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BEVIN MEETS WITH JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS; HAS NO PLAN FOR PRESENT; WILL MEET AGAIN

LONDON, Feb. 6. (JTA)--Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin tonight informed the members of the Jewish Agency who have been holding informal talks with him that for the present he had no plan on Palestine to offer them, but might submit "a statement of views" within a few days.

Earlier this week, Bevin had assured both Jews and Arabs that he would give them a statement of policy today. His failure to do so is understood to be a result of the refusal of the Cabinet to approve his proposed course of action.

Official circles indicate that at today's Cabinet meeting two plans came up for discussion. One, presented by Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones, urged the immediate partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. The second, presented by Bevin, suggested the "federalization" of Palestine into semi-autonomous Jewish and Arab provinces with increased immigration into the Jewish province.

It is understood that a compromise was reached in principle. Anticipating possible Jewish Agency refusal to accept the compromise, Bevin urged that if the Zionists reject his proposal, the Palestine mandate be handed over to the United Nations.

During his meeting with the Jewish Agency leaders, Bevin declared that he needed more time for consideration of the situation before presenting a final plan. He promised that he would submit his proposal to the Jewish Agency for study and reply prior to its publication and declared that he would meet again with the Jewish representatives within a few days.

Government Reviews Palestine Situation In Statement To Commons

Meanwhile, the Government today submitted to the House of Commons a statement on the current situation in Palestine. The statement was presented by Creech-Jones. It said that the Government has no desire to impose "military repression" on Palestine, "but the terrorist organizations have themselves stated that there will be further outrages and that they will turn Palestine into a blood bath if the sentence on Gruner is carried out."

Admitting that the concentration of "essential civilians" is causing great disturbance and hardships to Jews and Arabs whose homes are being requisitioned, the Colonial Secretary expressed regret that "it has been necessary to take these measures." He stressed that the civil administration is carrying on and the civil courts are continuing to function in Palestine.

"It is not the Palestine authorities or the government which is trying to bring conflict into Palestine, or use the present situation as a justification for

limiting civil liberty," he declared. "Our sole endeavor is to maintain peace and good order."

Asked by Bernet Jenner, Laborite, whether the government could vest the Jewish Agency with new powers so that it could assist the British authorities in matters concerning Jewish immigration to Palestine, the Colonial Secretary replied: "We are not concerned at the moment with vesting the Agency with new powers. What we are doing is asking if the Jewish community in Palestine will cooperate with the authorities in dealing with criminal practices."

Kenneth Pickthorn, Conservative, demanded the withdrawal of British recognition from the Jewish Agency. Samuel Silverman, Laborite, asked whether the Jewish community in Palestine had offered to use its own institutions to combat terrorism and whether this offer had been accepted by the Palestine authorities. The Colonial Secretary replied that the Jewish community now had the opportunity to declare to the government the steps it is prepared to take in dealing with terrorism.

At a meeting between leaders of the Jewish Agency and the Agudas Israel, the latter urged that if the British Government propose a plan for dividing Palestine into Jewish and Arab cantons under a central government in which both sides are granted parity, the Jewish organizations should not reject it.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE ASKS TRUMAN TO INTERVENE IN THE PALESTINE SITUATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA)--An appeal to President Truman to intervene promptly in the Palestine situation "to avert a major disaster" was telegraphed today by the American Jewish Conference.

In its appeal the Conference charged that martial law, which the British Government is threatening to impose upon the Jewish community in Palestine, "is a weapon to coerce the Jewish representatives participating in London and a maneuver to obscure the British Government's record of broken promises, dilatory tactics and dishonored pledges." The appeal was signed by Henry Monsky and Louis Lipsky, leaders of the Conference.

Agudas Israel Of America Issues Statement Opposing Partition

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA)--The Agudas Israel of America today issued a statement declaring that the organization is "against the partitioning of Palestine and against terror." The statement, signed by Rabbi Eliezer Silver, president, demanded that the death sentence on Dov Gruner be commuted. At the same time, it appealed to the extremists in Palestine "to stop all terror acts."

The statement declared that "there is no reason for the removal of British women and children from Palestine." It charged that the evacuation "looks as if it is being purposely done and may be interpreted as a provocation as other recent decessere." The Agudah statement demanded that the British Government cancel all decrees against the purchase of land in Palestine by Jews and admit 100,000 displaced Jews as well as non-quota immigrants.

