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BEN GURION TO START TALKS IN LONDON FOR TERMS ENABLING JEWS TO JOIN LONDON PARLEY

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, newly-elected chairman of the executive of the World Zionist Organization, is expected in London this week for talks with members of the British Government, it was revealed today by a Jewish Agency spokesman. He hopes to explore with the Foreign Office, as well as with the Colonial Office, the possibilities of reaching an understanding which would enable the Jewish Agency to attend the Conference on Palestine.

Jewish groups in London who have been invited by the government to send representatives to the parley on Palestine will meet this week to decide what stand to take on participation in the conference in light of the resolution adopted by the Zionist Congress in Basle. Present at the meeting will be the heads of the Jewish Agency office in London, representatives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and leaders of the Anglo-Jewish Association and of the Agudas Israel.

The Anglo-Jewish Association and the Agudas Israel have repeatedly expressed their anxiety over what might transpire at the London parley if Jewish representatives do not attend. Although so far they have not deviated from the principle that they will not participate in the talks unless the Jewish Agency joins, there are some elements in the Agudas Israel who now advocate participation under any circumstances.

Zionist Executive Elects Shertok As Over-All Head of Political Dept.

BASLE, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The newly elected World Zionist executive, meeting in an all-day session today reached an agreement under which Moshe Shertok remains head of the political departments of all branches of the executive, although he will be stationed in Washington.

Goldie Meirson was appointed director of the political department of the executive in Jerusalem with Dr. Moshe Sneh as a member of the department. The political section of the executive will be composed of a "bloc" headed by Shertok in which Mrs. Meirson, Dr. Sneh, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, Berl Locker and Dr. Mahum Goldmann will be included. The activities of the Washington office will be divided among the American members of the executive, with Shertok directing the office.

The executive will shortly begin scrutinizing the political developments in London to discover whether there are likely to be any changes which would permit Agency participation in the London Conference.

If and when the executive decides that the situation has so changed as to warrant reconsideration of the Congress decision not to attend the London talks, it will convoke the special committee of 15 appointed by the Actions Committee to decide on attendance at the conference.

VARIED REACTION IN PALESTINE TO NEW ZIONIST EXECUTIVE; PRESS COMMENT DIFFERS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The new Zionist executive elected yesterday by the Zionist Actions Committee received a mixed reception from the Palestine Jewish community. Varied reactions were voiced by the principal Hebrew dailies.

Mishmar, organ of the left-wing Hashomer Hatzair, predicts that the new executive will agree to participate in the London conference and will agree to the partitioning of Palestine. It terms the executive "an alliance between the Palestine Laborites and the Rightists" and says that "the Palestine Laborites have sacrificed Dr. Weizmann and progressive Zionism by surrendering to the Rightist dictators."

Davar, organ of the Laborites, regrets the fact that Dr. Weizmann was not re-elected. It says that while the election results do not represent complete unity in the Zionist movement, the new executive has a majority of Laborites and progressive Zionists who will continue the upbuilding of Palestine in the traditions of the past.

Haboker, Conservative newspaper, asks that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann come to Palestine to explain the future policy of the Zionist movement. The paper expresses disappointment at the fact that the most important portfolios in the executive have been retained by Laborites.

Hatzofe, Mizrahi organ, welcomes the fact that the Actions Committee finally succeeded in breaking the deadlock and elected a Zionist leadership. However, Rabbi Meir Berlin, Mizrahi leader, publishes an article in the same paper declaring that the composition of the new executive comes as surprise to him and is not worthy of the days and nights of hard work spent at the Zionist Congress.

Hamashkif, Revisionist organ, says that the Zionist activists surrendered and that the new executive is composed of persons favoring participation in the London Conference "who will finally defy the resolution adopted by the Zionist Congress."

JEWISH AGENCY SPOKESMAN DECRIES JAMAL HUSSEINI'S THREAT TO OPEN VIOLENCE AGAINST JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A Jewish Agency spokesman here today described as "an open threat of violence," the statement made in Jerusalem on Saturday by Jamal Hussein, in which he urged every Palestine Arab to consider himself a "soldier in the front line," and called for "immediate action" to combat Jewish demands.

