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COLONIAL MINISTER BLAMES JEWS IN PALESTINE FOR BRITISH FAILURE TO CONVICT TERRORISTS

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones today told the House of Commons that lack of cooperation on the part of the Jewish community of Palestine has blocked the conviction of any extremists for the murder of British soldiers and policemen during terrorist attacks.

The Colonial Secretary reported that 73 Britons were killed during 1946 in Palestine. They included 45 soldiers, 15 policemen, and 13 civilians. He added that exact information regarding "these most tragic incidents" was difficult to collect.

Asked by Brigadier Harold Mackeson, Conservative, about the possibility of tightening security measures in Palestine, Creech-Jones said he was satisfied that the authorities in Palestine had all the powers required to protect British lives during the past year. Military and civil authorities, he added, are cooperating throughout to ensure the safeguarding of lives and property in the country. He stated that responsibility for law and order in Palestine rested with the High Commissioner, as the head of the civil government, and that Sir Alan could call upon the military authorities for any assistance he required.

Flogging Criticized As "A Humiliating Act of Punishment"

The abandonment of judicial flogging in Palestine as "a humiliating form of punishment" was demanded by John Paton, Laborite, who pointed out that some of the incidents in Palestine resulted directly from the flogging of a young Jew. On the other hand, Col. Andrew Duncan, Conservative, declared that it was "deplorable" that immediately after the flogging of a British officer and three soldiers a sentence of flogging imposed on another young Jew was remitted by the Palestine Government.

Asked whether the Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish extremist organization, accepted responsibility for the flogging of the British soldiers, the Colonial Secretary said: "They accepted responsibility in the sense that they assumed themselves to be liable for the action which they themselves organized." He added that distinction must be drawn between the normal Zionist organizations and the terrorist groups in Palestine.

Meeting of Zionist Executive Reaches No Decision on Course of Action

No definite decisions were reached at the meeting of the World Zionist executive which took place here today under the chairmanship of David Ben Gurion, to consider a course of action preliminary to the informal talks between Zionist leaders and members of the British Cabinet.

One of the purposes of the talks is to determine the government's view regarding the partitioning of Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states. No date for the opening of the talks has yet been fixed, but it is expected that Ben Gurion will meet with the Colonial Secretary soon and that their meeting will be devoted to defining the attitude of the government toward Jewish aspirations.

TERRORISM COST PALESTINE GOVERNMENT \$2,400,000; TRIAL OF ARABS OPENS IN HAIFA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A group of Arabs charged with raiding a British army camp in northern Palestine and stealing two trucks loaded with medical supplies today went on trial before a military court in Haifa. During an exchange of fire between the armed raiders and troops, one Arab was killed and a soldier wounded.

Sir Henry L. Gurney, Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, today announced that terrorist raids cost the government \$2,400,000.

The Postmaster General of Palestine has announced cancellation of special press rates for intercity telephone messages. The Hebrew press is at a loss to explain the move because a recent government report showed a heavy surplus in the postal department.

JEWISH DELEGATION MAY ACCOMPANY AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR TO LONDON PEACE MEETING

VIENNA, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Asserting that he believes the Austrian Government is inclined to grant some of the Jewish demands on restitution of property, David Brill, president of the Vienna Jewish Community, stated yesterday that he may head a four-man Jewish delegation to accompany Chancellor Leopold Figl to the Foreign Ministers' Deputies peace treaty meeting in London if the government also accedes to other Jewish demands.

The demands include: 1. The return of former Jewish apartments; 2. The immediate return, under the restitution laws, of all confiscated Jewish property and business licenses, the retroactive payment of all pensions to Jews, which were cancelled by the Nazis, and the refunding of all special taxes which the Nazis levied on the Jews; and 3. The creation of an heirless Jewish property fund, administered by the Jews under state control.

If this fund is insufficient to provide adequate relief and rehabilitation assistance for Jewish survivors, it should be supplemented by state funds, the Jewish Community proposes. It suggests that the state could obtain such funds from fines imposed on Nazis under the Austrian denazification laws.

