

BRITISH GOVT. CONSIDERED WITHDRAWING RECOGNITION FROM JEWISH AGENCY, MINISTER SAYS

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA)--The British Government has given consideration to withdrawing recognition from the Jewish Agency, although the Agency is specifically mentioned in the Palestine Mandate, Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones declared in Commons today.

Earlier, he had warned the Palestine Jews that martial law would be imposed on the whole country unless drastic action was taken to curb terrorist outbreaks. He said: "I warn the Jews of Palestine and those who condemn brutalities that the course recently taken by events must lead to placing the country under full military control."

Replying to a question from Winston Churchill, who asked whether a stay in execution was granted Dov Gruner, condemned Irgunist, because two Britons were kidnapped as hostages, and if so was this practice not "serious" in that it turned aside from the normal path of justice, Creech-Jones declared: "There is no turning aside. The respite was ordered because of a request for appeal to the Privy Council."

The Colonial Minister reported that the government had recently taken "under review the whole problem of terrorism in Palestine and, in consultation with the High Commissioner and the Chief of the Imperial Staff, had issued a strong directive intended to ensure" more effective measures by the Palestine police. Adding that he had made an appeal to responsible Jewish elements in Palestine, he said, "suppression of terrorism demands the active participation of the whole Jewish community also direct cooperation by the Jewish Agency, which, I regret, has not been forthcoming to the extent essential in preventing these acts of terrorism."

PALESTINE JEWS NOT "ALIENS," SAYS AGENCY REPLY TO ARAB SPEECH AT LONDON PARLEY

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA)--Describing the statement made yesterday by Jamal Husseini, Palestine Arab leader, to the opening session of the second part of the London Conference as a "complete disregard of the fundamental facts of history and the present position of the Jews," the Jewish Agency office here today stated that the Arabs need not fear the emergence of a Jewish state.

Maintaining that the Zionists have always taken into account the presence of the Arabs in Palestine, and the fact that it is surrounded on three sides by Arab-speaking countries, the statement declares that Husseini and his friends ignore the attachment of the Jewish people to Palestine and their determination to renew their national life there, and the international recognition given their right to do so.

"To call Jews returning to Palestine 'aliens' is to fly in the face of the most patent reality affecting the country's political future," the Agency continued. "The Jews are returning as sons of the country, ready to share it with the Arab inhabitants, but not conceding the latter's exclusive or predominant mastery in it."

"The Jewish claim to statehood is as natural and as elementary as any other peoples'. The Arabs need not fear the emergence of a Jewish state at their side. It is untrue that a Jewish state would only be an element of discord to Pan-Arab homogeneity. An attempt to secure artificial uniformity may serve as a cloak for domination and oppression. On the other hand, peace and stability can be achieved only on the basis of a constructive synthesis of heterogeneous elements. In such a synthesis Jews claim a rightful place as a people endowed with the attributes of statehood on a footing of equality with the rest."

ANTI-SEMITIC ROMANIAN JUDGES CHARGED WITH SABOTAGING TERMS OF RESTITUTION LAWS

BUCHAREST, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic members of the Rumanian judiciary are sabotaging restitution laws through various legal subterfuges and stratagems, a Jewish delegation charged today during a conference with Minister of Justice Lucretiu Patrascanu.

The delegation accused several judges of misinterpreting the law covering return of property sold under duress during the Antonescu regime. It also cited the case of judges in the town of Galatz who arbitrarily ruled that furniture was excluded from the terms of the restitution law. In the Brasov district, the courts refused to accept suits against the pro-Nazi "German Ethnic Group," on the ground that it was not a fascist organization in the meaning of the law.

Patrascanu promised that he would investigate the delegation's charges and take action where the law had been flouted.

POLISH UNDERGROUND INSTRUCTS MEMBERS TO SPREAD RITUAL MURDER RUMORS AGAINST JEWS

WARSAW, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The underground organization WIN (Freedom and Independence) has instructed its members to provoke anti-Jewish disturbances, according to testimony by a WIN member on trial before a high military court at Katowice on charges of espionage and illegal propaganda activities.

The prosecution cited one of the "reports" circulated among the underground group, which charged that in the city of Tarnowski Gory a Jew had kidnapped a Polish girl for purposes of ritual murder. He revealed that after distribution of this "report" rumors spread in the city that a young girl had been kidnapped. They were tracked down to a WIN member who actually had taken a youngster from her home and hidden her in order to provoke a disturbance.

Four of the leaders of the WIN "espionage and information" division were sentenced to death, while others of the group received sentences ranging from eight to fifteen years.

MUNICH FLOUR MILL RITUALLY CLEANSED IN PREPARATION FOR GRINDING FLOUR FOR MATZOS

MUNICH, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A four-day religious ceremony during which a Munich flour mill was ritually cleansed in preparation for grinding flour for matzo was completed today. The matzo will be distributed to displaced Jews throughout Germany.

The Munich elections for delegates to a congress of displaced Jews which is to be held next month were today declared void because of the small number of voters participating. February 4 was designated as the date for new elections, in which it is hoped most of the 5,500 eligible voters will participate. Returns trickling in from the various camps and communities indicate a 50-50 split between supporters of the present Central Committee of Liberated Jews and the opposition alates.

U.N. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS URGED TO CONSIDER COMMUNICATIONS FROM ORGANIZATIONS

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 28. (JTA)--Communications received from individuals and organizations should be used as background material in the preparation of the International Bill of Rights, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, chairman of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, told that body today. The subject came up after the U.N. secretariat had submitted a summary of communications from organizations with and without consultative status to the commission.

