, the authorities have imposed a curfew on the town and the surrounding area from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. In the neighboring town of Nowy Targ the curfew has been set from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Meanwhile, skirmishes continue in the vicinity of Zakopane between underground bands and the police.

350 Jewish Orphans Reach Paris from Poland on Temporary Visas

PARIS, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Three hundred and fifty Polish Jewish orphans, the first unit of a group of 2,000 children admitted temporarily to France on transit visas granted by the French Ministry of the Interior, arrived here today aboard a special Polish Red Cross train. The remainder are expected shortly, as soon as transportation is available.

Ten Jewish organizations are cooperating with the Youth Aliyah in caring for the children, who will be put up in various children's homes after medical examinations. The entire operation is being financed by the JDC.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS HEARS FIVE-POINT PROGRAM FOR CONSIDERATION IN GERMAN PEACE TREATY

PARIS, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- A five-point program for consideration by the Big Four when they discuss a peace settlement for Germany was submitted today by Rabbi Maurice L. Perlzweig at the conference of the European Consultative Council of the World Jewish Congress, meeting here for a five-day session.

His program comprised the following demands: first, recognition by Germany of her guilt and responsibility in the annihilation of millions of Jews; second, the abrogation of racial and anti-Semitic laws; third, international supervision of German legislative practices; fourth, the position of the Jews must not be considered a matter of domestic policy; and fifth, the restoration of the policy of indemnification.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT DECLINES REQUEST FOR BIG FOUR MEETING ON FUTURE OF PALESTINE

LONDON, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The British Government today turned down a request for Big Four consideration of the Palestine problem.

Answering a question in the House of Commons by Sir Thomas Moore, Herbert Morrison replied that Prime Minister Clement Attlee would not consider trying to arrange a meeting of the Big Four to discuss the future of Palestine.

J.W.V. 51st ANNUAL CONVENTION OPENS; TRUMAN, OTHER NATIONAL LEADERS HAIL JEWS' WAR ROLE

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- Messages from the nation's civil and military leaders headed by President Truman hailing the role of the Jews in America's military history were read today at the opening of the 51st annual encampment of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S. Over 5,000 Jewish veterans from 520 posts throughout the country are attending the four-day convention.

In a message addressed to Maxwell Cohen, national commander, President Truman paid tribute to the 600,000 Jewish veterans of World War II for their "heroic devotion to country in time of war." Asking for "a continuation of your unselfish service in time of peace," the President congratulated the "Jewish War Veterans of the United States as good citizens and good Americans."

General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower recalled that Jewish soldiers received 50,000 awards for valor during the war while "more than 10,000 men of Jewish faith died in defense of our country." Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, the hero of Corregidor, declared that "Bataan, Corregidor and the infamous Death March, as I know them to have been, were not without your courageous and valiant sons." Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz declared that "the Navy owes a debt of gratitude to the myriads of Americans of Jewish faith" who served in World War II.

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes declared that "the task of building a lasting peace presents a new challenge to all war veterans," and called on the J.W.V. to take "an active part in securing the peace you fought to attain" by "spreading good will, fighting intolerance and promoting causes which will make the world a better place in which to live." Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal both made pleas for a strong national defense. Congressman Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts, Fleet Admiral William J. Halsey and Basil O'Connor, chairman of the American Red Cross, also sent messages.

At a meeting yesterday the J.W.V. executive committee adopted recommendations urging liberalization of the U.S. immigration policy, legislation denying Federal funds to educational institutions practicing discrimination against veterans on the basis of race, color or creed and advocating better housing for veterans. The recommendations will be submitted as resolutions for adoption by the convention.

PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE FOR LABOR PALESTINE ASKS END OF "POLICE REGIME" IN COUNTRY

NEW YORK, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The first Pan-American Conference for Labor Palestine, held in conjunction with the 23rd annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Palestine, opened tonight at the Hotel Commodore with delegates from ten countries of the western hemisphere demanding that "free Jewish immigration, unrestricted colonization and adequate self-defense" be substituted by Britain for the "police regime" now prevailing in Palestine.

Delegates from Brazil, Cuba, Colombia, Panama, Mexico, Dutch West Indies, Venezuela, Peru, Canada and the United States are attending the four-day convention, which is mapping plans for reaching the 1947 goal of \$5,000,000 for the Histadruth. Isaac Hamlin, national secretary, reported that in 1945-46, the sum of \$2,308,209 was raised for the Histadruth.

Principal speakers at the various sessions of the convention, which will continue through Sunday, will be Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas, American delegate to the United Nations Assembly; Ira A. Hirschmann, President Roosevelt's special representative in the Middle East, author of "Life-Line to a Promised Land;" and Joseph Baratz, senior welfare officer of the Jewish Brigade, official Histadruth delegate to America.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DENIES IT HAS ORDERED DEPORTATION OF 1,800 STATELESS REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28. (JTA) -- The Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice has denied published reports that it has ordered the deportation to Europe of 1,800 stateless refugees now in the United States. "On the contrary," the Department said, "the Immigration and Naturalization Service is doing its utmost to carry out the humanitarian program of President Truman in the entry into the country and the handling of displaced persons."

Calling attention to the Justice Department's statement, Charles G. Ross, White House press secretary, said that the policy as outlined is entirely in accord with the President's program on displaced persons.

A considerable number of aliens admitted to the United States as temporary visitors were stranded here at the outbreak of the war, the Department said, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service permitted "many thousands" to remain in the country as visitors, giving them the opportunity of securing visas as quota immigrants in nearby countries and re-entering the United States for permanent residence.

"A very large percentage of these are not political or religious refugees," the statement said, "as this figure includes many persons who had come here for business or temporary visits and others such as deserting seamen." They said 23,000 aliens have availed themselves of adjustment procedure since 1941.

The Department reviewed steps it has taken to alleviate hardships resulting from enforced departure of aliens temporarily here. With many cases closed by adjustment, according to the Department, a small number is left who, "because of the depletion of quota numbers available for nationals of their country or because of inability to meet other immigration requirements have been unable to obtain visas from American consuls in Canada or other nearby countries.

"With respect to others in this group, it has been directed that deportation should not be affected in cases of unusual merit, if removal proceedings are based upon a mere technical violation of law, until Feb. 15, in order that the incoming Congress may be made aware of the problem concerning this group and legislative corrective action taken with respect to them, if the Congress sees fit. Some of the persons whose cases fall into this category have been in this country for many years and have unblemished records."

Circles interested in immigration policy raise several questions in connection with the Department's statement, particularly what number of the aliens now in the country were given the right of pre-examination and of adjustment of status within the past six months. They also express interest in what has happened to those aliens not already deported; and point out that the statement does not deny previous reports that approximately 1800 persons have received form letters from the Department informing them of the necessity of making other arrangements, since they were here temporarily.

CABINET COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE NOT LIKELY TO BE REACTIVATED IN NEAR FUTURE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28. (JTA) - Henry F. Grady, chairman of the Cabinet Committee Alternates on Palestine, after a call on President Truman yesterday, said that the President may reactivate the Committee at a later date, but that there are no immediate prospects of activity by the group. The Cabinet Committee is still in existence, Grady said, but has done nothing since submitting the report to the President last August, except for some informal talks with Mr. Truman and the State Department.

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