"Whereas in the Jewish community, the violence and threats of it emanate from small rebellious groups, we have on the other hand the suggestion of direct action from the head of the entire Arab community," the spokesman said.

"All these events, both in the Jewish and Arab camps, seem to show how remote is the prospect of pacification until and unless an equitable promise of a political solution is worked out," he continued. "The situation has gone far beyond the stage when order can be restored by police and security measures."

Reuters today says that the Palestine Arab Higher Committee is planning to call a nation-wide conference this week to declare a "state of emergency."

ADDITIONAL 750 JEWISH DEPORTEES FROM CYPRUS RETURNED TO PALESTINE; TO BE FREED IN FEB.

HAIFA, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Seven-hundred and fifty Jewish deportees from Cyprus arrived here today aboard the Ocean Vigor. They were immediately taken to the Athlit clearance camp where they will be held until Feb. 15, when they will be released under the regular monthly quota.

BRITISH TROOPS ALERTED AS PALESTINE COMBED FOR TERRORISTS WHO FLOGGED OFFICER

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- British troops in Palestine were placed on virtual battle footing today as rigorous searches were carried out in various parts of the country for the extremists who yesterday flogged a British officer and three non-commissioned officers in retaliation for the official whipping of a 16-year-old Irgunist who was convicted of complicity in a bank robbery.

Nathanya, which was the scene of the flogging of Major Paddy Brett, was completely surrounded by large detachments of troops, as was Petach Tikvah. Hundreds of troops meanwhile combed all roads in the Lydda district, and Tel Aviv was cut off from Jerusalem and Haifa. Vehicles bound for Tel Aviv were halted at the outskirts of the city and forced to return.

A curfew was clamped down on Petach Tikvah and on all roads in the Lydda district and part of Samaria, affecting a large number of Jewish settlements. Troops and police were alerted at all military installations and police stations and told to stand by.

High military authorities met all day to discuss measures to prevent recurrence of the floggings. The first measures announced placed all Jewish towns and settlements out of bounds and ordered troops to carry arms at all times and not appear in the streets in groups of less than four.

Meanwhile, Lieut. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander-in-chief in Palestine, confirmed a sentence of twelve lashes imposed on another Irgunist, 17-year-old Aron Cohen.

Jewish Agency and Jewish National Council Condemn Floggings

The Jewish Agency and the executive of the Jewish National Council today condemned the whipping of the soldiers but at the same time the Council sent a memorandum to the High Commissioner protesting against the use of corporal punishment. The Council also protested against the recent attacks upon Jews by soldiers in various parts of the country.

The most recent incident occurred today in Jerusalem when several Jews were beaten when they ignored orders from soldiers to remove the posters of terrorist organizations from public walls.

Four Jews who were captured yesterday at Beit Degan, outside Tel Aviv, when the taxi in which they were travelling attempted to break through a road block, were badly beaten by soldiers and one was shot. Military authorities say that whips, rifles and ammunition were found in the taxi.

A warning that it will take stronger measures if the flogging of its members continues was voiced today by the Irgun in a statement sent to newspapers and news agencies. It read as follows:

"Firstly, despite our public warning, British General Sir Evelyn Barker confirmed the humiliating punishment of flogging imposed on one of our soldiers by an unlawful British court and carried out Friday. To this barbarous act of the oppressors we reacted by flogging a major and three sergeants. We now warn that if the oppressors dare harm the bodies of Jewish youths, or their personal and national pride, we will not reply any more with whips, but with fire so that barbarism may be abolished in Palestine.

"Secondly," the statement continued, "regarding the killing of a man named by the Italian police as Zev Epstein, and described as the head of the Irgun in Europe, we appeal to the Italian Government to appoint a neutral inquiry commission to investigate the circumstances of Epstein's death. We have reason to believe that

this was murder committed by a British agent in the Italian police and the announcement that Epstein had 'attempted to escape' was only an excuse to conceal murder without trial within dark prison walls."

