

by the Palestine Supreme Court. Unofficial reports said that Gruner would not be hanged until his sister, Mrs. Helen Friedman, had arrived from the United States and had had an opportunity to plead with him to appeal. She sent him a cable yesterday stating: "Dov, you are killing all my efforts. Please, if you love me, sign the appeal." Chief Rabbis Herzog and Uziel were scheduled to see Gruner again this afternoon.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE APPEALS TO BEVIN; SAYS BRITISH MEASURES INCREASE TENSION

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today cabled to Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin charging the British Government with increasing the present tension in Palestine "to a dangerous degree" by ordering the evacuation of women and children from the country. The cable, signed by Joseph M. Proskauer and Jacob Blaustein, president and chairman of the organization, respectively, reads as follows:

"The steadily deteriorating situation in Palestine impels us to appeal to you to take immediate measures for the amelioration of the conditions there. It is our belief that such measures as the order of the Palestinian Government for the evacuation of women and children increase present tension in the atmosphere to a dangerous degree. We appeal to the British Government not to contribute to the prevalent spirit of strife and bitterness.

"We reaffirm our request cabled you last Sunday urging the British Government to initiate a prompt and satisfactory solution of the ultimate problem of government in Palestine with immediate recognition of the need and right of Jewish immigration and land purchase. If the British Government take these steps and end drastic measures in Palestine such evidence of statesman-like goodwill may, we believe, improve and avoid further deterioration in present critical position."

MUFTI REITERATES OPPOSITION TO PARTITION, "FEDERALIZATION;" URGES U.N. ACTION

CAIRO, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Neither partition nor the British "federalization plan" is acceptable to the Palestine Arabs, the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem reiterated at a press conference here. He added that he favored placing the problem before the United Nations where he hoped the decision would be in favor of the Arabs.

He appealed for unity between the Palestine Arabs and the neighboring Arab states, asserting that the Palestine Arabs are facing their most important test and must act "energetically" to "save their country." He said either partition or "federalization" are objectionable because it would open the possibility of large-scale Jewish immigration and permit the Jews to organize a navy, an army and an air force which "will threaten all the neighboring Arab countries."

GRUNER'S SISTER EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE; WILL SEE CUNNINGHAM AND BARKER

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Mrs. Helen Friedman, sister of Dov Gruner, left today by air for Palestine, where she will appeal for clemency to High Commissioner Cunningham and Lieut. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, British military commander in Palestine.

She will also appeal to her brother to sign an appeal to the Privy Council. Before leaving, Mrs. Friedman issued a statement in which she expressed confidence that "the sense of fair play and justice inherent in the British people will be on my side."

TRANSYLVANIAN GERMANS REPATRIATED FROM REICH ORGANIZING ANTI-JEWISH OUTBREAKS

BUCHAREST, Feb. 4, (JTA) -- Transylvanian "Saxons," recently repatriated from Germany by the Allied occupation authorities are organizing anti-Jewish outbreaks in towns throughout the province, it was disclosed today in a memorandum submitted to the Rumanian Government by the Jewish Democratic Committee of Timisoara, on behalf of all Jews in Transylvania.

The note points out that many of the "Saxons" were formerly members of the German Elite Guard. It says that they are working in cooperation with Hungarian fascists and reactionary elements among the local officials. The latter have refused to take any action to curb the recent increase of anti-Semitic incidents in Transylvania, the memorandum charges.

The Ministry of Justice is urged to take strong measures immediately, "because if this situation continues, neither Jewish property nor Jewish lives will be safe."

GERMAN PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES, AMG OFFICIALS MEET BUT FAIL TO ACT ON RESTITUTION LAW

MUNICH, Feb. 4, (JTA) -- German officials representing four German provinces in the American zone met today in Stuttgart, but failed to take action on a property restitution law which had been drafted previously and amended by the War Department.

Two American military government officials, who attended the meeting and who have been representing the American authorities in matters pertaining to the restitution law, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "administrative delay" was responsible for the meeting's failure to act on the legislation. The amendments which arrived from Washington recently must be studied by each of the four provincial governments before the zone-wide conference can take final action.

The next meeting of provincial officials is scheduled for March 6. A spokesman for the German officials, however, pointed out that it is possible, although unlikely, that the group's interim committee may take action before next month.

(Differences of opinion on the restitution law between the Office of Military Government and the State Department and Jewish organizations have been resolved, it was learned today in Washington. They were concerned, in part, with the degree of protection to present holders of property who acquired it in good faith, or without participating in the original wrong.)

BULGARIAN JEWISH CONFERENCE PRAISES GOVT.'S ROLE IN AIDING JEWISH RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

SOFIA, Feb. 4, (JTA) --- A conference of representatives of Jewish religious and social welfare workers to plan new cultural and religious activities was held here on a call issued by Chief Rabbi Daniel Zion. The conference pledged support to Jewish political activities, particularly the Jewish section of the Fatherland Front, and nearly all the speakers stressed that the Bulgarian Government has given the Jews full freedom to develop their religious institutions.

