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MARSHALL INDICATES BRITAIN MAY NOT BE PREPARING TO IMPOSE MARTIAL LAW IN PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Secretary of State George C. Marshall today hinted that Britain may not be planning to impose martial law in Palestine, and attributed the widely-held belief that military rule is imminent to the various published reports that have been appearing.

(At a meeting in London this afternoon with Jewish Agency representatives, Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones is reported to have said that the letter sent to the Jewish Agency on Monday did not constitute an ultimatum and the reports of impending action were exaggerated. He added that there was no cause for alarm.)

Volunteering his remarks on Palestine to the first press conference he has held since assuming the position of Secretary, Marshall said that in his opinion there has been some confusion as to the purposes of the British Government's actions in Palestine. He said that it has been assumed that the measures taken indicate strong military action, and expressed the belief that this is not the case at all.

The Secretary disclosed that the United States is being kept closely informed on the progress of the delicate negotiations on Palestine which are currently under way in London. He expressed the hope that the contending parties will sit down to a pacific settlement of the vexatious issues, and voiced concern as to the actual situation in Palestine itself.

Marshall refused to elaborate further, stating that he had probably said too much already, and that it was necessary to be very careful in what he said because of the London negotiations.

Referring to his recent letter to Senator Vandenberg, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, in which he listed legislation for entry of displaced persons into the United States among the priority plans of the State Department, Marshall said that he was not prepared at this time to specify the number of DP's that would be recommended for entry. This is being given very careful consideration, according to the Secretary, and will be first discussed before the committees of Congress which will write the legislation.

BRITAIN SUBMITS PLAN TO JEWS, ARABS; REJECTS PARTITION; READY TO ADMIT 100,000 JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The British Cabinet today agreed on a proposed solution of the Palestine problem and submitted it to Jewish and Arab representatives for observation and comment.

Following the Cabinet meeting, Colonial Secretary Creech-Jones conferred for an hour with leaders of the Jewish Agency. Last night Creech-Jones and Bevin met with David Ben Gurion and other leaders of the Jewish Agency. No statements were made after the two conferences.

British quarters today indicated that the new proposal provides for the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine, even in the face of Arab opposition, should

Jewish leaders agree to accept "federalization" instead of partition. The proposal is attributed to Bevin who is pictured as feeling that the Cabinet's rejection of partition would be a concession to the Arabs, while the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine would be a concession to the Jews. Bevin is also reported to believe that such a step would have the support of the United States.

No details of the new proposal will be published before the British Government resumes its talks with the Arab delegations and Jewish leaders. British officials hope that this will be early next week, which would give the Arabs and Jews time to study the plan. If any agreement emerges, it is understood that the Cabinet has pledged itself to accept it. In the event there is no agreement, the Cabinet has made no advance commitment concerning its attitude.

Local Administration under Trusteeship Is Believed to Be Offered

Local administration for a limited period under trusteeship is believed to form the basis of the new British proposal. This would imply that the plan envisages emergence of an autonomous state at the end of that period. It is understood that when he submitted the scheme to the Jewish and Arab representatives, Bevin declared that he would "at all cost" avoid imposing it against the will of either the Jews or the Arabs. British circles indicated that should both sides reject the proposal, recourse to the United Nations would appear to be the only solution.

The Jewish Agency was taking steps today to convene a meeting with the participation of representatives of the Anglo-Jewish Association, Agudas Israel and the Board of Deputies of British Jews to discuss the proposal. Leaders of the Anglo-Jewish Association today sent a letter to the London Times appealing to the Jewish Agency to assist the British Government. "The Jews throughout the world have deep appreciation of the humanity and justice which Britain so long manifested toward Jews everywhere," the letter stated, expressing the hope that "a lasting and just solution will soon be found for the tragic situation in Palestine."

Jews in Palestine Prepare for Martial Law; Map Plans for Food and Industry

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Preparations for uninterrupted production in factories and shops and for providing workers' families with food, even during curfew periods, were completed here today by the Histadruth as part of a general plan to meet "any eventuality."

The left-wing Hashomer Hatzair, which had been erroneously reported as favoring acceptance of the Palestine Government's ultimatum, today cabled trade unions and Labor Parties in Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union and other democratic countries, asking them to intervene against the imposition of martial law, which "will only frustrate the democratic Jewish community's effort to end terrorism." It urges a solution leading to an independent bi-national state under the control of the Big Three.

(Philip Murray, president of the C.I.O., today appealed to Foreign Minister Bevin not to impose military law. "Such a policy would be dangerous in its reaction on the American public," he said. "The steadily deteriorating situation requires action in accord with the British Labor promises to Jews. The threat of martial law and the evacuation of British women and children have increased tension and does irreparable harm.")

"Operation Polly," the British designation for the evacuation of women, children and non-essential males from Palestine, has been completed, the authorities announced today. All Britons remaining have been ordered to remain in their quarters through Saturday and Sunday, it was learned here.

BRITISH ATTORNEYS INSTRUCTED TO APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL IN BEHALF OF DOV GRUNER

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A well-known firm of British solicitors has been instructed to file an appeal with the Privy Council on behalf of Dov Gruner, condemned Palestinian Jew, by Max Seligman, Palestine attorney now in London. Seligman received instructions from Gruner's lawyers in Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, the lawyers have cabled Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham advising him of their action and urging a postponement of Gruner's execution. A similar note was also submitted to the Colonial Office here.

