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106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.EMERSON REPORTED BLOCKING ALLOCATION OF NAZI REPARATIONS TO J.D.C. AND JEWISH AGENCY

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Intergovernmental Committee On Refugees, is blocking allocation to the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency of \$22,500,000 assigned for Jewish resettlement and rehabilitation by the Allied Reparations Conference, it was learned today on the eve of the sixth plenary session of the IGCR which opens here tomorrow.

The original directive by the reparations body provided that the funds to be used for Jewish rehabilitation were to be given to the IGCR for allocation to the Jewish organizations. Emerson, however, has chosen to interpret the directive to mean that he has been appointed trustee of the funds, rather than just the paymaster.

He has, therefore, demanded that the Jewish Agency and the J.D.C. submit to him detailed plans of relief and rehabilitation projects for which the money is to be used. It is reliably reported that the reason for Emerson's action is his desire to accommodate the British Government by delaying use of the funds until the Palestine situation has been clarified.

The reparations, which are to come from non-monetary gold captured in Germany and the assets from heirless property of Nazi victims, will be derived mainly from valuables and property which originally belonged to Jews. To facilitate rapid allocation of the money, the Allies instructed Switzerland and Sweden to make available \$12,500,000 each from Nazi assets in their possession, but so far they have procrastinated. However, the chief obstacles to the Jewish organizations securing is Sir Herbert.

In his report, which will be presented to the plenary session tomorrow, Emerson doubts that resettlement of the world's displaced persons can be completed before 1951, and says that "it would be idle to imagine that there can be any large movement of emigrants for some months. He states that voluntary repatriation is the most suitable remedy for the refugee problem, adding that "it is essential that every possible measure should be taken to induce as many displaced persons as possible freely to return to their countries of nationality or former habitual residence."

It is learned that Britain, which, with the United States, has been sharing the entire cost of financing the IGCR will propose that both its contribution and that of the U.S. be reduced to 15 percent each, while the other member countries make up the balance.

WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS RESUMES POLITICAL DEBATE; COMPROMISE ENDS GENERAL ZIONIST CRISIS

BASLE, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Two American Zionist leaders today appealed for participation in the London conference on Palestine and support of the Jewish Agency partition plan, as the World Zionist Congress' political debate continued, following its resumption last night after a Sabbath recess. The debate, which was originally

scheduled to end tonight, will continue through tomorrow, when Dr. Weizmann is to speak.

Hayim Greenberg, leader of the American Labor Zionists, who was the first speaker today, came out strongly in support of partition. He said that there were three alternative solutions of the Palestine problem without partition, but none of them was feasible.

They were, he said, immigration of at least 1,000,000 Jews; forced evacuation of the largest part of the Palestine Arab population to another country; or establishment of a Jewish state with Jews to be granted the status of a legislative majority. Since the last two were obviously not feasible, and the first required either assistance from Britain or the United Nations, which would not be forthcoming, the only practical solution was partition, he said.

Greenberg told the delegates that in some historical situations the part is sometimes greater than the whole, and all Palestine without a Jewish majority is less than a partitioned Palestine under Jewish control. He warned that the Zionists would have to put up a fight even to secure partition.

Lipsky Says Failure to Attend London Parley Would Endanger Zionist Achievements

Louis Lipsky, a past president of the Zionist Organization of America, said that refusal to participate in the London Conference might set in motion forces which would jeopardize everything achieved by the Zionist movement in the last 50 years. Addressing himself to Dr. Moshe Sneh, one of the bitterest opponents of both partition and participation in the London parley, Lipsky asked why he was so determined "to reject an opportunity to test Britain by a new presentation of the Zionist case." By joining in the conference, the Zionists would help retain the support of the U.S. Government, Lipsky said, declaring that "it would be the height of folly to accept British wrangings against us as the final form of Britain's relations with us."