Government Asks Mayors of Jewish Towns to Cooperate in Search

Before beginning the searches in the Lydda and Nathanya districts, the authorities notified the mayors of all towns in the area and urged them and their communities to cooperate so that the searches might be carried out with as little inconvenience as possible to those innocent of any wrong doing.

Moshe Saadia, who was referred to in an announcement by the Stern Group as an associate of Israel Levin, who was "executed" by the Sternists last week for allegedly acting as an informer for the British, was kidnapped from his home in Jerusalem last night. According to his family, the kidnappers said that he was being taken before a Sternist "court" for investigation.

One Jewish prisoner was seriously injured today during a clash between British guards and Jewish detainees in the Latrun internment camp, it was announced tonight. The wounded man, whose name was not given, was transferred to a military hospital in Jerusalem.

Jewish Agency Says Flogged British Officer Was Doing His Duty

LONDON, (JTA) -- Commenting on the "reprisal" flogging of a British officer and three soldiers yesterday by the Irgun Zvai Leumi, a Jewish Agency spokesman here said today that use of the word "reprisal" was incorrect since it "might convey some question of equality, while actually on one hand there is a gallant officer carrying out the discipline of his nation, and on the other hand there are the terrorists repudiating the discipline of their nation."

Declaring that "the terrorist groups have no conception of the rancor they let loose when they attack the pride of the army in this way," the spokesman added that while the Agency would be prepared to make a strong fight against the introduction of flogging into the Palestine judicial system, "when people take the law into their own hands they forfeit all considerations."

LONDON FASCISTS ATTACK ANOTHER SYNAGOGUE; 12 SCROLLS DESTROYED; ARK DAMAGED

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- In the second attack on a London synagogue this month, unknown vandals last night broke into the Dollis Hill Synagogue in the north-west section of the city and destroyed 12 Holy Scrolls. The Ark was badly damaged and an attempt had apparently been made to set the premises afire.

An inscription chalked on the walls of the building read: "You whip, we burn." This was apparently a reference to the flogging of several Britons in Palestine yesterday by Jewish extremists. It is believed that the vandalism was the work of a group of fascists who call themselves the "National Guard" who earlier this month damaged a synagogue in Clapton.

Scotland Yard is reported to have taken precautions to guard against further attacks on synagogues and to apprehend the persons responsible for the desecration. Jewish leaders, however, have not asked for police guards for all synagogues.

TRANSYLVANIAN JEWISH LAWYERS PARLEY ASKS LIFTING OF STATE CONTROLS ON JEWISH PROPERTY

BUCHAREST, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The lifting of state controls on property of Jewish deportees in northern Transylvania which are still partly in effect was demanded at a Jewish lawyers conference held in Cluj during the week-end.

The conference, which met to discuss the legal problems of northern Transylvanian Jewry, also recommended that the Rumanian law which limits inheritance to fourth degree relatives should be waived in the case of Transylvanian Jews in favor of the Hungarian law which sets the limit at twelfth degree relatives since Transylvania was formerly Hungarian territory.

The lawyers suggested that all inheritance taxes be set aside in the case of deportees. Although no stand was taken on who should administer heirless property, it is known that the majority of the Jews of Transylvania favor administration by local Jewish communities.

DP'S IN GERMANY NOW PERMITTED TO USE YIDDISH AND HEBREW IN INTERNATIONAL MAIL

MUNICH, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Displaced Jews in Germany will be permitted to send mail in Yiddish and Hebrew out of Germany, it was revealed here today with the publication of a military government order permitting the use of all languages in international mail. Previously the military government had refused to pass Yiddish and Hebrew letters because it claimed that sufficient translators were not available for censorship.

Jewish leaders today hailed the announcement by a German theatre group that it would cancel a proposed production of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice." The Jewish Central Committee had protested to the troupe and to the military government that the German people were not yet "ready" for the play.

