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ACTIONS COMMITTEE REACHES COMPROMISE ON MAJOR ISSUES; STILL DEADLOCKED ON EXECUTIVE

BASEL, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee, in session since Wednesday, was making progress today toward an agreement on some of the major political questions which the Zionist Congress dumped in its lap. However it has not succeeded yet in electing an executive.

Because of the Sabbath, the Actions Committee adjourned at noon until Saturday evening. Prior to adjournment it seemed as if a compromise was about to be reached between the Laborites and the General Zionists on the following terms: No president of the World Zionist Organization would be elected. David Ben Gurion would head the section of the executive in Jerusalem and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver would be chairman of its branch in Washington.

The section of the executive in Washington would be composed of two representatives of the Zionist Organization of America, one Hadassah representative, one Mizrahi and two Laborites. One of the Laborites would be Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency. The suggestion that Shertok be included in the Washington branch of the executive was made by the Laborites and was accepted last night by the General Zionists.

Parties Agree Upon Formula Covering Participation in London Conference

A formula covering possible participation in the London Conference on Palestine was worked out today at a meeting of representatives of the Laborites and the General Zionists, which lasted for several hours. The details are expected to be announced Saturday evening when the Actions Committee resumes its meetings.

At all-night negotiations which ended early this morning an understanding was reached for the formation of a coalition executive composed of Laborites, General Zionists and Mizrachists. However, a final agreement was blocked when the Laborite negotiators raised a series of technical objections. These included a demand that political decisions of the new executive must be adopted by a two-thirds majority.

Laborites Accused of Delaying Formation of Executive

General Zionist leaders today accused the Laborites of deliberately delaying tactics. They emphasized that they as well as the Mizrahi, are "impatient and resentful over the unfair tactics of the Palestine Labor Party delegates in prolonging the formation of an executive." They pointed out that this should have taken a half-hour."

A spokesman for the General Zionists warned that if no final agreement on the composition of the executive is reached by tomorrow night, both the General Zionists and the Mizrahi will walk out of the projected coalition. He pointed out that the American delegates can no longer delay their departure from Basel and that Dr. Silver has already cancelled one steamship reservation and must leave on Sunday.

The spokesman emphasized that should the Laborites continue their "delaying tactics," the Mizrahi and the General Zionists will allow them to constitute an

executive by neither voting for or against it. However, he warned they would definitely vote against any attempt to extend the life of the old executive for another six months. He added that the General Zionists and the Mizrahi delegates hoped there could be a meeting of the new executive in Basle immediately after the elections, so as to consider the Zionist political situation and various pressing issues. The Laborite tactics which are making this impossible, are greatly harming Zionism, he stated.

In adjourning the plenary session until Saturday evening, the Actions Committee also decided to postpone the elections of a permanent chairman until after the new executive is completed.

JEWISH CONTROL OVER IMMIGRATION INTO A PARTITIONED PALESTINE URGED BY LONDON TIMES

LONDON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The London Times, which has never supported the Zionist demands for free Palestine immigration and for the establishment of a Jewish State, today came out with an editorial proposing that Jews be given control over immigration into a partitioned Palestine.

Pointing out that both Jews and Arabs have rejected the Morrison plan, and that the United States favors the establishment of a "viable Jewish state," the paper appeals to the government "in justice alike to the requirements of the times and to British troops and police in Palestine to explore the possibilities of a final solution, which almost certainly will be found only through some practical formula of partition."

The editorial stresses that the resolutions adopted by the Zionist Congress at Basle mark "a disturbing new phase," revealing a breach between the Zionist and the British interpretations of the mandate which will be most difficult to bridge." It hails, however, the resolutions condemning terrorism, voicing the hope that it will be effective, despite the fact "that its influence will be weakened by the endorsement of the terrorists' objective: liberation of an oppressed people."

Since a Jewish state already exists de facto if not de jure, it is therefore preferable from every point of view that control over immigration be vested in Jewish hands, the paper concludes.

