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JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS CONFER WITH BEVIN; SUBMIT OBSERVATIONS ON BRITISH PROPOSAL

LONDON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Jewish Agency today met with Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones for two hours and submitted to them the Agency's reaction to the latest British proposal for the solution of the Palestine problem.

An official communique issued following the meeting does not reveal the nature of the Jewish comments. However, it is understood that the Jewish leaders pointed out that the government proposal must be rejected for the following reasons:

1. The proposed admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine is not satisfactory because it is spread over a period of two years. Furthermore, there is no assurance of continued Jewish immigration at the end of the two-year period.
2. The Jewish Agency regards the British proposal as ruling out the possibility of the establishment of a Jewish state.
3. There is no assurance in the proposal that the land and water resources of Palestine will be developed on a national basis.
4. The proposal, in providing for a five-year period of trusteeship, ignores the Jewish demand for a final solution of the Palestine problem. The plan thus means five years of uncertainty leading to no definite solution.

A Jewish Agency spokesman, commenting on the British proposal, today said: "Since the publication of the Morrison Plan we have been awaiting modifications which would bring it more into line with our demands. Such modifications as are in this proposal only take it further from our demands."

Further Jewish-British Talks Possible; Arabs Reject Plan

Further talks between the Agency leaders and members of the Cabinet were not ruled out today. At the same time, Dr. Fadil Jamali, spokesman for the Arab delegations to the Conference on Palestine, tonight announced that after long consideration of the British proposal, the Arab delegations rejected it as "unsuitable to form the basis of discussion." The rejection was sent today to Bevin, he revealed.

Representatives of Jewish organizations met today under the chairmanship of David Ben Gurion to hear a report of the Agency's informal talks with the representatives of the Government. The meeting was attended by leaders of the Jewish Agency, Anglo-Jewish Association, Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Agudas Israel. Acting Chief Rabbi Lazarus was also present.

Representatives of the Agudas Israel met this afternoon with Creech-Jones prior to the meeting between the members of the Cabinet and the Agency leaders.

JEWISH BODIES IN PALESTINE REJECT GOVT. ULTIMATUM, WARN AGAINST COLLECTIVE REPRISALS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council today rejected the ultimatum presented to them last Monday by the Palestine Government.

A few hours before the expiration of the seven-day waiting period specified in the ultimatum, the Agency told Chief Secretary Henry Gurney that any appeal by it to the Jewish population, asking them to inform on the extremists, would not only be ineffective, but would be likely to cause more harm than good.

"The Agency desires to point out the grave responsibility the government would be assuming by resorting to reprisals and collective punishments against an entire community for acts committed by a small minority who are flouting the authority of that community," the reply said.

"The executive is fully alive to the dangers threatening the Jewish people from the growth of the terrorist movement in Palestine," it continued. "It holds, however, that restoration of peace and order is inextricably bound up with a solution of the political problem of the country.

"It therefore came as a painful surprise to the executive that at the very time of discussions between His Majesty's Government and the Jewish Agency, aiming at a satisfactory settlement, the Palestine Government should have precipitated this issue by addressing to the Agency a communication which could but cause grave concern, and may lead to further deterioration of the situation.

"As you are aware, representatives of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish community have on numerous occasions condemned bloodshed and terrorism as a method of political action. This condemnation has been expressed in terms which should have ruled out any doubt of their sincerity such as was implied in your letter. In addition to denouncing terrorism, the Zionist Actions Committee called on the Yishuv to isolate terrorist groups and deny them all encouragement, support and assistance."

The Agency then pointed out that "however determined to oppose terrorism, it cannot 'make use' of the resources of a government which is enforcing a policy regarded by the community as a breach of the fundamental law of the country."

The Jewish National Council said that it "finds itself unable to call upon the Yishuv, engaged as it is in its struggle for its rights and freedom, to accede to the government's request."

NEW "SECURITY" RESTRICTIONS WILL LIMIT MOVEMENT OF ALL INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Further extensions of British "security" restrictions will take effect here Thursday when the movement of all inhabitants of the city will be limited to certain areas.

The first victim of the new security set-up in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv was Idl Yankelevitch, 20, who was shot last night by soldiers while entering the security zone in Tel Aviv. Yankelevitch, who was wounded in the back and arm, had no pass, the sentries said.

Food importers throughout the country are encountering considerable difficulty due to erratic rail service between Palestine and Egypt because of constant troop transfers and other reasons. Despite the Food Controller's assurance that there will be no food shortage, merchants fear that food stocks will dwindle.

THREE PALESTINE JEWS SENTENCED TO DEATH, ONE TO LIFE; SEIZED AFTER FLOGGINGS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Three young Jews were sentenced to death today and one to life imprisonment by a British military court which convicted them of illegal possession of arms and offering resistance to British troops.

Hayim Gorovelski, 17, received the life term, apparently because of his youth, while Dov Rosenbaum, 24, Eliezer Kashani, 23, and Mordechai Elkushi, 21, were condemned to death. After sentence had been pronounced, they arose and sang Hatikvah.

