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BRITISH CABINET AUTHORIZES BEVIN TO TAKE PALESTINE ISSUE TO UNITED NATIONS

LONDON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The British Cabinet today authorized Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin to take the Palestine question to the United Nations in view of the rejection by both Jews and Arabs of the government's latest proposals.

Bevin announced the Cabinet's decision in an address to the Arabs attending the concluding session of the Conference on Palestine. He said that a full statement of government policy would be made in Parliament at an early date. It was announced yesterday that a debate on Palestine will take place next week in Commons.

An authoritative Jewish Agency spokesman told the JTA that while the Zionists would have preferred to settle the problem through direct negotiations with the British, they were prepared to fight the case before the United Nations. He said that although the Agency might be invited to present its views, it would probably argue its case through a friendly state, which was the practice it followed at the League of Nations.

It is not known whether the British plan to take the issue to the Security Council, the General Assembly or the Trusteeship Council. The Council is in continuous session, the Assembly will not convene again until September, while the trusteeship group is scheduled to meet next month. A Foreign Office spokesman said the form in which the question would be placed before the U.N. will be stated in Parliament next week. He added that nothing was said at today's meeting with the Arabs as to the steps the government will take in Palestine prior to submitting the issue to the U.N.

In a White Paper on defense matters presented to Parliament today by Defense Minister Albert V. Alexander, the government said that "in Palestine the preservation of law and order (in the coming year) and the control of illegal immigration requires the presence of substantial forces of the three services."

The Palestine committee of the Board of Deputies, commenting on the break-down of the London talks, reaffirmed the Board's policy that any solution of the problem must be based on adherence to the Mandate, recognizing the right of Jews to immigrate and settle freely.

HAGANAH REVEALS IT BLASTED BRITISH VESSELS; AGENCY WARNS AGAINST CLASHES BETWEEN JEWS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The Haganah today disclosed that it was responsible for the blasting of two British vessels in Haifa harbor yesterday.

A broadcast on the Voice of Israel, secret Haganah radio, said that the boats--a small launch and a landing craft--were mined because they had been used to transport arriving lawless immigrants to deportation vessels. The broadcast added that immigration into Palestine will continue "under all circumstances."

A Jewish Agency spokesman, commenting today on the recent clashes between Jewish groups, said that although the situation was "serious," it was not the he-

ginning of internecine warfare. He warned, however, that if the incidents continue, they might develop into civil war.

During the night a Hashomer Hatzair club at Kfar Ata, a few miles from Haifa, was set afire by unknown arsonists. It was the third Hashomer Hatzair clubhouse to be attacked in the last week or two. There is considerable mystery surrounding the attacks, since the Irgun, which was believed responsible, has denied its members were involved.

Gen. Barker Confirms Death Sentences of Three Irgunists

Lieut. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, who relinquished command of British troops here on Wednesday, before his departure confirmed the death sentences imposed on three Irgunists, it was announced today. The three, and a fourth youth sentenced to life imprisonment, were captured in a taxi which tried to run a road block on Dec. 29 several hours after a British officer and three sergeants had been flogged. Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog and Ben Zion Uziel today appealed to Gen. Gordon H.A. MacMillan, Barker's successor, to relieve the doomed men.

It is reported that just before leaving, Barker demanded the files on the three Irgunists and confirmed the sentences without waiting for the opinion of his legal adviser, which is the usual procedure. His action is still not known in the Jewish community, since it was announced on the eve of the Sabbath after the afternoon papers had gone to press. There will be no Jewish newspapers published here until tomorrow night.

At the same time that he acted on the Irgun cases, Barker confirmed sentences imposed on five Arabs charged with similar offenses - illegal possession of arms. However, the Arabs' sentences ranged from three-months to one-year imprisonment.

Mrs. Helen Friedman, sister of Dov Gruner, who arrived here from New York yesterday, visited her brother this morning in his death cell in Jerusalem Central Prison. She spoke to him through a steel screen under the surveillance of guards. Later, Mrs. Friedman saw U.S. Consul-General Lowell C. Pinkerton, and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of Gruner.

