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JEWISH AGENCY GETS BRITISH ULTIMATUM TO JOIN IN FIGHTING TERROR OR FACE MARTIAL LAW

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government today informed the Jewish Agency that it must decide immediately whether it will agree to cooperate with the authorities in hunting down terrorists or accept the consequences. The implication of the ultimatum was that martial law would be imposed if the Agency refused.

Should the Agency agree, it has seven days in which to begin operations against the extremists. Meanwhile, it is learned that official proclamations of martial law have already been prepared by the government's printing office.

The official note sent to the Agency this afternoon by Chief Secretary Sir Henry L. Gurney declared that despite the recent resolution of the Jewish National Council, there have been no indications that the Jewish community planned to co-operate with "security forces" in maintaining order. It added:

"I am now to invite your attention to the extreme gravity of the situation which has been created by these continued refusals and to ask you to state categorically at once whether the Agency and Vaad Leumi are prepared within seven days to lend their aid to the government by cooperating with the police and armed forces in locating and bringing to justice members of terrorist groups."

The ultimatum to the Agency follows the first open clash between the Haganah and the dissidents, although there have been reports recently that the Palmach, the Haganah's striking force, had thwarted several extremist operations. Haganah members posting placards informing drivers to defend themselves against terrorists seeking to use their cars clashed last night in Tel Aviv with Irgunists who attempted to remove the posters.

Gruner Execution Date Uncertain; Will Not Be Hanged Today

Dov Gruner, on whose fate the peace of Palestine seems to rest, will not be hanged tomorrow morning, as had been believed earlier, it was reported tonight. One report said that the execution would take place on Wednesday, if he persists in refusing to sign an appeal to the Privy Council, while another source said that no date has been fixed for the hanging.

The Palestine Supreme Court this morning turned down an appeal by Max Kritzman, Tel Aviv attorney acting for Gruner's uncle in New York, which would have prohibited prison officials from proceeding with the hanging without a signed confirmation of the death sentence from High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham. The attorney immediately made another motion on behalf of the uncle, Frank Gruner, asking permission to file an appeal with the Privy Council without Gruner's approval. No action was taken on the latter motion.

Gruner's sister, Mrs. Helen Friedman, of Lancaster, Penn., tonight spoke by telephone with Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, who urged her to proceed here immediately. She is leaving by air tomorrow and is expected to arrive on Thursday. Earlier,

she cabled to Asher Levitzky, another of Gruner's attorneys, asking him to appeal to the High Commissioner to delay the execution until she could arrive here and personally plead with her brother to sign an appeal.

Gruner, who has remained adamant despite the entreaties of Jewish leaders who pointed out that he was endangering the entire Jewish community, is understood to have stated that he will not eat without orders from the Irgun chiefs. So far, Menahem Begin, Irgun commander, has refused to instruct Gruner to sign an appeal.

The central committee of the Histadruth, meeting in Tel Aviv tonight, also urged Gruner to appeal. Simultaneously, it appealed to labor organizations throughout the world to intervene with the British Government to halt the projected military measures against the Jewish community. At the same time, it urged all Jewish trade unionists in Palestine to implement the Jewish National Council's resolution against terrorism.

The government, meanwhile, was going ahead with plans for the evacuation of British women and children. Latest figures say that 1,621 persons will be affected by the order. King Abdullah of Transjordan today informed the High Commissioner that his country would welcome some of the evacuees.

All the inhabitants of the "protected area" which is to be set up in Jerusalem to accommodate essential civilians received notices this afternoon to evacuate their premises. The order affects several hundred Jewish and Arab families and Jewish institutions. Located in this section are the Jewish Agency's youth immigration and technical and search departments. Barbed wire has been thrown around the entire area.

JEWS MEET WITH BRITISH FOR SECOND TIME; ZIONISTS DIFER ON HOPES OF SETTLEMENT

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Seven members of the Jewish Agency executive met today with Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones in the second of a series of informal talks on the future of Palestine. At the conclusion of the two-hour session, it was learned that another meeting will be held shortly and that the members of the Agency will get together tonight for an informal discussion of the situation up to now.

At least some of the members of the Zionist delegation are deeply disappointed with the results of today's talks and see practically no progress, although others are understood to feel that the situation "is not hopeless." The Jewish delegation included David Ben Gurion, Moshe Shertok, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Dr. Isaac Gruenbaum, Prof. Selig Bredetsky, and Berl Locker.

It is understood in government circles that the majority of the Cabinet, which will meet tomorrow on the Palestine issue, favors partition, while Bevin is still opposed to a final decision, preferring that the situation remain "fluid." It is thought in these circles that Bevin has come around to supporting a more liberal form of the "federalization scheme" which would give the Jews control of immigration as a transitional stage toward eventual partition.

They also believe that Bevin does not want his latest plan brought before the United Nations until the General Assembly meets in September. In that event, these circles say, the Agency will demand that large-scale immigration begin immediately after the conclusion of the present talks. At the next meeting between the Zionists and the government leaders, both parties are expected to name the principles which they want incorporated into this liberalized plan.

In reply to a question from correspondents, a Foreign Office spokesman today declared that as far as he knew Bevin is not keeping Secretary of State George C.

Marshall informed of current Palestine developments. He added that he did not know if Britain had informed the United States or any other government of its decision to evacuate civilians from the Holy Land.

