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**PALESTINE ISSUE WILL GO TO UNITED NATIONS IF BRITISH PROPOSALS REJECTED, BEVIN SAYS**

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin today announced that the British Government "will probably have to submit the whole Palestine matter to the United Nations" if Jews and Arabs refuse to accept his proposal.

Bevin disclosed the British position at a meeting of the Conference on Palestine. At the session, the Arabs reiterated their demand that Palestine be made an independent state, while Bevin replied that he had no alternative proposal to make.

Today's session of the conference reached an impasse, and no compromise is visualized. After meeting for three hours, Bevin told the Arab delegations that he would report the stand of the Arabs and Jews to the Cabinet on Friday and would then inform them of the Cabinet's views. Friday's session of the conference was officially described today as the final meeting.

**Revision of White Paper is Justified, He Tells Arabs**

Today's meeting opened with a long statement by Bevin in which he declared that a solution appeared to be as remote as ever. The Labor Party, he pointed out, felt it had a perfect right to ask for a revision of the White Paper on Palestine, since it believed the restrictions could not be enforced indefinitely by British troops. The problem ought not to be incapable of solution, he added.

The government, Bevin continued, is particularly anxious not to outrage Arab opinion or disturb political relationships in the Middle East. Britain, he declared, would have preferred to stand aside and let the Jews and the Arabs work out a solution themselves.

Replying to Bevin's statement, the Arab representatives warned that further Jewish immigration into Palestine would lead to explosions throughout the Arab Middle East. They replied affirmatively when Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones asked if they wanted the British to wash their hands of the Palestine mandate and get out of the country. They added that they were prepared to keep order during the transition period preceeding Arab independence in Palestine.

**Arab Memorandum Rejecting the Bevin Plan Is Made Public**

The Government today released the Arab memorandum rejecting the newest British proposal on Palestine. The Arabs emphasized their demand for "immediate independence in an undivided, unpartitioned Palestine" and insisted that Jewish immigration be halted and Arab lands be "protected."

The memorandum points out that the British proposal was being rejected because it disregards the fundamental principles of the proposed Arab scheme. The Arabs, it says, have been denied self-government for twenty-five years, and there is no need for a trusteeship. It terms the British federalization plan "another guise for partition" and charges Britain with "appeasing the American point of view."

BRITISH REINFORCING TROOPS THROUGHOUT PALESTINE FOR ACTION AGAINST UNDERGROUND

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- British troop installations throughout Palestine are being brought up to full strength in anticipation of large-scale action against the Jewish underground, which, according to reliable reports, will be launched next week to coincide with a British Government announcement of policy.

High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham is understood to have conferred yesterday with Lieut. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, retiring British commander in Palestine, who left today for Cairo. The security situation in the country is reported to have been the subject of their discussions.

Barker is scheduled to meet tonight in Cairo with his successor, Maj. Gen. G.H.A. Mac Millan, and Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey, British commander in the Middle East.

Gruner Given Indefinite Reprieve Pending Action by Privy Council

As his last official act before leaving, Barker announced that he had given an indefinite reprieve to Dov Gruner, pending action by the Privy Council on the appeal filed in London by attorney Max Seligman, acting for the condemned Irgunist's uncle, Frank Gruner of New York.

(Gruner's sister, Mrs. Helen Friedman, who had been delayed in New York by bad flying weather for almost a week, arrived in Eire today en route to Palestine. She was expected to resume her journey tonight.)

The threat of violence between anti-terrorist forces and the extremists grew tonight with the reported kidnapping by the Hashomer Hatzair, left-wing labor group, of Israel Gubani, 20, who is reputed to be a member of the Irgun. The kidnapping presumably is in reprisal for the attack on a Hashomer Hatzair club in Tel Aviv last night, during which two members were injured, and the simultaneous firing of a Hashomer Hatzair headquarters in Rehovoth.

