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TRUMAN DISCUSSES PALESTINE ISSUE WITH MARSHALL AT THEIR FIRST MEETING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. (JTA)--Palestine was among the subjects in the foreign field which President Truman discussed today with Secretary of State Marshall at their first meeting since Marshall became Secretary, the President revealed.

IRGUN WARNS OF CIVIL WAR IN PALESTINE; SAYS IT WILL FIGHT IF ATTACKED BY HAGANAH

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA)--A warning by the Irgun Zvai Leumi that it will fight not only in "Palestine but also abroad," if the Haganah begins operations against it, was voiced here last night over the Irgun's underground radio.

"We warn the Yishuv of the imminence of full-fledged fratricidal war if any one tries to stand in our way," the broadcast said, adding that "all declarations by the Jewish National Council that it wants to free the Yishuv of extortion by self-defence against domination by terror constitute only camouflage." It branded as "traitors and Vichyites" the leaders of the Jewish community, who, they charged have promised the British to calm down Palestine, and are, therefore, "liquidating the fight against the outer enemy and turning their force inward."

The broadcast referred to an alleged agreement between the Haganah and the Irgun made in November, 1945, presumably covering joint action, and stated that the Irgun stood by the agreement. "If they (the Haganah) have laid down their arms and if treacherous leaders accept partition, we will combat it," the broadcaster said. "We will never allow the homeland to be converted into a ghetto. We will never give up Jerusalem. There will be no capitulation, but a fight for full liberation."

Flogging of Minors Remains In Force In Palestine; Age Reduced

The Palestine Government announced today that flogging will no longer be used as a means of judicial punishment for youths over 16 years of age. Up to now, the maximum age for flogging was 18.

A report from Damascus says that the Syrian parliament today voted 1,000,000 Syrian pounds (about \$456,000) for activities on behalf of Palestine Arabs. The money will be transferred immediately to the secretariat of the Arab League, the report said.

Sir Henry Gurney, chief secretary of the government, announced that the preliminary annual budget for the fiscal year beginning this April will be \$92,000,000. In 1946, he said, Palestine exported \$92,000,000 worth of goods and imported \$276,000,000 worth.

CHURCHILL PRESSES GOVERNMENT FOR PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON PALESTINE POLICY

LONDON, Jan. 23. (JTA)--Former Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, leader of the opposition, today pressed in the House of Commons for a debate on Palestine immediately after the conclusion of the Conference on Palestine.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN PLEDGE FULFILLMENT OF JEWISH DEMANDS FOR RESTITUTION

VIENNA, Jan. 23. (JTA)--On the eve of the departure for London of the Austrian delegation to the meeting of the Big Four deputies, which is considering the Austrian treaty, government representatives met today with Jewish spokesmen and assured the latter that virtually all their demands for restitution of property seized during the Anschluss would be met.

Twenty-five amendments to the present restitution laws were proposed to Minister of Property Custody Peter Krausland, who presided at the meeting, and Minister of Justice Joseph Gero. They were submitted by representatives of the Vienna Jewish Community, the World Jewish Congress, the Organization of Former Concentration Camp Inmates and church groups.

Chief government spokesman at the conference was Deputy Eduard Ludwig, author of the present restitution law, which has been branded inadequate by Jewish groups. He admitted that charges at home and abroad that the Austrian Government had acted in dilatory fashion regarding restitution had "certain illusory justification," but said that all demands could not be met.

The government representative, however, agreed on the basic principle that there was "no such thing as well-intentioned Aryanization," and therefore all confiscated property must be returned to the owners or their heirs. He also indicated that in revising his bill he will include a provision for establishment of a Jewish Rehabilitation Fund with the proceeds from property belonging to Jews who died heirless.

Franz Sobek, speaking for the non-Jewish victims, said that the property losses suffered by religious and democratic political organizations as a result of Nazi action were greater than that suffered by the Jews. He agreed, however, that most of the property for which there are no claimants because the owners were murdered by the Germans or died in exile belongs to Jews. He stressed that care must be taken to avoid provoking more anti-Semitism as a result of enforcement of the restitution decrees.