RELATIONS BETWEEN JEWS AND ARABS IN ARGENTINA DETERIORATE AS RESULT OF PALESTINE ISSUE

Buenos Aires, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Relations between Jews and Arabs in Argentina, which were traditionally friendly, have deteriorated to some extent recently as a result of the Palestine situation.

Even today there is not too much interest among the Arab population concerning Palestine, but statements by the leaders of both communities on the issue have inevitably tended to exacerbate feelings on both sides. In 1938, Ezra Teubal, a prominent leader of the Jewish community, and Moises Azize, leader of the Arab community, issued a joint statement declaring that "the tragedy in Palestine has been caused by certain foreign powers" and that Jews and Arabs were friends. More recently, however, Azize, in an article in the newspaper Critica, criticized American intervention in the Palestine issue and cited testimony of Syrian Jews before the Anglo-American inquiry committee as evidence that Jews in the Arab countries are not interested in Zionism.

Relations between Jews and Arabs became strained after the outbreak of war, when Nazi propagandists became active here and succeeded in influencing some Arab circles. While leaders of the Arabs hailed the government for maintaining its policy of neutrality, Jewish circles were pro-Allied and critical of the government's stand.

Pan-American Arab Congress Launched Anti-Zionist Activities

The first attempt at a large-scale Arab anti-Zionist campaign was made in March, 1945 with the convening of the "First Pan-American Arab Congress." The Congress has issued, since its formation, several anti-Zionist statements and called for the return of the ex-Mufti to Palestine. A few months ago an "Asociacion Cultural Pan-Arabiga Argentina," which is not listed in any city or phone directory, issued a pamphlet entitled "The Jews and Palestine," which warned that Jews were endangering their position in the country by spreading Zionist propaganda.

The Peronist press, which constitutes the majority of the newspapers in the country, is divided on the Zionist issue. Tribuna, which is violently anti-Jewish is likewise anti-Zionist, and has called for the outlawing of Zionist groups. The other papers take no editorial stand, but usually print more pro-Arab than pro-Zionist news.

Jewish circles fear the projected elevation of the Syrian and Lebanon representations here to the status of legations will strengthen Arab influence. There are about 300,000 Arabs in Argentina, including natives of Arab countries and persons born here who have at least one Arab parent. At least half of them are Christians, since many of them come from Lebanon.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS TO HOLD LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE IN URUGUAY IN MARCH

Montevideo, Uruguay, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A Latin American conference of the World Jewish Congress will open here March 20, it was announced today.

The conference will study various political, economic and cultural aspects of Jewish life and will discuss plans for the organization of communal activities throughout Latin America. The World Jewish Congress executive is expected to be represented by Dr. Stephen Wise, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart.

CONGRESS GETS FOUR BILLS URGING ADMISSION OF LARGER NUMBERS OF EUROPEAN DP'S

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Four bills providing for the immigration of displaced persons and refugees to this country have been introduced in the House by Repe. Emanuel Celler and Arthur Klein, both Democrats of New York.

Celler's bill and one of Klein's provide for the assignment of unused quotas of all nationalities to cover the immigration of refugees. Another of Klein's bills provides for the admission, in the fiscal year ending in June, 1948, of 100,000 displaced persons over the regular quotas.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS COMMANDER RECEIVED BY TRUMAN; URGES ADMISSION OF MORE DP'S TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Complete support of President Truman's program for displaced persons was expressed to the President today by Milton H. Richman, national commander of the Jewish war veterans.

Received by the President at the White House, Richman also expressed the gratitude of the Jewish war veterans for the President's "repeated advocacy of a just solution of the Palestine question" and urged Mr. Truman "to continue the recent diplomatic support" of efforts to redeem in Palestine "the international obligations of long standing reaffirmed by the Presidents of the United States since 1917 and by the Congress since 1922." Belief that Secretary of State Marshall will continue and strengthen this policy was voiced by Richman.

Urging the immediate use of existing immigration quotas, Richman told the President that the Jewish war veterans "applaud" his "consistent and courageous efforts" in behalf of displaced persons. Pointing out that approximately 250,000 of the million DP's in Europe are Jews, Richman said that "our concern with this question does not stem solely from this fact, but rather that the more than a million displaced persons pose a humanitarian problem which the world must face, and in which we must take the leadership."

Richman also told Truman of his group's pleasure at the appointment of the President's committee on civil rights.

FEWER CANADIAN JEWS CLAIM YIDDISH AS NATIVE LANGUAGE; MORE SPEAK ENGLISH

MONTREAL, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The proportion of the Jewish population of Canada which claims Yiddish as its native tongue decreased nearly 20 percent in the decade from 1931 to 1941, it was revealed here in an article in the current issue of the Canadian Jewish Congress Bulletin.

The article, written by Louis Rosenberg, head of the Congress research bureau, reports that in 1931, 95.2 percent of the Jews considered Yiddish their language while in 1941, only 76.2 percent claimed it. The proportion of Jews speaking English rose from 95.3 percent to 98.5 during the same period.

JEWISH AGENCY TREASURER CONFERRING ON "DEFREEZING" OF ZIONIST FUNDS IN U.S.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Eliezer Kaplan, Jewish Agency treasurer, announced that he is conferring with Palestine Government treasury officials concerning the "unfreezing" of a portion of Zionist funds in the United States. Kaplan said that the funds, which are blocked by the rigid control exerted by the British over dollar deposits, are needed to purchase American industrial products, particularly machinery.

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