Irgun and Hashomer Hatzair Kidnap Each Other's Members

Following the kidnapping, an anonymous caller telephoned all newspapers in Tel Aviv, disclosing the abduction of Gubani, who was seized in Rehovoth, and revealing that two Hashomer Hatzair members had been kidnapped in reprisal.

The Irgun secret radio tonight called on Jewish youth to take up arms since "Jewish leaders have given up the struggle. They went to London, and what did they receive?" the broadcast asked. "The Bevin plan, which provides for a Jewish ghetto in an Anglo-Arab state." It warned that the British "contemplate the destruction of the spirit of Jewish resistance, which, however, is stronger than steel." The broadcast urged the young Jews of Palestine not to fear martial law, "since the Palestine Government contemplates even worse measures."

The military authorities announced that they will pay compensation to persons evicted from houses and apartments in the recently established security zones. Previously, the army had maintained that the evictions were caused by terrorist action, and, therefore, the Jews themselves were responsible.

The Arab press reports that Fawzi Bey Kaukaji, who led Arab terrorist gangs in the riots of 1936-38, has returned to Palestine. He fled before the outbreak of the war to escape capture by the British.

IMMIGRANT SHIP CARRYING 1,000 PALESTINE-BOUND REFUGEES REPORTED CAPTURED BY BRITISH

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- British destroyers were reported tonight to be escorting into Haifa the second Jewish blockade runner captured this week.

The vessel, which is rumored to carry 1,000 passengers, is believed to be the same ship which called at Le Havre last week and touched at a small port near Algiers on Sunday night. It left Sweden on Jan. 24 flying the Honduras flag.

The port district of Haifa was cut off from the rest of the city at 6 p.m. and heavy police and troops reinforcements were sent into the dock area, indicating that the ship was expected to arrive tonight.

AUSTRALIA WILLING TO ADMIT 6,000 DISPLACED JEWS, U.N. COMMISSION IS TOLD AT GENEVA

GENEVA, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- A detailed survey on the possibilities of emigration of displaced persons to overseas lands was presented today by Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, to the preparatory commission of the U.N. International Refugee Organization now in session here.

Sir Herbert carefully avoided mentioning Palestine in his report. He said that Australia has agreed to admit 6,000 and that a Brazilian mission now surveying Austria found the DP's there "of high quality material." Latin-American countries, he said, want skilled labor, but Argentina will give preference to Italians and Spaniards. He stressed the difficulties in arranging shipping facilities.

Praising the activities of the Joint Distribution Committee among the displaced Jews in Europe, he expressed the hope that the re-settlement of displaced persons in Western European countries will decrease the number of those seeking emigration overseas. Jewish circles here expressed astonishment at the fact that Sir Herbert ignored mention of Palestine as a country of re-settlement for displaced Jews.

Bernstein to Confer with Bevin on Admittance of DP's to Palestine

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Rabbi Philip Bernstein, adviser on Jewish affairs to the U.S. forces in Europe, arrived here today for scheduled conferences with Foreign Minister Bevin. They will discuss the recommendation by Gen. Joseph Mofarney, American commander in Germany, that Jewish DP's in the U.S. zone be permitted to enter Palestine.

SOVIET MILITARY AUTHORITIES RETURN BUILDING TO JEWISH COMMUNITY IN WARSAW

WARSAW, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- High Soviet authorities this week ordered the return to the Jewish community of a four-story building in Praga, a Warsaw suburb, which had been occupied as a Red Army hospital.

The building belonged to the Warsaw Jewish Community before the war and is one of the few Jewish structures that remained intact. It housed a Jewish trade school, a synagogue and other Jewish institutions. Although the Red Army hospital was recently removed from the building, the local Soviet military authorities in Praga refused to restore the building to the Jewish community without an order from higher authorities.