The four were captured at a road block between Tel Aviv and Lydda on Dec. 29 during a country-wide man-hunt for members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi who flogged a British officer and several non commissioners. When they were seized in a taxi that tried to crash through the road barrier, they had a sub-machinegun, two revolvers, four bombs and two rawhide whips. A fifth man in the taxi died as a result of wounds.

The defendants today refused the aid of counsel and told the court that they would not enter a plea. It is the contention of Irgunists that they are prisoners of war and that British courts have no jurisdiction over them.

The Palestine Government has not yet set a date for the execution of Dov Gruner, a government spokesman announced today.

(A special appeal for permission to file a plea on behalf of Gruner was filed today with the Privy Council on behalf of Frank Gruner of New York, the condemned man's uncle.)

Two alleged terrorists, Nechemia Fishbein, 20, of Tel Aviv and Itzhak Tabelski of Haifa escaped last night from the Latrun detention camp, where they had been confined for several months.

LA NEGEV ARRIVALS TRANSFERRED TO CYPRUS; JEWISH AGENCY SAYS DEPORTATIONS SPUR TERRORISM

HAIFA, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The British merchant vessel Empire Heywood left this port for Cyprus this morning carrying 656 men, women and children who arrived here yesterday aboard the blockade-runner La Negev.

One of those wounded during a clash between the passengers and a boarding party, and a later fracas on the pier when the refugees were being trans-shipped, died today. The name of the victim was not immediately announced. Several other wounded are still in hospitals.

Prior to the departure of the Empire Heywood, a Jewish Agency spokesman, appealing to the government to allow the immigrants to remain, told a press conference that "every deportation provides an atmosphere and a state of mind on which terrorism feeds. Deportations are a disturbing factor in the Yishuv's fight against terrorism," he continued. "We cannot tell Jews to combat terrorism when their suffering brethren are deported."

BRITISH PLACE EMBARGO ON PALESTINE PORTS; AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH SHIPS BARRED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- As part of their extraordinary security measures, which have disrupted normal trade and commerce, the British authorities have placed an embargo on Palestine ports, and notified British and Australian vessels not to call here. Local merchants have been advised to instruct foreign firms with which they deal to ship imports by way of Alexandria.

FRENCH PRO-FASCISTS HOLD SECOND LARGE MEETING IN WEEK; SHOUT "DEATH TO JEWS"

PARIS, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Cries of "Death to the Jews" and "Back to Buchenwald and the Crematoriums for the Jews" were shouted here today at a well attended meeting of pro-fascist organizations, the second such meeting in Paris within a week.

The French Socialist Party has cabled an appeal to the British Labor Party urging its intercession with the government to prevent the application of martial law in Palestine. The French League for the Rights of Man has adopted a resolution urging commutation of the death sentence imposed on Dov Gruner.

LEADERS OF THE COLUMBIANS GO ON TRIAL TODAY; TIES WITH PRO-NAZI ELEMENTS UNCOVERED

ATLANTA, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Columbians, anti-Semitic and anti-Negro organization with headquarters here, has made efforts to set up branches in many other states and has contacted other pro-fascist, nationalist organizations, it was disclosed today by Solicitor-General Ernest E. Andrews on the basis of information uncovered by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

League investigators found that one Raymond C. Vick, who has a police record dating back to 1931, had been authorized by Emory Burke and Homer Loomis, Jr., Columbian leaders, to establish a branch in his home city of Indianapolis. Plans were afoot for other branches in Wisconsin, Florida, Tennessee, Texas, Minnesota and California. Contact had been made with nationalist groups in those states, which offered to cooperate with the Columbians.

Burke, Loomis and Ira Jett, a third member, are to go on trial tomorrow charged with illegal possession of dynamite. The first two are also accused of rioting. New evidence of Burke's ties with pro-Nazi forces have also been obtained by the Anti-Nazi League. It cited a letter written by Burke on Feb. 13, 1943, in which he stated: "If Germany falls, the entire white race falls, and the world will be turned over to the barbarian Asiatic and filthy Jew."

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY GETS BILL TO OUTLAW RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS IN REALTY DEEDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A bill has been introduced into the New York State Assembly to outlaw restrictive clauses prohibiting owners of houses to sell or rent their property to Negroes, Jews or members of other minority groups. Among the supporters of the bill is the American Jewish Congress.

The state of New York is more advanced in dealing with discrimination matters than any state in the union, Sen. Irving M. Ives declared last night at a conference of the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League here. Asserting that neither the federal government nor any other state has made the same progress as New York in barring discrimination in employment, Ives called for anti-discrimination legislation by Congress.

POLICE INVESTIGATING FIRE IN CAIRO SYNAGOGUE; LIBRARY AND VALUABLE BOOKS DESTROYED

CAIRO, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Local police officials are investigating a fire in an ancient synagogue in Cairo's Jewish quarter. Before firemen brought the blaze under control the library and a large number of valuable books and manuscripts were destroyed. It is believed that the fire was started by thieves.