MARSHALL BELIEVES NEGOTIATIONS ON PALESTINE STILL PROCEEDING IN LONDON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Secretary of State George C. Marshall declined any comment on the Palestine problem today on the grounds that the negotiations in London are not yet completed, and that the conferences were still struggling with the issue. He was asked at his press conference today if he would comment on Foreign Secretary Bevin's proposal to submit the issue to the United Nations.

When a British correspondent said that the negotiations had been concluded and that Bevin had announced that the question would be presented to the U.N., Marshall replied that he was informed shortly before the beginning of the press conference that negotiations were still under way.

HAGANAH SAYS ALL VISALESS JEWS BROUGHT TO PALESTINE CAME UNDER ITS AUSPICES

PARIS, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- A Haganah spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that every Jew who left Europe for Palestine via the underground since the end of the war travelled under Haganah auspices. He challenged claims by other groups - notably the Hebrew Committee for Liberation - that they had transported visaless Jews.

JEWISH GROUPS IN ENGLAND WILL SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO MOSCOW PEACE CONFERENCE

LONDON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews and other Jewish organizations here today disclosed that they have prepared draft proposals on clauses affecting Jews to be included in the peace treaties with Austria and Germany. They will be submitted to the conference of Big Four foreign ministers which is to take place in Moscow next month.

The proposals will be coordinated with a draft worked out by the American Jewish Conference and the World Jewish Congress for joint presentation, it was stated.

I.R.O. COMMISSION GETS REPORT ON HUNGARIAN "GOLD-TRAIN" FROM REFUGEE BODY HEAD

GENEVA, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, addressing the Preparatory Commission of the U.N. International Refugee Organization, today confirmed that the United States Government had authorized the transfer of the Hungarian "gold train" to his organization for the rehabilitation of survivors of Nazi persecution.

He said that the contents of the train are valued at approximately \$15,000,000 and that American military authorities were still cataloguing the valuables, which include furs, rugs, household linens, clocks, watches, and jewelry. The non-monetary gold is stored in the vaults of a bank in Frankfurt, while the remainder of the loot is in Salzburg.

Sir Herbert also reported that the Intergovernmental Committee had no funds on hand, but that it was expecting to receive in the near future 50,000,000 kronen (about \$13,500,000) from Sweden toward the total sum of \$25,000,000 allocated to it by the Allied Reparations Conference from German assets held in neutral countries. Negotiations are under way with the Swiss Government for its share of the fund, he stated.

Liberal Approach Urged on Resettlement of Jewish "Infiltrates" from Poland

Emerson urged a liberal approach in deciding which Jews are eligible for resettlement by the Intergovernmental Committee under the terms of the reparations allocation, pointing out that the Polish Jews now infiltrating the various zones of Germany and Austria are victims of the Nazis as well as of fascism in Poland.

He recalled that the Intergovernmental Commission had been authorized to co-operate with the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee in carrying out the resettlement of Jews who came under the definitions of the reparations agreement reached in Paris Dec., 1945. The functions of the Intergovernmental Committee, he said, will be transferred only to the International Refugee Organization, but he doubted that the funds available from reparations would be sufficient to rehabilitate and resettle all the Jews.

At today's session the French delegate challenged an assertion by British delegate Sir George Rendel that the Jews constituted only ten percent of the DP's in Europe. The French representative pointed out that the Jews numbered 250,000 and composed twenty-five percent of the displaced persons. He added that France would not agree to leaving the Jews in camps. Rendel later admitted that his statistics were based on the British zone alone.

At the opening of today's session, a telegram from the American Council for Judaism was read, announcing that the Council would confer with Protestant and Catholic groups on plans to resettle Jews anywhere in the world.

JEWISH DP'S WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM AUSTRIA BEFORE U.S. TROOPS LEAVE COUNTRY

PARIS, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Some 30,000 displaced Jews now in Austria will be transferred to the United States zone of Germany before American troops are withdrawn from Austria, Joseph Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, revealed here today in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

He said the attitude of the Austrian Government and people has caused concern over the fate of the Jews should they be left behind after the withdrawal of Allied troops.

Reviewing the J.D.C.'s attempt to assist the displaced Jews, he reported that the organization is launching a vast employment and training program in tailoring, carpentry, cobbling and other fields. The articles manufactured in this program will go firstly to DP's. After personal needs are met, the manufactures will be allotted to Army post exchange stores and, finally, for export.