The Central Committee of Polish Jews, therefore, telegraphed a request for the building to Marshal Rokossowski, head of the Russian military forces in Poland. As a result, the building will be returned to the Jewish community within a short time. Leaders of the community will use it to house a number of children's institutions and will re-open the synagogue.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION DRAFTING REPORT ON JEWISH MATTERS TO MOSCOW PARLEY

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Restitution of property stripped from Jews by the Nazis and other Jewish demands on Germany will probably not be discussed by the conference of the Big Four Foreign Ministers in Moscow next month, but will be referred to a meeting of the ministers' deputies, which will follow the Moscow parley, Ambassador Robert Murphy, who will be Secretary of State Marshall's deputy at Moscow, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Murphy, who is political advisor to Lieut. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U.S. military governor of Germany, said that the four-power Allied Control Commission in Berlin is drafting a report for submission to the Moscow meeting, which will cover restitution and other Jewish matters. The report will probably not be ready before the end of this month.

The smaller European powers, including Poland and Czechoslovakia, are preparing memoranda for the Big Four ministers regarding reparations for the confiscated property of their nationals, including Jews.

All economic matters affecting Jewish demands for certain clauses in the treaty with Austria are now before the economic committee of the Big Four and will not come before the deputies until next week. A clause barring discrimination against any citizens on the basis of race and religion has already been approved by the deputies. It is identical with that included in the treaties just signed with the Axis satellites.

(Procedure to be followed by persons wishing to file claims for property in Austria under the recently passed restitution laws will be announced soon by the State Department, it was stated today in Washington. The text of the laws has not yet reached the Department, which is awaiting them before making the necessary announcement.)

The Anglo-Jewish Association here has virtually completed a memorandum for submission to the deputies, covering economic aspects of the Austrian treaty as far as Jews are affected. An official of the AJA said that the organization may send a committee to Moscow, but no final decision has been taken.

DISPLACED JEWS FROM BRITISH ZONE TO BE ADMITTED TO PALESTINE ON MONTHLY QUOTA

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Three hundred displaced Jews in the British zone will be allowed "immediate and direct entry" into Palestine, it was officially reported today. They are all skilled workers. Their transportation will be financed jointly by UNRRA and Jewish relief organizations.

It is understood that this will be the first group to emigrate under a plan by the British authorities providing for the issuance of 360 Palestine immigration certificates monthly to displaced Jews in the British zone. Special machinery to process the recipients of the certificates is being set up by a commission composed of representatives of civil and military authorities in the British zone, the Jewish Agency and Jewish relief organizations. The commission will select the emigrants and will arrange for their transportation.

The immigration project has been kept secret to prevent a rush of displaced Jews from other zones into the British zone, but transit camps in which the prospective emigrants will be assembled are already being established, it was reported today. The candidates will be required to satisfy certain health and vocational standards. The first group of 300, today's announcement said, will travel through Belgium and France to a port near Marseilles where they will embark for Haifa. The transfer will be known as "Operation Grand National."



ECUADOR BARS NATURALIZATION OF ALIENS; MOVE IS REVERSAL OF FORMER LIBERAL POLICY

QUITO, Ecuador, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The government of Ecuador will no longer grant citizenship to aliens, except in special cases, according to a directive issued by the office of President Jose Maria Velasco Ibarra.

The order says that aliens will enjoy all rights, except the franchise and other political privileges. It is a reversal of the previous policy enunciated by Velasco Ibarra, who had favored the granting of citizenship to all those legally eligible.

Those who will be most affected by the new directive are persons who have relinquished their previous citizenship for provisional Ecuadorean citizenship, on the assumption that they would receive permanent citizenship after the one-year probationary period.

It is thought here that the government's action may be motivated by the fact that recently several naturalized citizens emigrated as soon as they received Ecuadorean nationality, leading the authorities to believe that they had come here only to secure a valid passport.

ARGENTINE CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER ENDORSES RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN IMMIGRATION

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The Catholic daily El Pueblo this week endorsed the discriminatory immigration policy of the Argentine Government. It says that "spiritual, political and social factors" must be considered in admitting immigrants and adds that the "religious factor" should not be ignored.

