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4,000 REFUGEES TRANSFERRED TO CYPRUS AFTER COURT REJECTS PLEA TO BAR DEPORTATIONS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Jews throughout Palestine observed three minutes of silence at 3 p.m. today to protest against the ruling by the Supreme Court that deportation of visaless Jews to Cyprus is legal under the emergency defense regulations. In lieu of a more protracted strike, the Drive for Rescue and Defense launched a campaign for contributions of a half-day's pay by every Jew to finance new immigration.

Immediately after the court's ruling, which was delivered at 9 a.m., the three British transports, on which the nearly 4,000 Jews who arrived this week aboard the Knesseth Israel had been confined since Tuesday, sailed for Cyprus. They had been cruising in territorial waters for the past 48 hours awaiting the court's verdict.

The verdict, which was read by Chief Justice Sir William Fitzgerald, said that detention of the refugee Jews in Cyprus and on board British transports en route to the island was not illegal. Sir William added that the deportations were within the authority of the High Commissioner, not only because the immigrants had no visas, but also because their landing would be prejudicial to public security.

The courtroom was surrounded by troops and police while the verdict was being read. Troop reinforcements were also sent to Haifa and the port area was sealed off in anticipation of possible demonstrations, but there were no incidents.

An Agency spokesman, addressing a press conference shortly after the court had adjourned, said that the legal justification for the deportations was based on laws which the Jews regard as completely arbitrary and "legal absolutism." If the deportations are supposedly justifiable on the basis of maintaining public order, he added, the authorities should realize that they are likely to have exactly the opposite effect. He said that the London Government was not opposed to admission of the Knesseth Israel refugees, but was overruled by the Palestine civil and military administration.

(In London, the Colonial Office issued a statement declaring that there was "absolutely no truth" in the reports that it was not opposed to the admission into Palestine of the 4,000 visaless immigrants.)

High Commissioner Agrees to Admit Additional 1,000 from Cyprus

After issuing a communique early today announcing the deportations, and expressing regret that "it has once more been compelled to transfer illegal immigrants to Cyprus," the government issued another one tonight apparently designed to allay the resentment caused by the deportations. The new announcement said that High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham has decided to admit 1,000 deportees from Cyprus, in addition to the 1,050 who will enter as legal immigrants under the Nov.-Dec. and Dec.-Jan. quotas. The immigrants will be chosen on the "first in, first out" basis, with exceptions for special cases.

The High Commissioner conferred today with Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery who is investigating the military situation here. Montgomery also saw Lieut. Gen.

Sir Evelyn Barker, commander-in-chief of all British troops here, and other high civil and military officials, including Inspector-General Giles of the Palestine police.

The Haganah radio, "Voice of Israel," commenting tonight on the court's decision, quoted from Isaiah: "We looked for judgment, but behold--oppression." The broadcast warned that "those who fight our people's hope shall not know peace." Immigration will continue, it concluded. In telephone calls to all newspaper offices last night, a representative of the Stern Group warned that if the Knesseth Israel refugees were deported, "revenge will not be late in coming."

The Jewish Communist Party of Palestine announced today that it has sent a memorandum to the United Nations demanding establishment of a Jewish-Arab state in Palestine, abrogation of the British mandate and the immediate evacuation of all British troops. It urged the U.N. to appoint a commission to investigate the operations of the British Army in Palestine since last June 29, the date of the arrest of Jewish Agency leaders and widespread raids on Jewish colonies.

UJA ESTIMATES NEEDS FOR 1947 AT \$215,000,000; RAISED \$102,000,000 IN CURRENT DRIVE

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A record \$102,000,000 was raised by the United Jewish Appeal this year, topping its \$100,000,000 goal, it was revealed today on the eve of the opening of the UJA national conference, which will be attended by more than 1,500 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the country.

A report submitted to the conference predicted that the final total of the UJA drive may reach \$105,000,000 before the end of the year. Estimated needs for 1947 of the constituent agencies of the UJA amount to \$215,000,000 according to the budgets submitted today to the UJA national executive committee by the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal, and the United Service for New Americans, the three constituent groups of the UJA.