JEWS DIE FROM HUNGER IN MOLDAVIA CAUSED BY FAILURE OF CROP; DELEGATION SEEKS MORE AID

BUCHAREST, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Fifteen Jews have died recently from hunger and cold in Moldavia whose population has been badly hit by the failure of crops, it was reported here today by a delegation from Jassy.

Most of the war-shattered homeless and pauperized Jews in Jassy depend on J.D.C. relief, the delegation said. The J.D.C. maintains three soup kitchens, issuing 2,000 meals daily. However, the number of needy Jews is much larger. The delegation appealed to the J.D.C. representative in Bucharest for increased aid, emphasizing that no food can be obtained locally, even for those able to pay.

Many non-Jewish mothers, unable to feed their children, are handing them over to the Jewish community, the delegation related. However, nothing can be done for these children since the home for Jewish children in Jassy is already overcrowded.

GESTAPO LEADERS WHO DIRECTED MURDER OF JEWS CAPTURED IN POLAND BY SURVIVORS

WARSAW, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Bertold Gross, Nazi "liquidator" of the Jewish ghetto in Kosow, Galicia, who is directly responsible for the murder of 4,000 Kosow Jews, was arrested this week in Jelenia Gora, the former Silesian town of Hirschberg, after being recognized in the street by a Jewish woman whose child he had buried alive in a mass-grave, after tearing it from her arms.

Johann Groegel, another Nazi war criminal, responsible for mass-murder of 3,000 Jews in Zolkiew, was recognized in Jawor, Silesia, where he was living in luxury on money and valuables looted from Jews. He is now awaiting trial in a Polish court.

Polish security police also arrested in Jelenia Gora 25-year-old Irena Frydryszak, who was a Nazi supervisor in the Ravensbruck camp for women and who personally participated in the torture of many Jewish women. She was recognized by two former inmates of the camp.

VIENNA JEWISH COUNCIL GETS LETTER PROTESTING RETURN OF REPATRIATES FROM SHANGHAI

VIENNA, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council of Vienna today received an anonymous letter protesting the arrival of 765 Austrian Jewish repatriates from Shanghai. "Why must the Jews come back to Vienna to take our apartments?" the letter asked. "Far too few Jews were killed in the gas chambers, but we will complete the job."

FIVE DISPLACED JEWS SENTENCED FOR BEATING U.S. ARMY INVESTIGATORS MISTAKEN FOR GERMANS

MUNICH, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- A military government summary court at Bamberg today sentenced five displaced Jews to prison terms ranging from three months to a year for assaulting two U.S. Army investigators last month. Two other DP's were acquitted. All seven were camp policemen.

The alleged beatings took place at the Bamberg DP camp when the Americans, dressed in civilian clothes, were mistaken for Germans attempting to force their way into the center. Two DP's, who were identified by the investigators as having administered the beatings, received one-year sentences. Another received a three-month term and a fourth, a nine-month term.

The camp police chief, Szino Berger, who was not present at the time of the alleged assault, and who called the military police when he was informed of the incident, received a six month sentence. All the sentences will be appealed.

PRESIDENT-ELECT OF URUGUAY SAYS HIS GOVERNMENT WILL DEFEND JEWISH RIGHTS EVERYWHERE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The Uruguayan Government will continue to maintain its friendly attitude toward the Jewish people and do everything for the defense of Jewish rights everywhere, Tomas Berreta, president-elect of Uruguay, today told Moises Toff, director of the Latin-American department of the Jewish Agency office.

Here on a visit at the invitation of the U.S. Government, Berreta expressed great interest in the present situation in Palestine and regret over the fact that a final solution of the Palestine problem has not yet been reached. He said that he believes that Jews and Arabs in Palestine can live together in peace.

MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD CHIEF PROTESTS TO EGYPT AGAINST FILM SHOWING JEWISH SETTLEMENT

CAIRO, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Hassan el Banna, leader of the fanatical anti-Zionist Moslem Brotherhood, today protested to the Egyptian Government against the showing here of a newsreel depicting Jewish re-settlement in Palestine.