The current issue of *Neue Weg*, organ of the Jewish Community, declares that except for minor measures, the Austrian Government has not yet instituted a system of property restitution. It charges that "Nazi thieves still have everything, while their victims live under the same conditions as existed during the Nazi regime." It adds that it is "no wonder that Austria is described as an anti-Semitic country abroad."

U.S. MILITARY GOVT. ANNOUNCES NAZI LOOT STOLEN FROM JEWS WILL BE USED TO AID VICTIMS

FRANKFURT, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Military government officials today revealed that jewelry and gold teeth which the Nazis took from prisoners in concentration camps prior to their extermination will soon be sold to provide funds for relief activities in behalf of Jewish survivors.

The Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, it was reported, is making an effort to secure valuables stolen by the Nazis from their victims and discovered by the military authorities in the vaults of various banks in the American zone. These valuables, it was indicated, will also be converted into cash to aid in the rehabilitation of refugees.

RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT ORDERS RETURN OF PROPERTY CONFISCATED FROM TRANSYLVANIAN JEWS

BUCHAREST, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Property which was confiscated by the former pro-Nazi government from Transylvanian Jews, most of whom were deported, and which is now under state control, will be returned to the owners or their heirs upon application, it was announced today.

Victor Davidovits, 19, a former deportee and only survivor of a large family, died in the Jewish hospital at Satu-Mare, in Transylvania today, as a result of wounds suffered during an anti-Semitic riot in that city last month.

Meir Yaari, general-secretary of the Hashomer Hatzair in Palestine who has been visiting here in response to an invitation from Rumanian trade unions, left today for Palestine aboard the liner Transylvania, which carried a group of immigrants who will settle in the Holy Land. Before leaving, Yaari saw Vasile Luca, general secretary of the Rumanian Communist Party, who assured Yaari that his party looks favorably upon Jewish aspirations in Palestine.

Luca's statement, which was published on the front page of the left-wing daily Romania Libera, pledged that no obstacle would be placed in the way of Jews desiring to emigrate to Palestine, and added that "Jews and Arabs should live together in peace and not allow themselves to become tools of the imperialists."

LONDON SYNAGOGUES GUARDED BY POLICE FOLLOWING NEW THREATS OF DESTRUCTION

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Police today were placed around three London synagogues which were threatened with destruction in an anonymous letter sent to the London Jewish Chronicle, signed only "The National Guard."

The letter also threatened that prominent Jews would be kidnapped and flogged and ejected from public places and cafes throughout Britain. Jewish officials here were inclined to discount the letter as the work of "irresponsible persons" who had no intention of carrying out the threats.

1,300 REFUGEES ARRIVE IN ITALY FROM GERMANY AND AUSTRIA; JAMMED INTO UNRRA CAMPS

ROME, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- About 1,300 Jewish refugees have arrived in Italy within the last three weeks from Germany and Austria, and are living in overcrowded UNRRA camps in northern Italy under extremely difficult conditions. Among them are Jonas Turkow and Nina Blumenfeld, who were well-known on the Yiddish stage in Poland before the war.

Meanwhile, UNRRA authorities have announced that they will shortly halt all assistance to displaced persons living outside of camps. It is estimated that 4,500 Jews will be affected.

Shimon Miroshner, 51, director of Jewish Agency health, welfare and cultural activities in Italy, died on Sunday in an auto accident a short distance outside of Rome. Samuel Dayan, 55, a Palestinian writer, was injured. Miroshner, who was a leader of labor settlements in Palestine, was known there as Shabetai Losinski.

