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JEWISH AGENCY SAYS CRISIS CAUSED BY KIDNAPPINGS IS OVER; POLICE HUNT ABDUCTORS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30. (JTA)--The crisis precipitated by the kidnapping of Judge Ralph Windham and ex-Major H.L. Collins is over, a Jewish Agency spokesman told the press today. He added that the "center of gravity of the political problems" has not been altered by the events of the last few days.

The Agency statement came a few hours after the government announced that plans for imposing martial law would not be carried out since Windham and Collins had been released. The government announcement said that the plans "are ready for immediate introduction, but are not being brought into effect at once, since the conditions of the ultimatum for the release of Judge Windham and Major Collins have been met."

Meanwhile, the search continued for the abductors of Major Collins, who was reported resting comfortably in a hospital following his release last night. Troops were concentrating on the Montefiore and Givat Shaul quarters of Jerusalem in a hunt for the cave where Collins reported he was held. The home of Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, which is located in the Givat Shaul section, was raided this morning shortly after dawn.

Hundreds of persons were questioned, and six persons have been arrested so far, and police exchanged shots with a youth they challenged this afternoon while he was carrying a parcel. The boy escaped, abandoning the package which was found to contain some medical appliances and bandages similar to those used on Collins.

Jewish Leaders Feel Threat Of Martial Law Still Hangs Over Community

Jewish circles feel that the threat of martial law still hangs over the community, and that it will be imposed at the first major outbreak. Mrs. Goldie Meirson, chairman of the political department of the Jerusalem section of the Jewish Agency, yesterday conferred with the Palestine Government's Chief Secretary, Sir Henry L. Gurney, warning him that while imposition of martial law might bring disaster to part of the Jewish community, it would not calm the Yishuv, but rather engender more bitterness.

While tension in the Jerusalem Central prison, which was the scene of riots Monday and Tuesday, remained high, the government appointed a commission to probe the causes of the outbreaks, which reportedly resulted from a threat by Jewish inmates to strike if Dov Gruner was not spared. The violence spread today to a reformatory in the vicinity of Jerusalem, and four youngsters were hurt in a clash between Arab and Jewish youths.

The Jewish National Council yesterday urged separation of Jewish and Arab prisoners to prevent further disturbances. A delegation from the Palestine Arab Higher Committee called at the prison to see the Arab prisoners involved, but was refused permission. The authorities told the Arabs that the situation was under control.

LONDON CONFERENCE ADJOURNS WITHOUT SETTING DATE FOR RESUMPTION; SITUATION IS "VAGUE"

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA)--The Conference on Palestine adjourned this afternoon without setting a date for resumption of the sessions, after the conferees agreed to establish an Anglo-Arab committee to continue the discussions.

An official spokesman said that during the two-hour meeting which was held at Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin's home, because the Arabs complained that St. James Palace, where the first session was held on Monday, was too cold--Bevin told the Arabs that Britain had not yet reached a final decision on the Palestine question, and had not drawn up a plan for its solution.

The Arab and British delegates, therefore, discussed all the various proposals thus far submitted, including the Arab plan for complete independence and a halt to Jewish immigration and settlement, the Morrison federalization plan, partition and a compromise between the Morrison scheme and partition. No reference was made to the possibility of a Jewish state being established in all of Palestine. The question of United Nations action was not raised directly, but reference was made to it. Bevin discussed these plans only generally, pointing to the difficulties involved in adopting any of them.

Reported Bevin Soundly Cut Jews On Some Sort Of Partition

The Foreign Minister also told the Arabs what topics had been considered during his talks yesterday with Zionist leaders. Informed sources say that Bevin attempted yesterday to get the reaction of the Jewish representatives to some sort of partition plan, but the Zionist delegates said they would have to refer any such question to a full meeting of the Jewish Agency executive. They also stressed the demand that Britain honor its obligations under the Balfour Declaration.

The official spokesman refused to say this afternoon whether the conference had reached an impasse, but admitted that the situation was "vague." He said that the idea of a joint committee to continue talks was broached by Bevin and approved by all the delegates. It is rumored that the Arabs do not expect the conference to last much longer and have booked passage for next week.

Prior to today's meeting, Prime Minister Attlee gave a luncheon in honor of the Arab delegates at his official residence, 10 Downing Street,

At the request of Former Prime Minister Churchill, Arthur Greenwood, acting leader of the House of Commons, agreed today to a debate tomorrow afternoon on the "maintenance of public order in Palestine," with the provision that central questions of basic policy there shall not be touched upon since the Palestine conference was still in session. Churchill and other Conservative spokesmen have been pressing for a full-dress debate on Palestine for several months. Last week the former Premier asked that a debate be scheduled as soon as the conference closes.

CHURCH HEAD FORBIDS BAPTISM OF JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN WITHOUT BRITISH GOVT. CONSENT

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA)--The Archbishop of Canterbury today announced that British clergymen who are asked to baptize Jewish refugee children must not do so without first consulting the Home Office, which has been appointed the guardian of all such children.

Writing in an official church bulletin, he said "Clearly these children and young people should not be thus divorced from their parental faith without consultation with the person who is 'loco parentis' to them."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LEADERS OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS OPENS TODAY AT ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 30. (JTA)--The 15th annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds opens here tomorrow to review various problems concerning Jewish life in the United States, and to devise means by which the Jewish communities throughout the country can meet unprecedented needs, totalling \$215,000,000 for current operations and \$30,000,000 for capital purposes.