EGYPT REPORTS ATTEMPT TO REMOVE BODIES OF MOYNE ASSASSINS; TERRORISTS SUSPECTED

CAIRO, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Egyptian police reported today that an attempt has been made to remove the bodies of Elishu Hakim and Ephraim Ben Zuri, who were executed March 22, 1945 for the assassination in Nov. 1944 of Lord Moyne, British resident minister in the Middle East.

Since their execution, guards had been stationed at the grave of the two youths, who were members of a Palestine terrorist organization, but the guards were removed last week. Police suspect that members of the organization have been sent here to obtain the bodies.

A similar attempt was made immediately after their burial, when police arrested ten youths, one of whom--an Egyptian Jew named Sadovsky--committed suicide in prison after allegedly providing information leading to the arrest of the others.

ADDITIONAL 750 JEWISH DETAINEES FROM CYPRUS DUE TO ARRIVE IN PALESTINE

HAIFA, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Seven hundred and fifty immigrants from Cyprus are expected to arrive here late Sunday or early Monday. They will bring to over 2,000 the number of deportees returned to Palestine from the British island in the last month.

NATHANYA HOLDS GENERAL STRIKE TO PROTEST TROOPS' RIOTING; SHOPS SMASHED, JEWS WOUNDED

NATHANYA, Palestine, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A half-hour general strike was held here this morning to protest the rioting yesterday by British officers and troops of the Sixth Airborne Division, which left the main business section a shambles.

The soldiers, of whom there were nearly 100, climaxed their Boxing Day (post-Christmas holiday) celebration by invading the town in several military vehicles and running riot. The display windows of 55 shops were smashed and many cafes and houses were damaged. Bombs were flung into the streets and automatics were fired into the air in Wild West fashion.

When the violence had subsided, the troops retreated to the military cars which had been waiting for them, indicating that the attack was planned in advance and not spontaneous. They left behind them many wounded Jews including several who had been struck by bomb splinters and others who were beaten. One youth was hospitalized with several broken ribs after a beating.

The mayor of Nathanya, Oved Ben Ami, met with the British district commissioner, who expressed regret for the outbreaks and promised a thorough investigation. A delegation of the victims called on Ben Ami and urged him to demand that the government end the current series of outbreaks by troops.

Jerusalem, which was the scene of minor rioting on Christmas, also witnessed many incidents yesterday and disturbances are reported to have occurred in Haifa and elsewhere. As a result most Jews have taken to remaining at home after dark, leaving the streets to the soldiers.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR TEMPORARY RESETTLEMENT OF JEWISH DP'S IN ITALY BREAK DOWN

MUNICH, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The plan to resettle temporarily in Italy a large number of displaced Jews from Germany and Austria has struck a snag, it was learned here.

Even though the original figure of 25,000 was cut down to 10,000 by American Military Government representatives, who suggested the resettlement scheme, the negotiations with the Italian Government have broken down.

France, however, is issuing a small, but regular, number of visas to persons in Poland and Germany.

TWO-DAY JEWISH CONFERENCE IN POLAND MAPS PLANS FOR REVIVAL OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

WARSAW, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A two-day Jewish cultural conference - the first since the liberation of Poland - has concluded in Wroclaw, (Breslau) after mapping plans to establish a Jewish Society for Culture and Art which will organize cultural activities among Jews in various cities in Lower Silesia, the former German territory which is now a part of Poland.

The conference, which was attended by 430 delegates from 38 towns in Lower Silesia, discussed the possibility of establishing Jewish libraries, cultural clubs, literary circles and singing groups in cities where there are a considerable number of Jews. The gathering was greeted by representatives of the municipality and of Polish cultural organizations. It also received greetings from the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow and Jewish cultural organizations in New York.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE URGES UNITED ACTION ON LIBERALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION LAWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Conference today called upon its 63 affiliated organizations to drop all independent campaigns for the admittance of 100,000 displaced persons to the United States under the immigration quotas which were not used during the war years, and to rally behind the newly-created National Citizenship Committee on Displaced Persons headed by Earl Harrison, American member of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees.