NON-ZIONISTS ASK HUNGARIAN GOVT. TO HOLD NEW ELECTIONS FOR BUDAPEST JEWISH COMMUNITY

BUDAPEST, Jan. 23. (JTA)--A delegation representing non-Zionist parties who make up the opposition group in the Budapest Jewish community today called on Secretary of State Istvan Balogh and presented a memorandum demanding new community elections, charging that the present leaders are not representative.

Marton Frisch, a Jew who was charged with having aided the Nazis in Hungary in beating and robbing Jews, and who escaped during his trial has been recaptured and will be tried soon, it was announced today. Frisch succeeded in hiding his Nazi activities and was appointed a member of a Peoples Court after the liberation. He was exposed by witnesses who recognized him while he sat on the bench.

BRITISH HOME SECRETARY SAYS LAWS BARRING RACIAL PROPAGANDA NOT NEEDED

LONDON, Jan. 23. (JTA)--Home Secretary James Chuter Ede, replying to a demand that legislation be promulgated forbidding anti-racial propaganda, said in Commons today that recent anti-Semitic activities in Britain, such as the attacks on several synagogues broke existing laws, and therefore the problem was not to create new laws, but to catch the offenders.

JEWISH DP WHO WAS CENTER OF ARMY-UNRRA ROW SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS BY MILITARY COURT

BAD TOELZ, Germany, Jan. 23. (JTA)--Herman Flachczinsky, Jewish DP charged with assaulting an officer during questioning several months ago by American constabulary troops, was today sentenced to six months imprisonment and a 5,000-mark fine by a U.S. military court.

The sentence came after a brief trial during which the prosecution produced three witnesses: Lieut. Enos Springer, who charged Flachczinsky with striking him, an American sergeant who described the questioning, but admitted that he had not witnessed the alleged assault and a German policeman who testified that he had seen the defendant strike Lieut. Springer. Flachczinsky and another DP testified for the defense denying the charges.

Earlier, Flachczinsky had agreed to be represented only by an American military counsel, since a DP counsel was not available. After the trial, the defense lawyer said that he would appeal the sentence to the military government headquarters at Munich.

The Flachczinsky case provoked a bitter exchange between Maj. Gen. Ernest W. Harmon, chief of the American constabulary, and UNRRA authorities early this month, after eight Jewish DP's, including Flachczinsky, charged that they had been beaten and otherwise mistreated during questioning by constabulary troops. Harmon charged UNRRA officials at the Landsberg Camp, where the eight DP's reside, with protecting displaced Jews no matter what they did. The case is now being investigated by an inspector-general appointed by Army headquarters at Frankfurt.

CONGRESS OF JEWISH DP'S IN U.S. ZONE POSTPONED TO ALLOW TIME FOR FURTHER ELECTIONS

MUNICH, Jan. 23. (JTA)--The projected congress of delegates from all Jewish DP camps and communities in the American zone of Germany was postponed today until Feb. 25, because it was learned that elections were not held in some camps last Sunday, as scheduled. The trend of the voting is not yet clear, because the returns are coming in very slowly.

The elections committee of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews today failed to reach an agreement on whether to declare void the elections in the Munich area, because there were so few votes cast. A decision will be reached Sunday.

ROMANIAN JEWS ASK PERMISSION TO GO TO POLAND TO TESTIFY AGAINST NAZI WAR CRIMINAL

BUCHAREST, Jan. 23. (JTA)--A group of Jews who survived torture at the hands of Dr. H. Menegole, former chief physician at the Oswiecim death camp, have applied for permission to leave Rumania for Poland so that they may testify at his trial there.

The Jews . . . first learned of Menegole's capture when the Polish Government requested his extradition from Germany where he was captured by American troops. Jewish newspapers throughout the country, particularly in Transylvania, are asking survivors of Oswiecim to come forward with all evidence which may aid the prosecution.