FORMER S.S. COMMANDER AT NAZI DEATH CAMP EXECUTED; RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF 20,000 JEWS

VIENNA, Feb. 4, (JTA) -- Siegfried Seidl, a former S.S. commander at the Theresienstadt death camp, was hanged here today. He was convicted last October of torturing and murdering 20,000 Austrian and Polish Jews.

BISHOP TESTIFIES THAT POPE PIUS EXPRESSED "ABHORRENCE" OF SLOVAK ANTI-JEWISH LAWS

BRATISLAVA, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Bishop Buzalka of Bratislava, appearing as a witness in the two-month-old war crimes trial of Josef Tiso, former head of the pro-Nazi puppet government of Slovakia, has testified that at an audience he had with Pope Pius XII in 1939, the latter rejected Tiso's persecution of the Jews.

The Bishop declared that several Slovak officials carried communications from the Vatican to Tiso expressing the Pope's "abhorrence" for the Slovak Government's anti-Jewish laws. At the conclusion of his testimony, the Bishop strode toward Tiso and offered to shake hands with him, but the court halted him.

A Peoples Court at Brno today sentenced Dr. M.L. Jemelik, a former physician at a Nazi concentration camp, to 15 years imprisonment for torturing and murdering three Jews. The prosecutor had demanded the death sentence, but the court mitigated the sentence because witnesses had testified that Jemelik assisted Czech prisoners at the camp.

ARGENTINE JEWS PROTEST BARRING OF JEWISH INTERNS FROM BUENOS AIRES HOSPITALS

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The recent exclusion of Jewish students from internships in municipal hospitals in Buenos Aires has brought an official protest from the Federation of Argentine Jewish Associations to the city's mayor.

Last year, the Association pointed out, 21 Jewish students received internships, but this year not a single Jewish medical student who applied has been admitted. In addition, those who started their first year in 1946 and were entitled to continue their studies for another year under municipal regulations, have not been reappointed.

This is the first official act of discrimination against Jews since President Juan Peron took office last June. Jewish observers, nevertheless, do not believe that this development foreshadows a governmental anti-Jewish policy. This action and similar ones have been taken on the initiative of local officials, who are predominantly of the extreme nationalist right.

1,327 JEWISH REFUGEE EMIGRANTS SAILED FROM GERMANY TO UNITED STATES IN JANUARY

FRANKFURT, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A total of 1,327 Jewish refugee emigrants sailed from Germany to the United States during January, Army headquarters here announced today.

The Jews constituted the largest single group among the emigrants, the announcement says. It pointed out that shipments during the month were much larger than for several months previously.

INDIA ASKED TO GIVE TEMPORARY HAVENS TO JEWISH REFUGEES FLEEING AFGHANISTAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress announced today that it has intervened with the Indian Embassy in Washington concerning 300 Jewish refugees from Afghanistan who recently fled to India to escape persecution. The Congress has urged the Indian Government to allow the refugees to remain until permanent havens can be found for them.

TOM CLARK URGES USE OF WAR-TIME QUOTA; SUGGESTS DROPPING NATIONALITY PROVISIONS IN LAW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Attorney-General Tom Clark told the Senate Civil Service Committee today that he favored a change in the immigration law to permit the filling of quotas unused because of the prohibition of war-time travel.

Clark further told the Senate Civil Service Committee that if the nationality provision were removed from the immigration law, displaced persons could be taken care of. This would mean, in essence, that, minus the nationality clause, quotas now assigned, say to Germans, and unfillable because of insufficient qualifying Germans, could be applied to Poles or displaced persons of other nationalities whose quotas are oversubscribed.

U.N. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS BEGINS DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL BILL OF RIGHTS

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The United Nations Commission on Human Rights today began discussion of the safeguards to be included in the proposed International Bill of Rights.

A draft of the bill will be prepared by a special sub-committee of which Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is chairman. Among the types of rights which will be included in the draft are: Status of equality, without distinction as to race, sex, language, religion, professed belief, color, class, citizenship, civil status, health, birth, culture, other reasons, and prohibition of discrimination on the above-mentioned grounds. The bill will be submitted to the Commission on Human Rights at its second session later this year.

JDC AND ORT UNIFY VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS IN EUROPE; ORT GETS \$2,000,000 FROM JDC

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Unification of the vocational training programs of the Joint Distribution Committee and the World ORT Union was made known today in a joint announcement by Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and George Backer, president of the World ORT Union and American ORT Federation.

The vocational training programs of the two agencies, which are in operation in almost all countries of Europe, with special emphasis on the requirements of displaced Jews in Germany and Austria, will be administered by ORT and financed by the JDC with funds raised through the United Jewish Appeal campaign. Under the terms of the agreement the ORT will receive an initial grant of \$2,000,000 from the JDC this year and refrain from fund-raising activities in the United States during the year 1947. However, the World ORT Union will be able to continue its fund-raising activities outside the United States.

NORWAY JOINS INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION; TENTH COUNTRY TO SIGN CONSTITUTION

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Norwegian Ambassador to Washington today signed the constitution of the International Refugee Organization at the United Nations protocol office. Norway thereby becomes the tenth signatory to this constitution and, at the same time, a member of the Preparatory Commission for the IRO which will meet in Geneva on Feb. 11.