The national executive at its session today heard reports from Isidor Coons and Henry Montor, executive vice-chairmen of the UJA, revealing that some three million contributors, including many Christians, had made possible the achievement of the 1946 goal, the largest sum ever raised by American Jewry. The report emphasized that the \$100,000,000 was three times greater than the amount contributed to the UJA in 1945.

In spite of the fact that the \$100,000,000 drive exceeded its quota, the report disclosed that with the funds made available by the UJA, its constituent agencies were able to meet only the minimum needs during the current year. The JDC has spent more than \$58,000,000 this year; the UPA spent \$52,000,000 and the USNA spent \$2,810,836.

Several million dollars were contributed by Christian committees in various parts of the country and more than \$10,000,000 was given by women as a result of the activities of the Women's Division headed by Mrs. David M. Levy. Special tribute was paid in the report to Nelson A. Rockefeller and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt for their energetic efforts in mobilizing large-scale support of the UJA campaign. Bernard M. Baruch, Herbert H. Lehman and Henry Morgenthau, Jr., were lauded for their leadership and service in the cause of Jewish survival.

Paying tribute to the Jews of America for the record response to the UJA, William Rosenwald, national chairman of the UJA, who opened today's meeting of the national executive committee, said that the Jews of America had fulfilled their pledge of "preventing the further destruction and of assuring the survival of the Jewish people." Harold J. Goldenberg of Minneapolis, who presided at the meeting, declared that govern-

ments had failed thus far to make any substantial contribution to the solution of the Jewish problem. He emphasized that no adequate provision has been made for an intergovernmental agency to replace UNRRA, which is now in the process of liquidation.

"The conference of the United Jewish Appeal," he said, "is meeting at a turning point. We saved the lives of hundreds of thousands, but they have not yet found the hope and the home which they seek. We have given them the very essentials of survival. Now we face the challenge of giving them the means to build a new life."

The estimate of the requirements of the constituent agencies of the UJA for 1947 as submitted to the meeting of the executive committee are:

\$122,250,000 for JDC activities in Europe, North Africa and Shanghai;
\$85,252,000 for the United Palestine Appeal for the support of the up-building and settlement program in Palestine; and \$8,063,900 for the United Service for New Americans which assists Jewish refugees reaching the United States.

The first plenary session of the conference will be held Saturday evening.

BRITISH MINISTER SAYS U.N. "UNLIKELY" TO FORM INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION

LONDON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The United Nations General Assembly, now meeting in New York, is unlikely to succeed in forming the proposed International Refugee Organization to take charge of displaced persons following dissolution of UNRRA, Minister of State Hector McNeill told the House of Commons today.

"No government could be excused for playing politics and at the same time prolonging the despair of these miserable and distressed people," he declared in absolving Britain of any blame if that happens.

BRITISH HOME SECRETARY CONDEMNS PRESS FOR SENSATIONAL STORIES ON "JEWISH TERRORISM"

LONDON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Wide sections of the British press were sharply criticized today by Home Secretary James Chuter Ede for "a great deal of unnecessary and false sensationalism about reports of Jewish terrorism."

Replying to William Gallacher, Communist, who asked in the House of Commons who was responsible for the "utterly unfounded" articles, Ede replied that he was convinced that the overwhelming majority of Jews throughout the world deprecated the actions taken by a limited number.

Commenting on the announcement in Rome by Johan J. Smertenko, vice-president of the League for a Free Palestine, that a conference is to be called in Europe shortly to proclaim a provisional Jewish government for Palestine, a spokesman at the London office of the Jewish Agency today declared that the World Zionist Congress is the only authoritative Jewish body which can make significant decisions on Jewish policy regarding Palestine.

PALESTINE JEWS FILE CLAIM FOR \$400,000 DAMAGES FOR SEARCHES BY BRITISH TROOPS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A committee of the Jewish National Council which has been evaluating the damage sustained by Jewish settlements and towns during the searches conducted by British troops has filed a claim with the Palestine Government for nearly \$400,000, a Jewish Agency spokesman announced today.