Wise Says Resistance In Palestine To British Injustice Inevitable

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA)--The British White Paper on Palestine "is such a gross and lawless violation of the Balfour Declaration and the British Mandate for Palestine that resistance is inevitable," Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American and World Jewish Congress declared today. "A people less firmly grounded, ethically and spiritually, than the Jews would have resorted long before this to much graver and more violent resistance to British rule in Palestine and the terms of the White Paper," Dr. Wise stated,

MOSCOW CONFERENCE EXPECTED TO OPPOSE COLLECTIVE JEWISH REPARATIONS FROM GERMANY

LONDON, Feb. 6. (JTA)--The Moscow Conference of the Big Four Foreign Ministers is expected to oppose the inclusion in the peace treaty with Germany of provisions for reparations for Jews, it was learned here today.

All indications point to the fact that the question of compensation for uprooted Jews is likely to be left to each government to deal with individually. The Polish Government, for example, is asking for the restitution of property to Jewish nationals of Poland who lived in Germany before the war, outside of the framework of general reparations.

No government intends to ask for a revision of the schedule of proportional distribution of reparations from Germany as established by the Potsdam and Paris Conferences. The latter granted only \$25,000,000 for the rehabilitation of displaced Jews.

RABBI BRICKNER FINDS SECURITY POSITION OF JEWS IN POLAND IMPROVED; EMIGRATION REDUCED

PRAGUE, Feb. 6. (JTA)--The Jews in Poland are now physically more secure and their desire to emigrate has consequently decreased greatly, Rabbi Barnett Brickner, vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, who arrived here from a tour of Poland, declared today.

He said that the increased security as well as the winter weather and reports of poor conditions in camps in Germany were responsible for the reduced flow of emigrants. He added that he believed that the Jewish community of Poland would survive, but that it would not be a large one.

In Czechoslovakia, he declared the primary need of the Jews this year is reconstruction aid rather than direct relief such as was needed last year. The situation regarding assistance is the same in Poland where the youth still wishes to go to Palestine. Rabbi Brickner, who is visiting various countries in Europe on a U.J.A. mission, will proceed from here to Austria and Hungary.

Catholic Writers In Poland Issue Appeal Against Racial Hatred

WARSAW, Feb. 6. (JTA)--The entire Polish press today publishes an appeal signed by thirty-seven leading Catholic writers condemning racial hatred. The official leadership of the Catholic Church has so far abstained from issuing such an appeal, it was pointed out in Jewish circles here today.

DUTCH WAR CRIMINAL EXECUTED; WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF 68 JEWS IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 6. (JTA)--G. Ganzefles was executed today following his conviction on charges of responsibility for the murder of 68 Jews during the Nazi occupation of Holland. He was the fourth Dutchman to die for war crimes.

SLOVAK COURT DOOMS FASCIST WHO MURDERED JEWS AND PARTISANS; WAS TRAINED BY GESTAPO

BRATISLAVA, Feb. 6. (JTA)--Josef Gasparik, a former member of the Hlinka Guard, Slovak storm-troop organization, has been sentenced to death by a Peoples Tribunal here for persecuting and murdering Jews and partisans.

Gasparik, who attended a Gestapo school in Germany during the occupation, testified during his trial that he believed the concentration camps were run in "exemplary" fashion.

MCNARNEY SAYS DISPLACED JEWS IN GERMANY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RESETTLE IN PALESTINE

FRANKFURT, Feb. 6. (JTA)--Only resettlement in Palestine can solve the problem of the 150,000 to 200,000 Jews in Germany and Austria, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, former commander of U.S. Forces in the European Theater yesterday told Herbert Hoover, the General revealed today.

He said that he informed Mr. Hoover, who is in Germany on an economic mission for President Truman, that 95 percent of the displaced Jews wish to go to Palestine, and in view of their determination, the only way to settle the Jewish problem is to allow them to immigrate there.

(In London, Jewish Agency leaders expressed gratification at Gen. McNarney's statement, welcoming it as a "realistic recognition of the situation." Arab spokesmen countered with the suggestion that the displaced Jews be allowed to settle in the United States.)

TRUMAN'S COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS STARTS WORK; WILL STUDY PRIVATE, PUBLIC GROUFS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA)--The President's Committee on Civil Rights, meeting in its second session at the White House within a month, today announced the appointment of three sub-committees to explore the civil liberties problem, and conferred with representatives of the Department of Justice concerning the department's activities in the civil rights field.

