

ZIONIST CONVENTION WANTS U.N. TO ORDER ABOLISHMENT OF PALESTINE RESTRICTIONS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the United Nations to issue an interim order - prior to consideration of the Palestine question - instructing Britain to implement the Palestine mandate free of all restrictive enactments, was adopted here today at the extraordinary one-day Zionist conference called by the American Zionist Emergency Council and attended by 650 delegates from 37 states.

The resolution said that the Jewish Agency expected to be given representation in any of the United Nations deliberations on Palestine, and urged the U.N. to reaffirm freedom of immigration to Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish state "in clear and precise terms."

Another resolution called on the United States Government to assume leadership in the new situation and to demonstrate its intention to honor previously made pledges. Pending a final solution, the resolution urges the United States to use its influence for an interim policy based on the provisions of the mandate, particularly for immediate admission to Palestine of the 100,000 homeless Jews and removal of the discriminatory land purchase restrictions in Palestine.

The conference expressed confidence in the leadership of the Jewish Agency and the American Zionist Emergency Council and pledged the "full support of American Zionism to these leaders in their efforts to open Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and to attain Jewish statehood."

Other resolutions condemned the British regime of brutal force against the Jewish community in Palestine; called on the U.S. to secure the commutation of the pending death sentences in Palestine; and expressed solidarity and support of the Yishuv and its "nationally disciplined leadership."

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, addressing the gathering, declared that the end of the road seems to have been reached with Great Britain. He suggested that it may be advantageous to have the question reviewed by an international body whose members "are not as committed to appeasing Arabs as are the British today." He stressed the "tremendously increased role" of the United States in the ultimate decision.

"What that role will be," he said, "remains to be seen. But during the last few months the attitude of the American Government toward our cause has been more understanding, more sympathetic than it has been for a long time. And even more than that, it has been an effective manifestation of desire to be of help. If this attitude continues and is strengthened and reinforced, we may count upon a large measure of undergirding of our position by the United States."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, reporting on the negotiations with British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones, in which he participated as a member of the Jewish Agency executive, said that the British Government "is not yet ready to depart from its anti-Zionist orientation and from the principles of the White Paper."

The British Government is particularly bitter, Neumann said, at the role the United States has been playing. "There is terrific resentment at what is considered American interference." He reported complaints by Bevin that more Jews would have been settled in Palestine by now if the U.S. had not interfered.

Other speakers at the conference included Mrs. Judith Epstein, president of Hadassah, Henry Monsky and Louis Lipsky of the American Jewish Conference, Prof. Hayim Fineman of the Laborites, Gedaliah Bublik of the Mizrahi, B. Netanyahu of the Revisionists and others.

JEWISH ADVISER TO U.S. ARMY DISCUSSES IMMIGRATION OF DP'S TO PALESTINE WITH BEVIN

LONDON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Rabbi Philip M. Bernstein, adviser on Jewish affairs to the U.S. Army in Germany, disclosed today that he has been discussing with the British Government the possibility of an early, substantial movement of displaced Jews to Palestine, despite the delays in reaching a political solution of the Palestine issue. He stressed, however, that no specific figure has been mentioned.

Rabbi Bernstein met with Foreign Minister Bevin on Friday, and was given a "careful hearing," he said. Bevin promised to convey the gist of their conversations to the Cabinet. Bernstein also saw Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones and may see the Foreign Minister again before returning to Germany.

His discussions with the British had been approved by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, American commander in Germany, Bernstein said. Asked whether his visit had been approved by the State Department, he replied that it fell within the framework of the department's policy.

He revealed that he was also exploring immigration possibilities with other European countries and voiced the hope that the United States would liberalize its immigration laws. He estimated that if Palestine were open, 90 percent of the DP's would go there; if all countries admitted immigrants freely, 75 percent would go to Palestine and the rest elsewhere; while if Palestine were closed and all other countries open, about 50 percent would still wait for admittance into Palestine.

Bernstein warned that much more delay in resettlement of the Jewish DP's would be "catastrophic." He said that he had told Bevin that conditions in the camps were worsening and that the growing tension between the DP's and the Germans was held in check only by the presence of occupation troops. He emphasized that there is a strong residue of anti-Semitism in Germany, adding that "these people must not be forced to spend another winter there."

UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN CLASH AT IRO MEETING OVER HIGHER RATIONS FOR REFUGEES, DP'S

GENEVA, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- British and American delegates at the Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organization clashed today on the question of whether displaced persons and refugees should receive higher rations than the indigenous population of the area where the refugees are located at present.

The American representative, Alvin Rosenman, backed by the French delegate, M. de Rosen, challenged British delegate Sir George Rendel's suggestion that the refugees and the native population should receive the same food ration. Rosenman insisted that the I.R.O. should not set lower standards than those now being maintained in the American zone of Germany. De Rosen declared that the refugees had suffered "long enough at the hands of the Nazis" and that they needed higher rations than the Germans because they could not recover their health on a daily ration of 1,500 calories, but needed 2,000.

Rendel maintained that higher rations discouraged the refugees from returning to their former homes. He was supported by the Norwegian delegate and Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees. The Norwegian said that higher rations encouraged the DP's to remain in their camps rather than seek adjustment in the surrounding areas where conditions were worse. Emerson stated that differences in the rations bred hostility between the refugees and the native populations.