JEWISH POPULATION OF BERLIN NEARLY DOUBLED SINCE WAR'S END; ANTI-SEMITISM IS DORMANT

PARIS, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of Berlin has almost doubled since V-E Day, Eli Rock, JDC representative in the former Reich capital reported here.

Rock said that the community has increased from 8,000 men, women and children early in 1945 to 14,000 at present. A peak of 16,000 was reached during this past summer. More than 7,000 displaced Jews are living in two nearby DP camps. Among the Jews in the city about 1,700 are survivors of concentration camps and 1,300 were in hiding in Germany throughout the Nazi regime.

The Germans in the city display little open anti-Semitism, Rock declared, but he said that a good deal of deep-rooted anti-Jewish feeling persists and comes out in private conversations.

Among the Jews a greater emphasis on Jewish life and culture is evident. But Jewish education is a haphazard thing, chiefly because transportation is disrupted. A Jewish school has been established and children attend for two-week semesters, during which they are fed at school and do not have to return to their homes several times during the day. A new Jewish hospital was recently opened by the J.D.C.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING U.N. CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL BODIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today announced that it has five representatives and one adviser attending the Conference on International Organizations being held at Lake Success under U.N. auspices. The conference, which opened today, will continue through Friday.

The Congress representatives are Dr. Maurice L. Perlsweig, chief of the political department; Harvey Dubinsky, secretary of the political department; Dr. O. Karbach, assistant to the secretary-general; Sylvain Cahn-Debre, chief of the Paris office, and M.A. Appel of the information section. Dr. Kalman Stein, head of the relief and rehabilitation section of the Congress is acting as adviser.

TRUMAN RECEIVES CERTIFICATE FOR JEWISH CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL FOREST IN PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- President Truman was today presented with a certificate for a grove of 1,000 trees to form the center of a Children's Memorial Forest in Palestine. The presentation was made by two Broadway child stars, Richard Tyler and Joyce Van Patten, for the American Christian Palestine Committee.

The Memorial Forest, to be situated near Nazareth, is a gift of the Christian children of the United States in memory of the 1,000,000 Jewish children killed in Europe during the war.

In accepting the certificate, President Truman and Senator Owen Brewster of Maine, a co-chairman of the Committee, who participated in the ceremony, said they would like to go to Palestine and see the trees grow. Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson was also present.

Following their call at the White House, Joyce Van Patten and Richard Tyler were guests at a luncheon held by the Committee. Secretary Anderson, Senator Brewster and Dean Howard M. Le Sourd, director of the committee, were principal speakers. Secretary Anderson pointed out that the memorial served the two-fold purposes of acquainting American children with the human problem of the Jewish children who perished under Hitler, and of helping them to understand the problems of soil conservation through reforestation. Richard Tyler, currently starring in the Broadway play, "Christopher Blake," and co-chairman of the drive for the forest, told the group that "If more than a million Jewish children were old enough to die, then we are old enough to do something about it."

DISSOLUTION OF JEWISH AGENCY DEMANDED BY CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Former Senator Guy M. Gillette last night was re-elected president of the American League for a Free Palestine as the Conference on Hebrew Liberation sponsored by the League closed after two days of consideration of resolutions and programs for immediate American action on the Palestine problem. The conference delegates chose a national executive board of 35 members to serve during the present year.

One of the final acts at the last plenary session was adoption of a resolution urging the dissolution of the Jewish Agency and calling upon Zionists to join in the formation of a Provisional Government for Palestine. The Jewish Agency was accused of promoting "appeasement of and collaboration with the British oppressors."

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN ELECTED NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein has been elected national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, it was announced here today at U.P.A. headquarters.

In accepting the post, Dr. Goldstein said that the over all program of the U.P.A. and its agencies in Palestine will entail a total expenditure of more than \$85,000,000 this year. He emphasized that despite the current crises in the Middle East, "hundreds of thousands of homeless Jews in Europe are ardently looking to Palestine as the only hope of overcoming the bitter nightmare of the past and the bleak hopelessness of their present DP status."

B'NAI B'RITH LAUNCHES PROJECT TO EXPEDITE EMPLOYMENT OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- "Jobs for the physically handicapped" is the slogan of a nation-wide program, inaugurated today by the B'nai B'rith.

Announcement of the project came from Henry Monsky, national president, who said that the over-all program will be delegated to the National Post-war Service-Americanism Department of the organization. B'nai B'rith lodges and women's chapters have been urged to launch the campaign through close cooperation with well established governmental and public agencies engaged in retraining and obtaining employment for the handicapped as well as with civic groups in all communities.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY WILL MEET IN THE UNITED STATES NEXT MONTH

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. David W. Senator, former member of the Jewish Agency executive and administrator of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has arrived here in connection with the first meeting of the University's board of governors which is to take place in this country next month.

JEWISH AGENCY AND J.D.C. SENDING 200 TEACHERS FROM PALESTINE TO D.P. CAMPS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -Two-hundred Jewish teachers are to be sent from Palestine to DP camps in Germany, Austria and Italy, it was announced jointly today by representatives of the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee. The JDC will pay for their transportation and provide their maintenance and textbooks.