The crisis which had been brewing among the General Zionists was resolved last night when Dr. Abba Hillel Silver stated at a meeting of the General-Zionist Confederation that party discipline should not apply to political questions, and that every member should be free to vote as he thought best on the basic political issues before the Congress.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann welcomed the statement, and Dr. Isaac Gruenbaum and Prof. Selig Brodetsky added that in line with this principle, General Zionist members of the World Zionist and Jewish Agency executives are not responsible to the party, since they are elected by the Congress as a whole. Appointment of a committee to draft a resolution defining the General Zionist stand on participation in the London talks was announced by Emanuel Neumann.

Left-wing Delegates Attack Partition and Score Terrorism

Speaking this afternoon, Zerubavel, leader of the Left Poale Zionists in Palestine, called for a Jewish state with a Socialist orientation, stating that the chief hope for establishing a Jewish state lay with the workers of the world, including the British and Arab workers who, he said, do not approve the anti-Zionist policies of their rulers. Warning the Congress not to depend on England, he said that it was anti-Zionist because Zionism opposed imperialistic interests. He opposed partition and attacked Revisionism as "political adventurism based on fascist ideas."

An attack on partition and on those who speak "eloquently" of resistance was made by Eliezer Bentov of the Hashomer Hatzair who warned the exponents of violence

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that Britain has a long standing tradition of imperialistic oppression and its anti-Zionist policy would not be undermined by spectacular deeds. He called for constructive work in the country and arousing progressive public opinion to help the Jews achieve their aims.

Aron Zisling, of the left-wing Achdut Avoda, attacked the Agency demanding that the Congress bar the Agency from attending the London conference and from agreeing to partition. He said only an undivided Palestine can solve the Jewish problem, and a Jewish state will be achieved only by strong resistance to the present British policy.

William B. Ziff, American Revisionist, called upon the delegates to "cross the Rubicon and take a firm position in behalf of a provisional Jewish government for Palestine." Declaring that America must be convinced that her true interests lie with a Jewish state in Palestine, Ziff attacked the advocates of partition and those who favored participation in the London conference and denounced "anti-Semitic bureaucrats in Whitehall."

Gruenbaum Says If All Palestine Given Jews, They Could Not Defend It

Speaking last night, Dr. Gruenbaum defended the Agency action on partition and said that he believed that now was the time for more conversations on Palestine, because Britain must report on Palestine's future status to the United Nations. He insisted that the creation of a Jewish state in the whole of Palestine was not possible at this time and that there must be more than a million Jews in the country before there is a solid base for a Jewish state in the whole country. If the Jews were given the whole country, they could not defend it at the present time, he said.

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, adviser on Jewish affairs to U.S. forces in Europe, reported to the Congress that the 250,000 displaced Jews in the American and British zones of Germany and Austria and in Italy were in danger of a breakdown in morale unless a quick decision concerning their future was made. He also stated that British suggestions to make the displaced Jews work in German industry and to place them under the jurisdiction of the German courts were being discussed on the highest levels.

Irgun and Sternist Representatives Active Among Congress Delegates

Delegates to the World Zionist Congress visiting the Three Kings Hotel, where Dr. Weizmann, Dr. Silver, Ben Gurion and other prominent Zionists are staying were startled today to discover literature which they picked up on a table near the hotel entrance was a collection of Sternist pamphlets in English, French, Italian and Hebrew.

Among the host of official and unofficial observers at the Congress are representatives of the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation and affiliated groups as well as spokesmen for the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Group. The representatives of the two Palestine terrorist groups are not identified officially as such. They are following the activities of the Congress closely and are conducting a widespread whispering campaign warning that the British seek not only the liquidation of the extremists but also of the entire Zionist movement.

U.S. GENERAL ZIONISTS URGE THREE-MAN PRAESIDIUM TO HEAD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

BASLE, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- At a special meeting here tonight, the General Zionist delegation from the United States voted to support Dr. Chaim Weizmann for the honorary presidency of the World Zionist Organization, and called for a three-man praesidium to replace him as president.

ATTACKS BY BRITISH SOLDIERS AND POLICE IN PALESTINE CONTINUE; ARAB STRIKE QUIET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Reports of attacks by British soldiers and police against Jews continue to come in from various parts of Palestine.