The film, which is on view in three Cairo cinemas, pictures French post-war reconstruction. A few shots are devoted to the settlement of a small Palestinian village by Jewish immigrants from France.

BULGARIA PERMITS MAJOR PART OF CURRICULUM IN JEWISH SCHOOLS TO BE TAUGHT IN HEBREW

SOFIA, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The major part of the curriculum in Bulgarian Jewish schools will be taught in Hebrew under a new plan for the education of children of minority groups published here by the Ministry of Education.

Only history and geography will be taught in Bulgarian as well as the language itself. In order to prepare Jewish children for continuing their studies in Bulgarian high schools and institutions of higher education, the plan provides that the same number of hours will be spent in Bulgarian language instruction as in Hebrew.

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES TO TRAIN MORE RABBIS TO MEET SEVERE SHORTAGE

PRAGUE, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- In an effort to supply more rabbis to Jewish communities in Bohemia and Moravia, the majority of which have no spiritual leaders, the Council of Jewish Communities has decided to award a number of scholarships for rabbinical students to study in Britain and return to serve in communities which need them.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM PARLEY URGES DISTINCTION BE MADE BETWEEN "JEW" AND "ZIONIST"

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the U.S. Government and the American people "to keep in mind that no organization exists which can, with any authority whatsoever, speak on behalf of all Jews, and that it is necessary to make a clear distinction between the term 'Jew' and 'Zionist' and to realize that they are not synonymous," was adopted last night at the closing session of the national conference of the American Council for Judaism.

The conference also adopted a resolution condemning "unequivocally" all who in any capacity "make an effort to create the impression that there exists a so-called 'Jewish vote.'" Another resolution offered cooperation to Jewish religious organizations in America "for the purpose of intensifying the religious loyalty of the Jews and strengthening the religious institutions of our faith."

U.S. LABOR LEADERS CABLE BEVIN ON PALESTINE; MAY SEND LABOR DELEGATION TO JERUSALEM

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Leaders of the American Federation of Labor, C.I.O., and Railroad Brotherhoods, at a conference here addressed by Don Pines, co-editor of the Palestine labor daily "Davar," today cabled British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin that the American labor movement "is vitally concerned about the crisis in Palestine and urges immediate and just disposition of the matter."

"We protest the proposed initiation of repressive measures against Palestine Jewry and its labor movement," the cable said. "British and American labor must maintain its dignity and world leadership by its support of the Histadruth in Palestine." The conference suggested that the national executives of the AFL, CIO, and Railroad Brotherhoods send a labor delegation to Palestine as an expression of their solidarity with the Histadruth.

A joint appeal to Bevin urging the opening of Palestine for displaced Jews was also cabled today by Mayor Hubert Humphrey of Minneapolis, Mayor John McDough of St. Paul, Charles Turok, president of Macalester College, Bernhard Christiansen, president of Augsburg College, and other civic leaders of the twin cities. "Individually, and as Christian leaders, we urge that Britain fulfill its obligations to the Jewish people at the earliest possible date," the cable said. "We deeply resent the continued evasion of its Palestine responsibilities."

DR. WISE'S STATUS IN FREE SYNAGOGUE WILL BE CHANGED; COMPLETES FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The status of Dr. Stephen S. Wise will be changed from Rabbi to Senior Rabbi in the Free Synagogue in April in connection with the fortieth anniversary of the synagogue of which he was the founder, it was announced today.

The change will be made at the request of Dr. Wise who will have completed forty years of service as rabbi of the Synagogue, Frederick L. Guggenheimer, president of the congregation, said. Rabbi Edward E. Klein, ordained by the Jewish Institute of Religion in 1940, will become the rabbi of the congregation. He has been associated in the Rabbinate of the Synagogue with Dr. Wise.

CHIEF RABBI OF RUMANIA RECEIVED BY MRS. ROOSEVELT; PRESENTS SERMON EULOGIZING F.D.R.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Alexander Shafir, Chief Rabbi of Rumania, was received today by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to whom he presented an English rendition of a sermon he delivered in the Great Temple in Bucharest on the day President Roosevelt was buried. Mrs. Roosevelt said she would add the sermon to the other important writings about the late President reposing in the library at Hyde Park.

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