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR INVITES REFUGEE JEWS TO RETURN; PLEDGES RESTITUTION OF PROPERTY

VIENNA, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- An indirect appeal to Austrian Jews to return to this country was made today by Chancellor Leopold Figl.

"On the question of the return of formerly emigrated Jews, I can only repeat that I naturally welcome it and will be happy if good Austrians take it upon themselves to come back to the heavily burdened fatherland and take a positive, active part in the difficult reconstruction of Austria," he told a correspondent of the Overseas News Agency. "The best proof of Austria's attitude on the Jewish question obviously is that the Jews who fled to Austria from a number of European states and resided here as displaced persons now seek to obtain Austrian citizenship," the Chancellor asserted.

Chancellor Figl sharply contradicted reports current abroad, which also figured in the most recent meeting of the Vienna Jewish Council, that Austria is still anti-Semitic and that the Austrian Government had been slow and hesitant in undertaking the restitution of property which the Nazis stole from the Jews. The Chancellor stated specifically:

"Such rumors and statements are inspired by political circles which seek to discredit Austria abroad. The political men behind the scenes of such demonstrations do no service to the just claims of Austrian Jews to restitution. The policy of the Austrian Government demonstrates that we reject and combat not only Nazism but also anti-Semitism as one of its roots. I will constantly support all efforts to combat the remnant of anti-Semitism and obviously will also back the efforts of the Jewish community in this direction."

(According to figures recently issued by the Jewish Community Council, only 35 Jewish-owned homes have been returned of the 1,000 for which application has been made. There were 65,000 Jewish-owned homes and apartments in Vienna before the Anschluss.)

On the other hand, the Chancellor asked the Jews of Austria not to hold the present Austrian democratic government responsible for their sufferings under the Nazi regime. He added that they should not consider themselves strangers in Austria but should collaborate as good Austrians in the reconstruction of the common fatherland. He promised that he and the government would create the necessary conditions for such participation.

Laws which have already been issued and the newly drafted restitution acts which were prepared in consultation with Jewish leaders, he said, will meet the demands for restitution of stolen property, within the means of the Austrian state and the limitations of the government's authority. (The Jewish Community has been highly critical of the restitution laws, which, it says, do not meet Jewish demands.)

Finally, Chancellor Figl stated: "I am clearly determined to support the Austrian Jewish claims for restitution for material damages suffered under the Hitler regime in Austria."

U.N. DEBATES WORDING OF GENOCIDE RESOLUTION; EXPECTED TO BE READY NEXT WEEK

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The United Nations Legal Committee today discussed several new amendments to the resolution outlawing genocide as an international crime. All the delegates urged the unanimous approval of the resolution when it is completed.

When no agreement was reached on the exact wording of the resolution, the committee decided to submit the matter of drawing it up to a sub-committee of the nine nations which have presented amendments. The sub-committee was asked to have the compromise draft ready next week.

JEWISH LEADERS PROBING ARRESTS OF DISPLACED JEWS ON BLACK MARKET CHARGES

MUNICH, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders are investigating the arrests made early this week of more than 80 displaced Jews in the Unlanen Caserne of Bamberg, who are charged with unlawful possession of alleged black market goods.

Forty of the DP's were released when representatives of Jewish voluntary relief agencies proved that goods in their possession were supplied by the Army and by UNRRA. One man charged with possessing a dangerous weapon was freed when it was found that all he had on him was a Boy Scout knife.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS BODY HEARS PLEA FOR NEUTRALITY IN ANGLO-SLAV POLITICAL CONFLICT

PARIS, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Rafaela Cantoni, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Italy and Italian delegate to the European Consultative Council of the World Jewish Congress, called on world Jewry to maintain complete neutrality in the conflict between the Anglo-American and Slavic blocs, at the second session of the Council. "We are a world people and our welfare depends on 'One World' and not on a world divided in two," he declared.

Samuel Margoshes, American delegate, said he hoped it would be possible for the Congress to collaborate with the Jewish Communists, while Dr. Noah Barou, British delegate, called on Russia to appreciate the position of the Jews. Dr. Simon Federush, of the World Jewish Congress headquarters in New York, referring to a speech by Lady Reading at the opening session of the Council meeting in which she assured the Jews that Britain was still their best friend, pointed to the recent killing of visaless immigrants on the blockade runner Knesseth Israel at Haifa.