TRANSPORT OF JEWISH DP'S LEAVES VIENNA EN ROUTE TO UNITED STATES

VIENNA, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Thirty-two displaced Jews yesterday left Vienna en route to the United States. They travelled in converted baggage cars which were well heated for the journey. The Joint Distribution Committee provided adequate food supplies for the immigrants.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE OUTLINES PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION IN GERMAN PEACE TREATY

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Conference, at a meeting of its Interim Committee held under the chairmanship of Henry Monack, today adopted a 13-point program which will be submitted to the meeting of the Foreign Ministers for inclusion in the peace treaty with Germany. The program provides:

1. Germany must acknowledge her shameful guilt for her monstrous crime against the Jews. Without such acknowledgment, a peace treaty with Germany would distort the records of history beyond recognition.
2. Germany must cleanse her public and private life from the invidious poison of anti-Semitism. She must show by her conduct that she is ready and willing to purge herself of diseased ideologies of race superiority. Equal rights for all and non-discrimination must be imposed and secured as the guiding principles of her laws and practices.
3. Germany's readjustment to the principles of democracy will be a slow process. Her past conduct has shown that the treatment of Jews within her borders cannot safely be left to her discretion for many years to come. Their status and treatment must therefore be a matter of international concern and supervision.
4. To attest her atonement for her crimes against the Jews, Germany must effectively punish all those who had a hand in the persecution of Jews or benefitted from it.
5. Jews who have been deprived of their nationality by discriminatory laws and practices must have the right to reacquire it, but shall not be compelled to do so.
6. No Jew should be forced to remain on soil soaked with his brother's blood. Jews in Germany must have the unfettered right to emigrate from Germany and to take their belongings with them.
7. All Jewish displaced persons, who find themselves in Germany by force or circumstances, must have the protection of Allied or other international authorities and must never be allowed to fall under German jurisdiction, but Germany, responsible for the uprooting of these people from their former homes, must provide the means for their subsistence until these unfortunate people can go to the country of their choice.
8. Jews who will remain in Germany must be given freedom of association and the right to pursue their religious, communal and other activities with the same status and privileges they enjoyed before January 30, 1933, the date of Hitler's ascent to power.

Indemnity for All Jews Is Requested; Reparations Demanded

9. The property of which individual Jews have been robbed must be returned to them or their heirs. Heirless Jewish property must be transferred to and applied by a responsible Jewish body to be set up for the purpose of relief and resettlement of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution.
10. Germany must indemnify fully all Jews who have suffered in their person or property from measures and acts of Nazi persecution.
11. Reparations should be paid by Germany for the damage and suffering she

has caused by her persecution of the Jews. It can be no more than a token because the damage and destruction she has wrought on the Jews is immeasurable.

12. Jews and their property must be exempted from any measures which are applied by the Allies to the property of enemy nationals, for it would be grossly unjust to treat them as enemies, Jews and their property must be equally protected against use by Germany for paying her war debts.

13. The enforcement of all treaty provisions concerning Jews cannot be left to German authorities. The clauses must be supervised by international machinery to which Jewish individuals and their organizations and communities must have access. In addition, the treaty provisions must also be enacted as part of the constitutional law of Germany and Germany must be obligated to implement them by appropriate legislation to be approved by the Allied authorities.

A resolution adopted by the Interim Committee emphasizes that the implementation of these basic provisions in the peace treaty with Germany is mandatory "if that treaty is to be an instrument for the reconstitution of a moral society and the vindication of the principles for which the democratic world sacrificed blood and treasure."

916 DP'S LEAVE MUNICH. STUTTGART FOR BREMERHAVEN TO AWAIT TRANSPORTATION TO U.S.

MUNICH, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The largest single day's shipment of refugee emigrants, 916, left Munich and Stuttgart today for Bremerhaven where they will be processed and await transportation to the United States.

Voluntary relief agency officials point out that this does not mean that the rate of immigration has been increased, but that there is a large immigrant backlog in Germany and additional shipping is becoming available. Among the immigrants are 67 unaccompanied Jewish orphans.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS URGES GOVERNMENT TO GIVE EUROPEAN DP'S IMMIGRATION PRIORITY

HAMILTON, Canada, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the Government of Canada to set an example for all countries by giving priority to the immigration of refugees from European DP camps, was adopted at the eleventh annual conference of the Canadian Jewish Congress central region held here.