(Max Kritzman, one of Gruner's two lawyers, visited the condemned man today and said after he left the prison that he had little hope that Gruner's sister, Mrs. Helen Friedman, who is now en route to Palestine by air, will be able to persuade him to sign an appeal. Kritzman said that Gruner asked that he not be bothered any further. "If I must die, let me die in peace," the lawyer quoted him as stating.)

The executive of the Revisionist Party has submitted a memorandum to the presidium of the Zionist Actions Committee demanding immediate convocation of the Committee to discuss the present Palestine situation. The letter protested the fact that the Jewish Agency is conducting negotiations with the British Government under the present conditions.

Fifteen Jews Dragged Across Border, Then Charged with "Illegal Entry"

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Fifteen Jewish residents of a settlement near the Syrian border will go on trial tomorrow before a Syrian court on charges of illegal entry, it was learned today.

The fifteen are reported to have been forcibly dragged across the border by Syrian frontier guards and then charged with attempting to slip into the country. The settlers were beaten while resisting the guards.

SLOVAK OFFICIALS FANNING ANTI-SEMITISM AMONG HUNGARIAN DEPORTEES; POGROM FEARED

BUDAPEST, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Local Slovak officials are spreading anti-Semitic propaganda among Hungarians in southern Slovakia who are being uprooted and sent to the Sudeten area for farm labor, it was revealed here by the Jewish newspaper "Ujelet."

In a letter from a Slovakian Jew, it is disclosed that the Slovak authorities are telling the deportees that the Jews have acquired large parcels of land in Sudetenland and are demanding slave laborers. The writer warns that unless the propaganda is suppressed, a pogrom of major proportions may break out.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE ALL COMPLAINTS SENT TO U.N.

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The U.N. Commission on Human Rights today authorized its chairman, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, to receive communications concerning human rights addressed to it or other organs of the U.N.

Although the Commission has no authority to act on complaints, the communications will be brought to the attention of the Commission to aid its work. Before each session of the Commission, the Secretary-General will be asked to furnish the group with a confidential list of communications on human rights which have been received by the U.N. since the last meeting of the Commission.

It was announced that a conference of international non-governmental organizations will be held here between Feb. 10 and 14. One of the features of the conference will be a discussion of U.N. activities in the fields of human rights, prevention of discrimination and refugees.

AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT ADOPTS RESTITUTION LAWS; JEWS APPLY FOR RETURN OF PROPERTY

VIENNA, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Austrian Parliament today passed the "Second" and "Third Restitution Laws" providing for the return of Nazi-looted property now in the hands of the Austrian Government and property seized by the Nazis which was later sold to private individuals who are still in possession.

Edward Ludwig, president of the parliament, announced that 26,000 applications have already been made for the return of property formerly owned by Jews and non-Jews. He also disclosed that there are obstacles to the return of some property which the Soviet occupation authorities claim under the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration which gave them legal right to German property. Ludwig said he hoped for an early agreement with the Russians which would release property to be returned to political and religious persecutees.

Homes for some of the ill-housed Jewish survivors in Austria may soon be available, it was learned today. The Soviet Army has ordered families of Russian servicemen living with them in Austria to return to the U.S.S.R. by March 23. The Austrian authorities have promised that some of the houses which become available by that date will be reserved for Jewish repatriates from Shanghai and elsewhere.

SIX DISPLACED JEWS GO ON TRIAL FOR ALLEGED ASSAULT ON AMERICAN PERSONNEL AT DP CAMP

MUNICH, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Six displaced Jews today went on trial before a military government summary court in Bamberg charged with assaulting American personnel at the Bamberg DP camp Jan. 22.

The incident occurred when two American investigators, wearing civilian clothes, attempted to enter the camp. DP policemen guarding the gate took the two men into custody until proper identification could be made. Both men were released as soon as it was established that they were Americans.

The arrival here of refugees from Eastern Europe, which had increased last week to 100 daily, has dropped again to the "normal" rate of 25 or less per day.

GEN. MORGAN, ONCE CHARGED WITH ANTI-SEMITISM, APPEALS FOR ADMISSION OF DP'S TO BRITAIN

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- British General Frederick Morgan, former UNRRA chief in Germany, who last year was charged with having made anti-Semitic statements concerning Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe, today appealed to the British Government to admit 250,000 displaced persons, particularly Jews, to Britain.

Referring to the displaced Jews, he said: "It is inconceivable that they should stay on the scene of their decimation among people who butchered their nearest and dearest." He advised that they be admitted "not as expatriated minorities, but as the families of our friends." He also charged that UNRRA had failed "notoriously" in its DP operations.

It is not likely that large numbers of displaced Jews in the British zone in Germany would want to come to England as domestic or agricultural laborers, even if the government should be willing to admit them, it was reported here yesterday.

Mrs. Rose Henriques, who has just returned from a two-week tour of the DP camps in the British zone on behalf of the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad, said that she had instructed the Committee's field workers to inform the DP's of the possibility that they might be admitted to fill those job categories, but the response is not expected to be great. Her inquiries were motivated by a recent report that the government would admit 80,000 displaced Jews to fill certain essential positions.