In Rehovoth last night three masked men in the uniform of the Sixth Airborne Division held up a restaurant, escaping with considerable cash. In Jerusalem policemen halted a number of Jewish pedestrians and searched them. The Jews were forced to undress and were kept standing half-naked for about 30 minutes. The attacks in Jerusalem are causing widespread fear and bitterness among the Jews of the city.

Meanwhile, barbed wire fences and armed guards were removed from around the American Consulate at the request of the consul. The precautions, which were taken after the King David explosion this summer, had originally been protested by the American authorities as unnecessary.

A military court here has sentenced two youths, Benjamin Nass, 21, and Eliezer Sudit, 22, to fifteen years imprisonment following their conviction on charges of attempting to rob a bank in Jaffa Sept. 13, and illegally bearing arms. The same court last week sentenced 17-year-old Benjamin Kumchin to 18 years and flogging on the same charges.

Nass and Sudit maintained that they were innocent bystanders during the hold-up and that they fled to a nearby factory to escape the exchange of gunfire between the robbers and the police. Several pistols were found in the factory after they were arrested, but both youths disclaimed any connection with the weapons. A police sergeant testified that he had seen them with the pistols in their hands.

The jurisdictional dispute in Petach Tikvah between members of the Histadruth and the National Workers, a trade union affiliated with the Revisionists, was settled when the disputants agreed to accept arbitration by the Jewish Agency. Several hundred persons clashed Friday and thirty were injured, two seriously.

A country-wide Arab general strike passed off quietly today. A resolution, adopted by the Palestine Arab Higher Committee during the two-hour strike, expressed "indignation against the situation created by the flood of Jewish immigration, by Jewish aggression against Arab land, and by Jewish attacks on the Arabs in their villages and homes."

BRITISH TROOPS CLUB AND GAS RESCUED SIRINI JEWS TO FORCE THEM TO DISEMBARK AT CYPRUS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- British soldiers and sailors yesterday clubbed and tear gassed 750 visaless refugees who refused to disembark at Cyprus. The Jews, who were last week rescued from the tiny Dodecanese island of Sirini where they had been shipwrecked, refused to go to internment camps, maintaining they had been promised that they would go to Palestine.

A committee of Jews from the Karaolos internment camp and a representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, at the behest of the British authorities, tried to convince the visaless immigrants to land but failed. During the clash a party of sailors from a British warship anchored in Famagusta harbor was sent to reinforce the club-swinging troops. A number of Jews were reported to have been injured.

Meanwhile, in Jerusalem the Palestine Government announced that Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones had agreed to permit the women and children among the rescued Jews to enter Palestine to await future certificates. The men in the group will have to remain in Cyprus, the announcement said.

ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUE IN RUMANIAN CITY BLASTED BY HAND GRENADE; POLICE PROBING ATTACK

BUCHAREST, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- A hand grenade was thrown into the large Orthodox synagogue in Cluj, Transylvania, during the week-end, causing extensive damage, but no casualties, it was learned today. The synagogue is the sole Jewish house of worship in the city, all others having been destroyed by the Germans.

Police are investigating the outrage, and the local press and non-Jewish leaders have joined in condemning the incident. As a result of the public protests, the police have agreed to place an armed guard around the synagogue.

BRITISH FASCISTS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLEGED BOMB THREATS BY JEWISH TERRORISTS

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The London press today features sensational stories topped by scare headlines of threats during the last 24 hours by alleged Jewish extremists to blow up British government buildings and subway stations.

Meanwhile, Scotland Yard is checking the possibility that the threats may have been made by fascists seeking to arouse anti-Jewish feelings in Britain. It is thought that the caller who threatened the destruction of the government offices might be the same person who phoned a newspaper office on Friday and, after identifying himself as a member of the fascist "National Guard," revealed that an East End synagogue had been desecrated.

The Sunday Dispatch links these threats to alleged Sternist threats to the "moderates" at the World Zionist Congress in Basle. The newspaper alleges that the Jewish Agency's efforts to persuade the extremists not to carry their "war" to Britain have failed. It asserts that the extremists are indifferent to the effect of their actions upon the status of British Jewry.