Charles E. Wilson, chairman of the committee, and president of the General Electric Company, announced the sub-committees and their members as follows:

1. A committee to consider and determine the adequacy of existing federal legislation and to recommend proposed new legislation: The Right Reverend Henry Knox Sherrill, Francis P. Matthews, Dr. Frank P. Graham, John S. Dickey and Mrs. Sadie T. Alexander.
2. A committee to consider the broader social, economic and educational aspects of promoting the cause of civil liberties throughout the country: Charles Luckman, the Most Reverend Francis J. Haas, James B. Carey, Channing H. Tobias and Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn.
3. A committee to consider the work of private organizations whose activities affect civil rights: Morris L. Ernst, Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Boris Shiskin and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.

The appointment of Mr. Dickey, president of Dartmouth College, and Mr. Roosevelt as vice-chairmen of the committee and as an executive committee to serve with him, was also announced by Mr. Wilson. Professor Robert K. Carr, chairman of the government department at Dartmouth College, was appointed by the committee as executive secretary.

U.S. BILL OF RIGHTS BODY EMPOWERED TO CONSULT ANY GROUP WHICH CAN FURTHER ITS WORK

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 6. (JTA)--The U.N. Commission on Human Rights today empowered the working group which is drafting an International Bill of Rights to consult any persons or document it deems necessary to further its work.

It was decided, however, that pending a decision by the Economic and Social Council, the commission will take no final action on the question of relations with non-governmental bodies.

WORLD AGUDAH SUBMITS PETITION TO UNITED NATIONS ASKING FOR FREEDOM OF SHECHITAH

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 6. (JTA)--A petition urging the adoption by the United Nations of a declaration that Jews be allowed to practice ritual slaughtering without legal interference, was submitted today to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights by representatives of the Agudas Israel World Organization.

At present, Shechitah is prohibited in Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Poland and Costa Rica. The petition was presented by Rabbi Jeremiah J. Serman and Rabbi Michael L. Munk. It was received by Prof. John P. Humphrey, director of the Human Rights Division of the United Nations.

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE APPOINTS BODY TO STUDY U.S. POLICY ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA)- A sub-committee to specialize in U.S. policy relating to Palestine, Transjordan, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Turkey and Egypt was yesterday appointed by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, it was announced today.

Members on the sub-committee are: Representatives Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota, Lawrence H. Smith of Wisconsin, and Chester E. Morrow of New Hampshire, all Republicans, and Democrats Thomas S. Gordon of Illinois and William M. Colmer of Mississippi.

BOSTON TEMPLE PLANTS 10,000 TREES IN PALESTINE; LAUDED BY J.N.F. PRESIDENT

BOSTON, Feb. 6. (JTA)- A dedication dinner celebrating completion of a Palestine forest bearing the name of Temple Kehillath Israel of Brookline, was held at the Temple last night.

Judge Morris Rothenberg of New York, president of the Jewish National Fund, who was the principal speaker, lauded the Jewish community of New England for its role in the land reclamation and reforestation program of the JNF in Palestine. "Today, in the midst of a severe political crisis, we are setting new saplings into the soil of Jewish Palestine as symbols of our unshakable faith in the triumph of a just cause," he said.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY JAMES N. ROSENBERG OPENS; SEVERAL ACQUIRED BY MUSEUMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA)--Many notables and art experts last night attended the opening of an exhibition of recent paintings by James N. Rosenberg prominent Jewish leader, at the Wildenstein Gallery here.

Mr. Rosenberg, whose paintings have been acquired by fifteen museums and other institutions in many cities in the United States, has in his new exhibit "Atomism" paintings, foreshadowing what may be man's future in the grip of the atomic age. Three of the canvasses have been loaned by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the Smithsonian Institute.

SYNAGOGUES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY WILL MARK "RED CROSS DAY;" RABBIS TO DEVOTE SERVICES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA)- Synagogues throughout the country will mark February 22 as "Red Cross Day," in accordance with a custom established early during the war, the American Red Cross announced today. They said that the Synagogue Council of America determined the date.

Rabbis are urged by the Red Cross to devote a part of their services on Red Cross Sabbath to the work of the organization in all fields of humanitarian endeavor.