CZECH DRAMATIST SUSPENDED BY AUTHORS GROUP FOR ANTI-SEMITIC WRITINGS

PRAGUE, Jan. 23. (JTA)--Wilhelm Werner, a prominent Czech dramatist was today suspended from the Association of Authors for four years for having written anti-Semitic articles during the German occupation. Werner denied that he was an anti-Semite, and said that had written anti-Jewish articles under duress. He cited a play he had written about Tel Aviv as evidence of his friendly feelings towards Jews.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE OPENS THREE-DAY MEETING TODAY; TRUMAN COMMENTS ITS WORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA)--The work of the American Jewish Committee in fighting bigotry and promoting inter-faith goodwill is commended in a message by President Truman sent today to the Committee on the occasion of its 40th annual three-day meeting which opens tomorrow at the Hotel Commodore to discuss problems concerning Jewish life in the United States, Europe and Palestine. The message, addressed to Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, reads:

"I am glad, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary meeting of the American Jewish Committee, to extend through you greetings to an organization which has affirmed the traditional American way of equality for all, regardless of race or creed. The American Jewish Committee's long and honorable campaign against bigotry and prejudice, its defense of the civil and religious rights of Jews, its intervention in behalf of the rights of members of other faiths, its promotion of good will and mutual respect among Jews and Christians, form a record of which we may all be proud.

"We depend in our free country on voluntary associations of citizens for purposes of promoting the common welfare. At no time have we had a greater need of public spirit in the true sense of these words than now. On the public spirit of such organizations as the American Jewish Committee and its leaders, we depend for reinforcement of the democratic way of life. Your concern that the human rights clauses be inserted in the United Nations Charter is but one of your many acts of devotion to the vision of a better world. May you continue, with dignity and successful achievement, on the road you have traversed for forty years."

Treaty With Germany Will Affect Jews Throughout Europe, Gottschalk Says

Dr. Max Gottschalk, director of the Foreign Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, at a press conference today on his return from a two-years' stay in Europe said that the position of the Jews throughout Europe "will be powerfully affected" by the kind of treaty the United Nations draw with Germany. "If the United Nations do not adopt a more positive and effective policy of eradicating Nazism and anti-Semitism in Germany, Germany will remain a center of infection for Europe and the world," he declared.

"In all the countries of western Europe with a democratic tradition the surviving Jews are becoming integrated into the national life, politically and culturally and, more slowly, economically," he reported. "This applies to Holland, Belgium, Italy, Greece, Norway, and Denmark as well as to the neutral countries, Switzerland and Sweden. In Eastern Europe where political and economic tensions are more acute, there is some need for emigration of Jews.

"A large number of prospective emigrants--primarily displaced persons--wish to go to Palestine. The American Jewish Committee has continued to press for immediate admission there of at least 100,000. However, other countries, including the USA, must accept their share of responsibility for giving a haven to some displaced Jews," he said.

WEISGAL RESIGNS POST OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF JEWISH AGENCY OFFICE IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA)--Meyer Weisgal, secretary general of the American office of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, today announced his resignation from that post, which he had held since establishment of the office in 1943.

CONGRESS IS ASKED TO INVESTIGATE PRESENT IMMIGRATION POLICY OF THE ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. (JTA)--Representative A.L. Miller, Republican of Nebraska, today called on Congress for a full investigation of Administration immigration policies with special reference to displaced persons.

In a speech to the House he asked "how much truth is there to the rumor that individuals are entering this country by first becoming citizens of other countries with very loose quota arrangements." He asserted that "it is utterly impossible to get from the State Department or immigration authorities the true picture of the type of people coming into the U.S." adding that "many of the people now coming in will not make a contribution to good government. A great many of them are disturbers."

MORGENTHAU BEGINS TOUR OF MAJOR COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT U.S. ON BEHALF OF U.J.A.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA)--Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, is leaving tomorrow on a tour of major communities, where he will address local leaders on the needs of Jews overseas and the aid required to resettle Jewish DP's arriving in the U.S., it was announced today by UJA national headquarters.

Mr. Morgenthau told a press conference this afternoon that he has given up all public activities in order to devote all his energies to the \$170,000,000 UJA drive. The conference was also addressed by Henry Montor and Isidor Coons, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. They revealed that the U.J.A. will concentrate this year on securing contributions from non-Jews as well as Jews in many communities throughout the United States, and that regional U.J.A. activities will be strengthened in order to secure new Jewish contributors.