The Yiddish daily, Di Presse, commenting on the Ethnic Institute, which is headed by Commissioner of Immigration Dr. Santiago Peralta, who has espoused the policy of discriminatory immigration, says that the influence of the Institute may be responsible for the difficulties now being encountered by Jewish internees and doctors in public hospitals and Jewish students in the universities.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT DELAYS DEPORTATION OF 300 JEWISH REFUGEES WHO FLED AFGHANISTAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Three hundred refugee Jews from Afghanistan threatened with immediate expulsion from India have been granted an extension of stay until the end of March, according to a cable from Bombay received by the World Jewish Congress.

The cable said that the deportation order has been stayed and that negotiations are continuing to prevent the forced departure of the 300 Jews until arrangements can be made for their resettlement. Two weeks ago, Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, chief of the political department of the Congress, intervened with Sir Girja Shanker Bajpai, K.C.S.I., K.B.E., charge d'affaires of the Indian Embassy at Washington, on behalf of the Afghanistan Jews.

FARM WORKERS AND THOSE IN BASIC INDUSTRIES FAVORED UNDER CANADIAN IMMIGRATION LAWS

OTTAWA, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Only farm workers and those with experience in basic industries will be enabled to enter Canada under the recently amended immigration regulations announced by the Canadian Government.

The new rules, however, permit the entry of orphaned nieces and nephews under 18 years of age of residents of the Dominion.

PALESTINE PROBLEM SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE U.N., LESSING ROSENWALD TELLS CONFERENCE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Declaring that the Palestine problem should be brought before the United Nations, Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council of Judaism, today told the opening session of the third annual conference of the organization that he was confident "that before the world tribunal the appeal of humanity will overcome the harsh voices of political domination."

"I am confident," Rosenwald said, "that from the council of nations proper rebuke will be given to those who presume to threaten war if their racial and nationalist ambitions are not fulfilled."

Rosenwald told delegates from twenty-two states gathered at the Hotel Warwick that "the London conference, a desperate effort to achieve a measure of stability and order, and of decision on the Palestine problem, is foundering on the rocks of artificially fostered chauvinism."

In commenting on the newest British proposals for settlement of the Palestine problem, which have been rejected by both Zionists and Arabs, Rosenwald declared: "It is to the eternal shame of the politically organized representatives of the Arabs of Palestine that they thus reject these procedures for home rule, for economic development of that country and for ultimate independence, solely because of the requirement that a haven be offered 100,000 deeply distressed human beings. I cannot forget that, for all of the conflict and all of the wretched contention in Palestine, Jews who have come to Palestine have made an amazing contribution to the upbuilding of that country. It is to the eternal shame of Zionists that they should reject proposals that include provisions for admission of 100,000 and more displaced Jews who have been sorely tried and who need, above all, home and security."

Calls for Increased DP Immigration to United States

Mr. Rosenwald called for increased immigration of displaced persons into the United States and other countries, including the admission of 100,000 into Palestine and for the adoption of an international bill of rights and adequate machinery to enforce it.

A message was received from President Truman endorsing the efforts of the Council to secure equality for Jews throughout the world, the resettlement of DP's on a non-sectarian basis, a peaceful solution of the Palestine problem and a maximum integration of "Americans of the Jewish faith into American life."

Addressing a banquet tonight, Rabbi Irving W. Reichert, of Temple Emanu-El, San Francisco, denounced "political nationalism" as a solution of the Jewish problem. He asserted that "there is nothing in the fundamental principles of Judaism which can support the demand for a Jewish political state in Palestine."

FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES OF LEAGUE FOR FREE PALESTINE WANT U.N. TO ACT ON HOLY LAND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Alfred Coste-Fleret and Rene Capitant, delegates from the French League for a Free Palestine, told a press conference here today that the French league considers it "opportune and important" to submit the question of settlement of the Palestine question to the United Nations.

French public opinion, they said, considers that the Jews in Europe have a right to go to Palestine and that such immigration would benefit not only the refugees but the whole Middle East.

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