The Sunday paper, News of the World, says that besides strengthening the guard detachments around public buildings, the authorities are closely watching "all known Jewish extremists." It also asserts that copies of all threatening telephone messages are sent directly to Prime Minister Attlee and Home Secretary John Chuter Ede and that these top officials are in constant touch with the latest developments.

PALESTINE GERMANS WARNED BY STERN GROUP NOT TO RESETTLE IN TRANSJORDAN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Palestine Germans, who are reported to have decided to resettle in Transjordan, were warned today by Stern Group leaflets that Transjordan is an integral part of Palestine. The leaflets suggested that it would be preferable that the Germans disappear immediately from both countries.

The Sternists warned both Jews and Arabs not to purchase any property from the Germans, since "this belongs to the Jewish nation as reparations."

FRENCH AUTHORITIES AGREE TO ADMIT 49 DISPLACED JEWS WHO WERE TURNED BACK LAST WEEK

MUNICH, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- A group of 49 displaced Jews who last week were turned back at the French border by frontier guards while en route to various ports in France from where they had hoped to set sail for South America, today learned that their transit documents have been cleared by French authorities and they are scheduled to leave once again tomorrow night.

The Jews had feared that the delay caused by their being returned from the French frontier would upset sailing schedules, but they were informed today that in any case they would have had to wait in Paris for a long period before passage is available for them.

NEW YORK UNITED JEWISH APPEAL DRIVE SETS \$65,000,000 GOAL FOR 1947

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York has set itself a 1947 goal of \$65,000,000, Sylvan Gotshal, president, announced today, following an executive meeting of the board of directors of the organization.

The \$65,000,000 goal is by far the largest sum ever sought by any voluntary agency in New York City and is almost double the record-breaking \$35,000,000 sought by the United Jewish Appeal in the metropolitan area in 1946. It represents New York City's share of the \$170,000,000 sought nationally for the United Jewish Appeal.

HIAS COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS URGES RELAXATION OF U.S. QUOTA TO ADMIT DP'S IMMEDIATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Resolutions calling for the relaxation of quota restrictions in the U.S. immigration law to permit the United States to admit its "fair share" of displaced persons, Jewish and non-Jewish, and the pooling of quotas not used during the war years, regardless of country of origin, so that DP's could enter this country immediately, were adopted today by 3,000 delegates attending the 17th annual convention of the HIAS Council of Organizations.

Another resolution called upon the United Nations to do everything in its power to expedite the formation of the International Refugee Organization to take over the functions of UNRRA when that organization ceases to exist. A third resolution appeals to the member states of the U.N. to relax their immigration laws to admit the largest possible number of refugees.

New York City Comptroller Joseph Lazarus, the principal speaker at the convention, discussed the emigration needs of the displaced persons in Europe. He was followed by Abraham Herman, HIAS president, who reported on the expanded activities of the organization and disclosed the latest information on the status of Jewish DP's which was obtained by Isaac L. Asofsky, executive director who is now touring European refugee centers. Other speakers included Dr. James Bernstein, who recently returned here after two decades of HIAS service in Europe, and John L. Bernstein, former HIAS president, who described the organization's location service in 52 countries throughout the world.

"THE OLD COUNTRY" AND "LETTERS FROM THE DESERT" WIN LOUIS LAMED LITERARY AWARDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The English Committee of the Louis Lamed Foundation for the Advancement of Hebrew and Yiddish Literature last night announced the winners of the Foundation's 1946 awards. They are:

"The Old Country," by Julius and Frances Butwin, a translation from the Yiddish of selected stories from Sholom Aleichem, and "Letters from the Desert," by Moshe Mosenson, translated from the Hebrew by Hilda Auerbach and edited with an introduction by Shlomo Grodzensky.

The Foundation gives annual prizes to the best works in Hebrew and Yiddish. This is the first time that it has made awards for translations into English from Hebrew and Yiddish.