PALESTINE NEEDS REFUGEES, AS MUCH AS THEY NEED HAVENS, SAYS JEWISH WAR HERO

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA)--Not only can tens of thousands of Jewish refugees find havens in Palestine, but the country needs them if it is to maintain its present rate of agricultural and industrial expansion, Itshak Ben-Ahron, a member of the political department of the Jewish Agency and one of Palestine's chief war heroes, said today at a press conference arranged by the U.J.A.

Ben-Ahron, who fought in Libya and Greece with Palestine Jewish units was the only officer to stay with his command when the Allied front in Greece collapsed. He was captured by the Germans, who held him prisoner for four years. He stressed that the Jewish community in Palestine was self-sufficient and only sought aid in the U.S. to provide homes and care for refugees from Europe. He said that relations between Jews and Arabs "had never been better."

SWEDEN WILL AID ORT TRAINING PROGRAM IN EUROPE; SEEKS SKILLED WORKERS AS IMMIGRANTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA)--In line with a new policy to admit skilled workers from Europe as immigrants, the Swedish Government has agreed to aid the World ORT Union in its program of training displaced European Jews by donating tools and machines, and will also admit Jewish refugees, it was announced here today by the local offices of the organization.

The equipment will be provided by a government-sponsored relief agency. In addition, the government has undertaken to train, at its own expense and in Sweden, instructors for various ORT schools and training centers throughout Europe. The agreement was negotiated by Lord Marley, chairman of the ORT Parliamentary Committee in London, with various members of the Swedish cabinet.

N.Y.U. MEDICAL SCHOOL ADMITS AS MANY JEWS AS NON-JEWS, CHANCELLOR STATES

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA)--New York University does not practice discrimination in admitting students to its graduate and undergraduate schools, including its medical college, and half of the current class and of past classes have been Jewish, Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, chancellor of the university, said yesterday.

Addressing a luncheon of campaign workers for the N.Y.U.-Bellevue Medical Center, Dr. Chase said that no questions about race or religion were asked students prior to their admission. A study of the eight classes admitted since 1940, he added, showed that a ratio of about half Jewish and half Christian students had been maintained.

DR. PARKES CALLS UPON JEWS AND GENTILES "TO FIGHT DETERMINEDLY" AGAINST BIGOTRY

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA)--"The appalling economic chaos of Europe has provided a fertile seed ground for the revival of group hostilities," Dr. James W. Parkes, internationally known British clergyman and author who is active in the fight on racial bias, declared today at a press conference arranged by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith. He called upon Jews and Gentiles "to fight determinedly against a growth of anti-Semitism."

Dr. Parkes, who visited Palestine last year to lecture at the Hebrew University and to make a study of Arab-Jewish problems there, said that he believes that England must drop her Palestinian mandate immediately and permit the Arabs and Jews to come to some mutually satisfactory arrangement of dividing up the troubled country.

Dr. Parkes came to America at the invitation of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, to deliver the Charles William Eliot Lectures on "Relations Between Judaism and Christianity" at the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. He will also visit several cities outside of New York to lecture under Anti-Defamation League auspices.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL ASKS CONGRESS TO ALLOW IMMIGRATION OF MORE DP'S

CLEVELAND, Jan. 23. (JTA)--The Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches has appealed to Congress to revise the immigration laws to permit the entry of additional numbers of displaced persons from Europe. The council also urged that a study be made to determine in what parts of the country new immigrants could best be settled.

JEWS NATIONAL FUND RAISED NEARLY \$4,000,000 IN FIRST QUARTER OF HEBREW YEAR

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA)--The income of the Jewish National Fund totalled nearly \$4,000,000 during the first three months of the Hebrew year, it was announced here today.

Jews in the United States contributed 78 percent of the total, with Palestine and British Jews making the next largest contributions in that order. The goal for the year is \$40,000,000.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF PALESTINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MARKED AT CONCERT IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Jan. 23. (JTA)--A special anniversary concert was given here tonight by the Palestine Symphony Orchestra to mark the founding of the group ten years ago with the assistance of Arturo Toscanini, world-famous conductor, and violinist Bronislaw Huberman.

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