H.A. Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel, and Dr. Israel Lewin of the American branch of Agudah, are visiting the Foreign Office tomorrow at the invitation of the British officials. The Agudah leaders intend to ask the government to refrain from repressive measures in Palestine which might jeopardize the London talks.

Senator Asks Truman to Demand British Lift Military Rule from Palestine

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- In a speech to the Senate today, Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Washington Democrat, asked President Truman to call upon the British Government to "revoke all military orders, restore civil administration and remove all restrictions upon civil liberties" in Palestine.

At the same time, Magnuson said, the President should call upon the Irgun Zvai Leumi and Stern Gang to cease all terrorist activities. Magnuson suggested that the President also warn the British that "unless within a stated time large-scale immigration" of displaced Jews in Europe to Palestine is undertaken, the United States will start transporting such persons from Europe to Palestine under the protection of the American flag. Magnuson said we had a right to do this under the Anglo-American Convention of 1924.

(Britain should be prepared to partition Palestine on the basis of a "viable" Jewish state or surrender the mandate to the United Nations, the New York Herald-Tribune declared in its lead editorial this morning. "The status quo in Palestine is impossible; unless the British offer some alternative now conditions will assuredly grow worse," it declared.)

U.N. BODY NAMES COMMITTEE HEADED BY MRS. ROOSEVELT TO DRAFT BILL OF HUMAN RIGHTS

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The U.N. Commission on Human Rights today authorized its chairman, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, in cooperation with the Commission's vice-chairman and rapporteur, to draft an international bill of rights.

In drawing up the bill, the drafting committee can cooperate with other members of the commission and with experts named by their respective governments. No provision was made for participation by non-governmental bodies in the drafting of the bill. Mrs. Roosevelt said, however, that the question of relations between the Commission and non-governmental organizations will be discussed before the conclusion of this session.

DP LEADERS CONFER WITH BERNSTEIN ON ARMY ORDER REDUCING RATIONS OF DISPLACED JEWS

MUNICH, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews met here today with Rabbi Philip Bernstein, adviser on Jewish affairs to the U.S. armed forces, to discuss the cut in the daily rations of DP Jews from 2,200 calories to 2,000.

Rabbi Bernstein explained the reasons for the Army order and the DP leaders agreed to lend their support in quieting the anticipated unrest in the camps. The Army's adviser said that he would discuss with high military officials the possibility of improving the tiresome makeup of the DP diet, which consists mainly of soggy bread and potatoes.

Dr. Philip Auerbach, Commissioner for Persecuted in the Bavarian Government, said today that the Bavarian authorities had apologized for the custodizing of a DP Jew, Bronislaw Wingorski, and two children from a former German home. The five German officials responsible for their eviction and mistreatment have been disciplined.

ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF JDC REPRESENTATIVES FROM 17 COUNTRIES ASSEMBLES IN PARIS

PARIS, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- An all-European conference of JDC representatives from 17 countries opened here today under the chairmanship of Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the organization. The meeting will map plans for allocating more than \$100,000,000 which will be required this year to meet the needs of Jews in Europe.

Moses Beckleman, vice-chairman of the J.D.C.'s European department, stated that 1946 was a disappointing year to the Jews of Europe for three reasons: Firstly, a solution of the Palestine problem was expected, but did not come about; secondly, the number of refugees from Poland trebled during the year; and, thirdly, although President Truman authorized the entrance of 39,000 refugees to the United States, only about one-third of that number arrived in America.

The major task for this year, Beckleman said, is to keep the displaced Jews "emigrable," by keeping them at productive work. In this connection he cited the vast shipments of productive machinery and supplies to the DP camps. He declared that the main problem facing the other Jews in Europe was raising their economic level, since the war had stripped most of them of their possessions and jobs.

Food Shipments Are Paramount Need of Rumanian Jews

BUCHAREST, Feb. 2. (Delayed.) (JTA) -- Because of the severe drought which has afflicted Rumania for the last two years, the first relief needs of Rumanian Jewry are large-scale food shipments, Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency during an interview at which he revealed that the J.D.C. has increased the number of canteens it supports in an attempt to ameliorate the condition of Jews and non-Jews in the interior of the country.

He also disclosed that the J.D.C. will widen its activities by including on its advisory committees new members recommended by the Federation of Rumanian Jewish Communities in order to give representation to all sections of the Jewish community. He reported that his organization has opened 29 credit cooperatives to help the economic rehabilitation of 21,000 Jewish families and that together with other Jewish groups has repaired or founded religious schools, synagogues and cemeteries. It has also undertaken a new relief program for 8,000 children and 2,500 youths.

UNRRA DECIDES TO CONTINUE ASSISTANCE TO DP'S IN ITALY LIVING OUTSIDE OF CAMPS

ROME, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- UNRRA assistance to displaced persons in Italy living outside of camps, which was scheduled to end within a few weeks, will be continued until June 30, 1947, when the organization goes out of existence, it was learned today.

(British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Christopher Mayhew said in the House of Commons today that he hoped that the International Refugee Organization would eventually take over responsibility for Jewish displaced persons in Italy who have up to now been cared for by UNRRA.)

The Italian Ministry of the Interior has ordered a census of all foreigners in the country as a prelude to action against "undesirable persons who are illegally in Italy." It is understood that the move is a result of the bombing of the British embassy here and the murder of a Yugoslav envoy in Naples.