In a resolution on Palestine the conference urged the British Government to honor the Balfour Declaration and appealed to the "conscience of the world" to implement the League of Nations pledge to create a Jewish homeland in Palestine. The resolution also condemned terrorism "committed by unbalanced groups" in that country.

At a meeting in Winnipeg, Resources Minister J.A. Glen asserted that "we have already done more than any other country so far in assuming the responsibility of taking refugees from Europe," adding that changes in Canada's immigration policy are in the making and will be announced shortly. Before any mass immigration could be allowed, it must first be established how many persons can be absorbed without creating difficulties for the Dominion, he declared.

AGUDAS ISRAEL CONFERENCE IN RUMANIA DECIDES TO ESTABLISH TWO TEACHERS COLLEGES

BUCHAREST, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A national conference of the Rumanian Agudas Israel, meeting in Cluj, has decided to establish two colleges for Jewish teachers, one in Bucharest and the other in Arad.

The Agudah will also establish vocational training schools and workshops for Jewish Orthodox youth. The women's Agudah convention held simultaneously decided to aid chalutzim training centers maintained by the organization.

BOARD OF HEBREW UNION COLLEGE ACCEPTS DR. MORGENSTERN'S RETIREMENT FROM PRESIDENCY

CINCINNATI, Jan. 22. (JT) -- Acceptance of Dr. Julian Morgenstern's proposal that he retire as president of the Hebrew Union College was announced here today by the board of governors of the institution, America's oldest Jewish seminary.

Dr. Morgenstern, president since 1921, will retire at the end of the present academic year or whenever his successor shall be appointed to take office, the announcement said. He will continue to serve the College as professor of Bible and will devote much of his time to writing and research.

In accepting his request for retirement, the Board paid him high tribute in a resolution which said in part: "It is under Dr. Julian Morgenstern that the College has made its greatest strides. He made it a world institution and not merely an American rabbinical seminary. While clearly conscious of the aims and ideals of his great and saintly predecessors to develop Reform Judaism so that the highest religious purposes of American Israel may be served, he at the same time realized more keenly than did his predecessors that the Hebrew Union College must reach out to serve world Jewry as did the great rabbinical academies of the past."

"WE, THE MOTHERS" DISTRIBUTING PAMPHLET ON "JEWISH RITUAL MURDERS"

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The notorious anti-Semitic pamphlet, "Jewish Ritual Murders," is now being widely distributed throughout the United States by "We, the Mothers Mobilize for America," a super-nationalistic organization.

The pamphlet was written by Arnold Leese, an English fascist, who served nearly a year in jail for a similarly libelous article published in Britain. The booklet has a new American twist. It describes the murder of the Lindbergh baby as a "Jewish ritual" slaying, asserting that the child was kidnapped three weeks before Purim in 1932.

1,500 ARAB AND JEWISH WORKERS IN HAIFA OIL REFINERIES CALL OFF SIT-DOWN STRIKE

HAIFA, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A two-day sit-down strike by 1,500 Jewish and Arab workers employed in the oil refineries here was called off today, when the strikers agreed to negotiate their demands. They are asking wage increases and improved working conditions.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM WILL HOLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA NEXT WEEK

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism will hold its third annual conference in Philadelphia Feb. 22 and 23, it was announced here today. The announcement said that representatives of chapters in 20 states will consider such problems as a Jewish state, displaced persons, and the organization's 1947 program.

FYODOR DAN, SOCIAL DEMOCRAT LEADER, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Fyodor Dan, prominent Russian-Jewish Social Democrat and journalist, died here today at the age of 75. Dan, a physician by profession, was born in Leningrad and played an active role in Russian politics during the early years of the Revolution. He left the U.S.S.R. in 1922 and arrived in this country during World War II, after residing for many years in France.

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