The call was issued by Henry Monsky in a communication addressed to all affiliated bodies. Mr. Monsky emphasized the need for complete coordination of action in support of a legislative program for the liberalization of immigration laws and characterized separate campaigns for the admission of 100,000 displaced Jews as "a serious error" which may divide ranks and result in defeat. He stressed the importance of "united action by all groups within our population to insure maximum support of the proposed legislation," which is designed to make complete use of all presently unfilled quota permits.

The communication declared that it was the view of the executive committee of the conference "that the formation of the new Citizens Committee, which includes representatives of all faiths and all segments of American public opinion, is a major step in the direction of securing united action" and that as a consequence, the American Jewish Conference will carry on its activities in that field through the Citizens Committee.

Republican Senators Silent on Truman's Program to Liberalize Immigration Laws

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Republican Senators are waiting to see President Truman's specific proposals for liberalizing U.S. immigration laws to permit the entrance of a substantial number of European refugees before they commit themselves to a definite position on the legislation, it was indicated here today.

Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio, chairman of the Senate Republican Steering Committee refused to comment on the reception the President's program would receive. Sen. Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma, Democrat, today demanded that all immigration be halted immediately.

AUSTRALIA WILL ADMIT 400 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM SHANGHAI; 600 TO LEAVE FOR THE AMERICAS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- About 1,000 European Jewish refugees who have been stranded in Shanghai since the outbreak of the war in 1939 will depart for new havens within the next few weeks, according to a cable received today by the Joint Distribution Committee from its representative in Shanghai. About 600 of them will sail for North and South America and 400 will be admitted to Australia not later than Jan. 15.

Charles H. Jordan of New York, J.D.C. director in Shanghai, also disclosed in his cable that the American consulate in Shanghai has begun to process visas of German refugees for entry into the United States within the regular German immigration quota. Since the end of the war, a small number of refugees--mainly religious leaders--have been permitted to come to the United States from Shanghai under certain non-quota classifications.

At the same time Mr. Jordan reported that a large number of Austrian Jews in Shanghai, disappointed at the lack of migration opportunities afforded them, are returning to Austria in the hope of eventually reaching Palestine and other havens. The Austrian quota for immigration to the United States is much smaller than the German, it was explained. Five hundred Jews who have spent the past ten years in Shanghai will be repatriated to Austria early next month, while eighty-eight survivors have already returned.

COLLAPSE OF COLUMBIANS DOES NOT MEAN END OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN SOUTH, A.D.L. AIDE SAYS

ATLANTA, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The virtual collapse of the Columbians here does not mean the end of organized anti-Semitism in the South, Alexander F. Miller, South-eastern Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, warned in a statement made here today.

He predicted the rise in the near future of similar lunatic fringe organizations that would capitalize on the controversy raised by this group. Expressing his thanks for the remarkable unity and self-discipline of the Atlanta Jewish community before a flood of unwarranted and provoking attacks, Miller singled out the Public Relations Committee of the Atlanta Community Council and its chairman, Julian V. Boek for special praise. The efforts of the Jewish War Veterans under the leadership of Commander Arthur Weiss and Past Commander Paul Ginsberg, were also lauded.

FORMER PRESIDENT OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY DENIES INSTITUTION DISCRIMINATES AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president emeritus of Columbia University, yesterday denied that the institution practiced discrimination against applicants of any race, color or creed. In an address to an alumni luncheon, he said that scholastic rank and qualifications were the criteria of admitting officials.

Expanding his remarks, which were intended to reply to the charges of discrimination against the university's medical school made by the City Council on the basis of material gathered by the American Jewish Congress, Dr. Butler cited the charter of Columbia, which bars discrimination, and said that representatives of Catholics and Jews had been added to the institution's board of trustees shortly after the Revolutionary War.