Joseph Rosenzhaft, head of the Committee of Liberated Jews in the British zone of Germany, attacked the rehabilitation of "German murderers" while the plight of their victims was neglected. Dr. Leon Kubowitzki, general secretary of the World Jewish Congress, reviewed the Congress' role in presenting the Jewish case at the Nuremberg trial, in helping secure reparations for Jewish relief and rehabilitation of the survivors and in pushing for the inclusion of minority protection clauses in the peace treaties of the defeated Axis satellite nations.

TWO CANDIDATES OF JEWISH PARTIES ELECTED IN RUMANIAN NATIONAL ELECTIONS; THIRD DEFEATED

BUCHAREST, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Edward Manulescu, vice-president of the Union of Rumanian Jews, and Anghel Dascalu, of the Jewish Democratic Committee, two of the three candidates running specifically on a Jewish slate, were elected in last week's Rumanian national elections. The third candidate, Dr. Bernard Rohrllich, of the Jewish party, was defeated.

The Jewish parties are demanding that the Democratic bloc, which was victorious, live up to its pre-election pact guaranteeing seats in the parliament to all three Jewish party candidates. They ask that one of the government party deputies resign in favor of Dr. Rohrllich. The majority of the 25 other Jewish candidates who ran on general Rumanian party slates were elected.

The law restoring Jews to citizenship status lost through discriminatory legislation during the pro-Nazi regime or through territorial changes has not yet been issued, but the Ministry of Justice today exempted from registration as aliens all Jews who have returned from deportation or who were repatriated from the Soviet Union.

LABOR LEADERS PLEDGE FIGHT ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN MESSAGES TO J.W.V. CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A frontal attack against discrimination on the basis of race, color or religion was pledged today by American labor in messages to the 51st annual encampment of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S. from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Read to the 1,200 delegates by National Commander Maxwell Cohen, of Boston, the messages pledged the heads of America's two major labor organizations to combat anti-Semitism and other un-American and subversive activities.

\$500,000 ALLOCATED TO WEIZMANN INSTITUTE IN PALESTINE BY KEREN HAYESOD, J.N.F.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The sum of \$500,000 for the establishment of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovoth, Palestine, has been allocated jointly by the board of directors of the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund of America, it was announced today. The allocation is to be transmitted in two equal amounts over a period of two years.

The national office of the Palestine Foundation Fund today also made public the text of a cable from Dr. Chaim Weizmann, World Zionist President now in Lugano, Switzerland, addressed to Dr. Emanuel Neumann, felicitating him upon his election as president of the Keren Hayesod in America.

WOMEN'S SYNAGOGUE LEAGUE URGES LIBERALIZATION OF U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS TO ADMIT DP'S

CHICAGO, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Adoption of resolutions calling for the liberalization of U.S. immigration laws to admit more displaced persons by utilizing unused quotas, legislation prohibiting Federal aid to institutions of higher education which discriminate against students of minority groups and the establishment of local and national fair practices employment commissions marked the closing sessions yesterday of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America.

Other resolutions urged the delegates from the U.S. and Canada to work toward intensification of the ideals of Judaism in daily life and demanded the adoption of anti-lynch legislation. Mrs. Barnett E. Kopelman of New York was re-elected president.

23rd ANNUAL CONVENTION OF JUNIOR HADASSAH PLEDGES SUPPORT TO ZIONIST CONGRESS DECISIONS

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A resolution reasserting the "historical and internationally recognized, legally established rights of the Jewish people to Palestine" and expressing support of whatever action shall be taken by the forthcoming World Zionist Congress for the early establishment of a Jewish state, was adopted yesterday at the opening session here of the 23rd annual convention of the Junior Hadassah. More than 1,000 delegates from 40 states are attending.

Mrs. Sulamith S. Nardi, honorary president of the Junior Hadassah, and Tuvia Arazi, expert on oriental affairs for the Jewish Agency, were the main speakers at the opening session. Messages from President Truman, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Goldie Meirson and Bernard Joseph were read to the delegates.