Although protests had been filed with military authorities throughout the rehearsals of the play, they refused to intervene. The players themselves decided to cancel showings. One of the German actors claimed that the troupe had been threatened and were afraid to perform.

POPE RECEIVES AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE AIDE; ASKED TO INTERCEDE FOR DP'S

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Pope Pius XII was asked to intercede with various governments to secure the admission of displaced Jews, in the course of an audience which he gave to Dr. Max Gottschalk, representative of the American Jewish Committee, it was reported today.

The report, released by Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, said that Dr. Gottschalk informed the Pope of the desperate situation of the displaced Jews in Germany, Austria and Italy. The Pope expressed his concern with the situation and told the representative of the American Jewish Committee that he hoped that other countries will follow the example of several nations in Latin America which have received a number of displaced persons. Dr. Gottschalk came to Rome after visiting, on behalf of the Committee, the Jewish communities in Greece and Turkey.

ROMANIA INCREASES GOVT. SUBSIDY TO JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN ORDER TO RAISE WAGE LEVELS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Finance has increased government subsidies to Jewish religious communities by seventy percent, so as to enable them to raise the pay of their employees to the salary level of government workers, it was announced today.

MEDICAL GROUP SCORES DISCRIMINATION IN ADMISSIONS TO MEDICAL SCHOOLS, COLLEGES

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A resolution opposing discrimination of any kind in admission of students to undergraduate and medical schools was adopted here at a three-day convention of the Association of Internes and Medical Students.

The association also went on record as favoring national and local legislation to guarantee the availability of medical care to all persons "regardless of racial, economic or social status."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WANTED U.S. OPEN TO PERSECUTED PEOPLE, HISTORICAL SOCIETY ESTABLISHES

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The 45th annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society was held here yesterday at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Various papers and reports on Jews in the history of the United States and on the contemporary picture were presented by members of the society.

Refuting the assertion that Benjamin Franklin had opposed the settlement of Jews in this country, Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach, president of the society and one of the most famous book collectors in the world, quoted a letter from Franklin in 1777 in which he wrote: "I continue amazingly well and hearty for my age and hope to live to see the end of these troubles, and our country established in freedom, when it will soon become great and glorious, by being the asylum of all the oppressed in Europe, and the resort of the wealthy who love liberty from all parts of this continent; to establish themselves and families among us."

Dr. Rosenbach was re-elected president of the society, Capt. N. Taylor Phillips of New York, Rev. Dr. David Philipson of Cincinnati, Lee M. Friedman of Boston and Prof. Jacob R. Marcus of Cincinnati were elected vice-presidents.

ORT AND YOUTH ALIYAH REACH AGREEMENT ON TRAINING OF 50,000 JEWISH CHILDREN IN EUROPE

BASLE, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Fifty thousand Jewish youths in Europe will receive elementary education and technical training through the ORT under an agreement reached here this week-end between leaders of the ORT and the Youth Aliyah. The ORT will also train instructors for the children's workshop in preparation for the youths' emigration to Palestine.

Akiba Levinsky, European director of the Youth Aliyah, announced here that his organization has been cooperating in countries throughout Europe with ORT, and the cooperation has been mutually beneficial. The ORT will now establish, among others, special training schools for the Hechalutz training farms.

NEW YORK MAYOR PRESENTED WITH RARE HEBREW BIBLE, GIFT OF TEL AVIV MAYOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A rare Hebrew Bible, a gift of Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, was today presented to Mayor William O'Dwyer as "a token of the gratitude of the Jews of Palestine" for his "humanitarian services to the Jewish people."

In making the presentation, Jacob Sincoff, treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal, who brought the Bible back with him from a recent trip to Palestine, paid tribute to O'Dwyer who as chairman of President Roosevelt's War Refugee Board aided many Jews in escaping from the Nazis.

BECAUSE OF NEW YEARS DAY THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON THURSDAY