POLICE INVESTIGATING DEFAECMENT OF SAN FRANCISCO SYNAGOGUE WITH COLUMBIANS SYMBOL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Police were today investigating the desecration of the Beth Sholem synagogue here by vandals who scrawled a Columbians insignia on its walls. The words "Stop Jewish Greed" were chalked on another wall.

U.S. NAVY APPOINTS FIRST PERMANENT JEWISH CHAPLAIN IN ITS HISTORY

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The appointment of Rabbi Samuel Sobel as the first permanent Jewish chaplain in the history of the Navy was announced today by Rabbi David de Sola Pool, chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board's Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities.

ARMY COOPERATING WITH J.D.C. IN PLAN TO EXPAND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN DP CAMPS

MUNICH, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Army authorities have agreed to cooperate with the Joint Distribution Committee in supplementing the recreation facilities available in the camps for displaced Jews.

The JDC has mapped a program consisting of printing large quantities of Jewish literature, providing mobile motion picture units showing American and Yiddish films and travelling concert artists and lecturers drawn from abroad and the ranks of the DP's.

MAX M. WARBURG, NOTED JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, DIES IN NEW YORK; LEFT GERMANY IN 1938

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Max M. Warburg, noted philanthropist and Jewish communal leader who left Nazi Germany in 1938 and became an American citizen at the age of 77, died last night at his home here. He was 79 years old.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at the Park Avenue Synagogue. He will be interred in the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

Mr. Warburg, a brother of the late Felix M. Warburg, was for nearly fifty years the head of the four-generation-old German banking house of M.M. Warburg and Co. until it was taken over by the Nazis. For years he was a director of the Central-Verein Deutschen Staatsbuerger Juedischen Glaubens (Central Union of German Jews,) which was a representative body of all German Jews. His most important Jewish work was with the Hilfsverein fuer Deutschen Juden (German Jewish Aid Society,) major agency in Germany for the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of distressed Jews, founded in 1901 by his father, Moritz Warburg.

In this country he continued his interest in Jewish communal affairs and was elected a member of the Joint Distribution Committee board of directors and executive committee in December, 1939. He was also elected to active membership of the American Jewish Committee and became prominent as a leader in organizations formed here to speed the integration into the American scene of European refugees. Among these was the Refugee Economic Corporation, of which he was a director.

Continuing his active participation in overseas relief, reconstruction and resettlement activities, Mr. Warburg and his brother Fritz offered to the J.D.C. in 1945 as a child-care center the use of his estate in Blankenese, near Hamburg, which had been seized by the Nazis and returned to him after liberation. Two hundred orphaned Jewish children up to the age of 16, survivors of Nazi concentration camps, are now living on the estate.

Leaders of Jewish Organizations Mourn His Death

The active and abiding interest which Max Warburg displayed in the welfare of distressed Jews overseas was emphasized in a statement on his death made today by Paul Baerwald, honorary chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

"It was the good fortune of the J.D.C. to have enjoyed the wise counsel and outstanding assistance of Max Warburg for the entire period of its history," the statement said. "To us of the J.D.C. he represented the overseas counterpart of his brother, our own beloved chairman and leader, Felix M. Warburg. With his passing, the cause of the distressed has lost a great champion. And humanity is his debtor. In behalf of the officers and members of the Joint Distribution Committee, of which Max Warburg became a member of the executive, I extend to his widow and the other surviving members of his family our most heartfelt expressions of sorrow and sympathy."

Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee and Dr. John Slavson, executive vice-president, issued a statement declaring that Warburg's "wisdom and counsel in humanitarian causes and in efforts to alleviate the plight of Jewish victims of war and persecution, will be sorely missed by his admiring associates." He was a member of the administrative committee of the American Jewish Committee.