Emerson also warned the delegates that the I.R.O. funds were limited to \$112,000,000 and that it must be cautious in its use of these funds. Insisting that the I.R.O. budget was inadequate, he said that it must depend upon various governments and voluntary relief agencies to fill the gap between what the organization could supply and the refugees needed.

CZECH COMMISSION REJECTING CITIZENSHIP APPLICATIONS OF CARPATHO-RUSSIAN JEWS

PRAGUE, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- A Czechoslovak Government commission now touring Carpatho-Russia - which was ceded to the Soviet Union last year - to act on applications of residents who wish to retain Czechoslovak citizenship is refusing to accept applications from Jews who were not previously registered as of Czech or Slovak nationality, it was learned this week.

As a result the Council of Jewish Communities has sent a memorandum to the Ministry of the Interior, asking that all Carpathian Jews who attended Czech or Slovak schools or participated in Czech or Slovak cultural activities be considered Czechs or Slovaks, and that their applications be acted upon favorably.

MOST FRENCH JEWS HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED IN REOCCUPYING APARTMENTS TAKEN FROM THEM BY NAZIS

PARIS, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Although the war in Europe has been over for nearly two years most French Jews who returned here from wherever they had been deported by the Germans have not succeeded in reoccupying their apartments.

In general, the complicated legal proceedings have been completed, resulting usually in the return of commercial premises, but not apartments. Even in the relatively few cases where the court has ordered apartments restored to Jews, the police have sabotaged the verdict by refusing to evict the present occupants on the basis that to do so would create disorder. The police authorities cite the Home Office as the source of their orders, while the Home Office refers questions to the police.

1,000 DISPLACED JEWS IN EIGHT CAMPS IN GERMANY START ON A MANUFACTURING PROJECT

MUNICH, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 displaced Jews today began a children's clothing manufacturing project in eight DP camps in the American zone of Germany. The project was made possible by the cooperation of Army officials, UNRRA and the Joint Distribution Committee.

The displaced Jews will manufacture the critically needed items on machinery and tools supplied by UNRRA and the JDC. The materials are being supplied by the Army. UNRRA officials said the only factor limiting the number of workers employed on the project was the shortage of machines and shears.

The UNRRA officials also revealed that a new knitting project was planned to produce gloves, scarves and other items. It is hoped to expand the children's clothing project later to produce adult clothing.

RESURGENCE OF BRITISH ANTI-SEMITISM ENDANGERS SECURITY OF ALL BRITONS, BRODETSKY WARNS

LONDON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Recent attacks on synagogues in England if allowed to continue will endanger not only British Jews, but all Britons, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews said today, addressing a meeting of the Trades Advisory Council composed of 8,000 Jewish merchants.

"There is in this country today a small group of people outside the general run of British political life, trying to reestablish that fascism which led to the war - the greatest of all tragedies," Brodetsky said. "Fascism is being definitely preached in this country today. We Jews who live in this country, the center of political and human freedom and liberty, warn the country against it," he continued. "It may mean life and death to the Jewish people, and it may mean ruin to this country."

19 FORMER NAZIS INDICTED IN GERMAN COURT FOR PARTICIPATING IN 1938 POGROMS

NUREMBERG, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Nineteen Germans, former members of the S.S. corps, were today indicted in the town of Amberg, near here, for participating in the pogroms of 1938. They will be tried by a German court.

U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL WARNS NATIONS AGAINST TAKING RACIAL BIGOTRY FOR GRANTED

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Declaring that "we have paid too dearly for the indifference which so many people showed to Hitler when he first came to power," Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, tonight warned the member states of the U.N. against "the temptation to take racial and religious intolerance for granted."

Speaking at a round-table conference sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews in connection with the current observance of Brotherhood Week, Mr. Lie said that "it is hardly necessary for me to add that the whole world watches the United States. In this country, where so many races and religions have been brought together in a common quest for freedom, it is almost unthinkable that there should be even a suspicion of intolerance."

The struggle for racial and religious tolerance envisaged in the U.N. Charter requires that "ordinary men and women, in their ordinary day-to-day lives, shall practice racial and religious tolerance towards their fellowmen," Lie stated. He added that "the only type of intolerance to which we, in the United Nations, subscribe, is intolerance of intolerance."

VENEZUELA AGREES TO ACCEPT 5,000 REFUGEE FAMILIES FROM EUROPE THIS YEAR

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Venezuelan Government and the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees have come to an agreement under which Venezuela will admit 5,000 refugee families or 15,000 individual refugees this year, it was announced today by the United Nations.

The Intergovernmental Committee will provide the necessary transport, and the immigrants will be selected by the representatives of the Venezuelan Government, which also will be responsible for their reception and placement. It is expected that the first contingent of immigrants will be ready to depart for Venezuela about the first of May.

B'NAI B'RITH CONCLUDES TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- A testimonial dinner honoring Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts for her long record of service to veterans tonight highlighted the two-day joint conference of the B'nai B'rith Post-War Service-Americanism Commission and the National Veterans Advisory Council of the same organization. Mrs. Rogers, long active in veterans affairs, was appointed chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee in January.

The Post-War Service-Americanism Commission and the Veterans Advisory Council decided today to extend their "serve-a-hospital" program of aid to hospitalized veterans for another year and to include new hospitals now under construction in the program, to make even more extensive their veterans emergency housing program now being carried on at community level in conjunction with civic and public agencies, to sponsor Hillel Foundation centers at the new G.I. Colleges in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, and to inaugurate a new program of training and securing jobs for disabled veterans.

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