More than 600 Jewish community leaders representing 268 communities in the United States and Canada will attend the four-day session. One of the principal speakers will be Charles P. Taft, chairman of the State Department's Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid. He will speak on the plans of the United States Government and intergovernmental agencies to help in reconstruction and relief in Europe, and the possibilities for immigration of displaced persons to the United States, Palestine, and other countries.

Problem of Jews overseas will be discussed by Dr. Isador Lubin, U.S. member of the United Nations Economic and Employment Commission and its Commission on Devastated Areas. Dr. Nathan Reich, head of the Economics Department of Hunter College, will also address the gathering on rehabilitation of Jewish life in Europe.

Under consideration, also, will be plans for local Jewish community services, Jewish cultural trends, basic directions in organizing Jewish communities, and programs for dealing with anti-Semitism in the United States.

Committee Will Report On Assets And Liabilities of Jewish Communities

A committee of outstanding community leaders, headed by Milton Kahn and Sidney Cohen of Boston, have prepared a report for submission to the Assembly on the assets and liabilities facing communities in 1947 fund raising, with suggestions for securing maximum results. Among the prominent Jewish leaders who drafted the report are: Nate Shapiro, Detroit; Samuel Daroff, Philadelphia; Harold J. Goldenberg, Minneapolis; Leonard Chudacoff, Los Angeles; Jerome Udell, New York; Louis Loeb, New York; G. Irving Latz, Ft. Wayne, and Frank Carson, Atlanta.

The committee, in addition to canvassing the judgment of its own membership, also secured the opinion of lay and professional leaders in a number of cities, including Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Fitchburg-Leominster, Hartford, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Miami, Milwaukee, New Haven, Omaha, Peoria, Pittsburgh, Rochester, San Francisco, St. Louis, Syracuse, Trenton and Worcester.

BRITISH GOVT. HAS NOT APPROACHED TRADE UNIONS ON PLAN TO ADMIT 80,000 JEWISH DP'S

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA)--The Trades Union Council today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it has not been approached by the Ministry of Labor for a discussion of the projected admission to England of 80,000 displaced Jews. The T.U.C. stressed that before the reported plan to admit 500,000 DP's as workers in Britain's undermanned industries could be put into effect, its approval must be secured.

The Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad stated that it expects such approval to be given, but that the details of the plan are not yet set. The committee pointed out that the government has not stated how many displaced Jews it wishes to admit, nor has it been ascertained how many DP's want to come to England.

AUSTRIANS WITHDRAW OBJECTIONS TO PEACE TREATY CLAUSE SAFEGUARDING JEWISH RIGHTS

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA)--Austria has no objections to inclusion in the peace treaty being drafted by the Big Four deputies of a clause safeguarding racial and religious rights and barring discrimination, Chancellor Leopold Figl said today.

His statement was in direct contradiction to that made last Friday by Austrian Foreign Minister Karl Gruber, who said that such a clause would constitute undesirable discrimination between Jews and non-Jews.

Figl told a press conference, attended by Gruber, that the constitution unanimously adopted by the Austrian Parliament last year was based on the principles of democracy and freedom of the individual, irrespective of race, sex, birth, language or religion. The Austrian Government agrees to the incorporation of these principles in the treaty, he added.

Gruber told the assembled correspondents that there had been no anti-Jewish discrimination in Austria before the Anschluss.

RENNER SAYS SPECIAL RESTITUTION LAWS FOR JEWS WOULD BE "UNDEMOCRATIC"

VIENNA, Jan. 30. (JTA)--Special legislation for the return of confiscated property to Austrian Jews would be "un-democratic and create new anti-Semitism," President Karl Renner told a correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Pointing out that the Nazis had also stripped non-Jews of their possessions and confined them in concentration camps, the 76-year-old Socialist leader said that personally he could not be accused of being anti-Semitic since his son-in-law is a Jew. He cited the latter's difficulties in securing return of a house taken over by the Russians, and said "we must have patience."

The surviving Jews in Vienna have had almost no success in securing return of their apartments or houses, and 600 of them are still living in institutions for want of anywhere else to go. The situation will be rendered more acute by the imminent arrival of 1,500 Jewish repatriates from Shanghai. No one here has any idea where they are to be lodged.

SIX DISPLACED JEWS EVICTED AT THREE HOURS NOTICE TO MAKE PLACE FOR U.S. TROOPS

MUNICH, Jan. 30. (JTA)--Six displaced Jews living with Germans in a home outside the Landsberg Camp were given three hours notice on Sunday to vacate their quarters to make room for American guards at the Landsberg prison, it was learned today.

When the DP's protested that they had no place to go, Capt. John Hamilton, commanding officer of the U.S. First Division troops at Landsberg, is reported to have replied that he "didn't give a damn where they move. Let them go back where they came from."

The six were evicted into the freezing cold Sunday evening. They spent the night at a police station, but permanent billets have now been found for them. The Military Government opposed the move, but a spokesman said it lacked authority to prevent it.

BUDAPEST POLICE AVERT LYCHING OF MAN WHO OFFERED TO "FORGIVE" NAZI ATROCITIES

BUDAPEST, Jan. 30. (JTA)--The Budapest police today narrowly averted the lynching of a man who during a movie showing of some of the anti-Jewish atrocities committed at the Oswiecim death camp exclaimed: "I could forgive the Nazis."