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U.S. GOVT. ASKS BRITAIN FOR CLARIFICATION OF PLAN TO BRING PALESTINE ISSUE TO U.N.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The British Government has been asked by U.S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall for clarification of Britain's intention regarding certain aspects of its plan to refer the Palestine problem to the United Nations, it was revealed here today by Michael J. MacDermott, special press assistant to Secretary Marshall.

MacDermott declined to reveal what aspects of the British plan had been questioned by the U.S. Government. He further declined to comment on a question by a British correspondent about London reports that the American note insisted on Jewish refugee immigration to Palestine.

The note, he stated, also contained an acknowledgment of Britain's note informing the United States of the British intention to bring the Palestine matter before the United Nations. Secretary Marshall also informed the British that the Government of the United States is carefully considering its approach to the problem.

(In London, a Foreign Office spokesman today declined to confirm or deny reports that Washington approved of Britain's action of submitting the Palestine issue to the United Nations. Declaring that he would not say whether the United States regarded the action favorably, he added that in previous communications to London the State Department had never expressed opposition to sending the Palestine issue to the U.N.)

JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS MEET WITH COLONIAL SECRETARY ON INCREASED PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Six members of the Jewish Agency executive today met with Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech Jones and presented him with proposals for an increase in Jewish immigration to Palestine during the period before the Palestine issue is taken up by the United Nations.

It is understood that the Colonial Secretary promised to forward the proposals to the Cabinet, and that another meeting between him and the leaders of the Jewish Agency will follow.

Today's meeting took place after a closed session of representatives of the Jewish Agency, Board of Deputies of British Jews, Anglo-Jewish Association and Agudas Israel at which it was agreed that all these bodies should submit joint suggestions to the government on the questions of immigration and land purchase in Palestine during the interim period.

The British Government and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin were roundly criticized by the majority of the London press today for waiting so long to submit the Palestine issue to the United Nations and for the announcement yesterday that Britain would make no recommendations to the U.N. for a solution of the problem.

BEVIN BLAMES U.S. ZIONISTS FOR PALESTINE DEADLOCK; LABORITES APPROVE HIS POLICY

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The traditional line of the British Labor Party in opposition to the White Paper was changed today when, after a two-hour debate, the Labor members of Parliament gave a vote of confidence to Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's Palestine policy.

Bevin reported to the party conclave that if Britain had had to deal solely with British Jewry, a solution could have been found long ago, but that the strong influence of American Jews had robbed him of any chance of success. He suggested that the door be left open for resumption of negotiations with either the Jews or Arabs at any time between now and the opening of discussions on Palestine at the United Nations.

Bevin declared that three courses are open to the United Nations: Either establishment of Palestine as an Arab state, as a Jewish state, or as a Palestinian state of Arabs and Jews. He expressed the hope that the moderates among the Jews and the Arabs will come together to form a joint state. At the same time, he pledged that Britain would accept and stand by any United Nations decision, even if it means British evacuation from the country.

PALESTINE POLICE RAID FACTORIES IN TEL AVIV; NEW EXPLOSIONS REPORTED; RAIL LINE DAMAGED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Sudden sweeping searches were carried out by police in forty-five Tel Aviv factories this morning following a series of explosions throughout the country during the last 24 hours. In the protected area established in the city, British troops were placed on the alert.

During the manhunt, which occurred between 10 a.m. and noon, hundreds of persons were questioned, but no one was detained and no arms or other illegal items found. Searches were also instituted in Jerusalem, particularly near the scene of last night's landmine blast which injured four British soldiers.

A fifth British soldier was wounded this morning when the truck he was driving was blown up by an electrically detonated mine on the coastal road between Tel Aviv and Haifa. Landmines disguised as milestones were discovered and dismantled by British engineer troops this morning on roads in the vicinity of Rehovoth and Rishon L'Zion.

The rail line between Nablus and Patach Tikvah was damaged by an explosion last night which ripped up a considerable section of track. Haifa harbor and the surrounding docks were declared under curfew last night between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. while police launches dropped dept charges into the bay. The police apparently suspected the presence of saboteurs "frog men."

Jewish Community Drive Against Terrorism; Haganah Kidnaps Blackmailers

Meanwhile, the Palestine Jewish community's campaign against terrorism continues to be waged with very little publicity. Two youths suspected of blackmailing wealthy Jews in the name of underground organizations were kidnapped by the Haganah within the last two days. One of the youths was released today, but he refused to divulge where he had been held, by whom, and what questioning he had undergone. It is also reported that the Haganah has frustrated a number of attempts by the Irgunists and Sternists to mine roads frequently used by military vehicles and personnel.

An Irgun broadcast tonight, commenting on Foreign Secretary Bevin's announcement that the Palestine issue would be referred to the United Nations, declared:

"Nothing has changed, but the threat to the Jewish people, its future and existence, has become more acute." Charging that Britain will use the interim period before a U.N. decision in an attempt to break the Jewish community's will, the announcer said that the "intrigue will be frustrated by our struggle."

The broadcast also revealed that conditions in the Eritrean detention camps for Palestinian Jews have worsened since the escape last November of five prisoners. It concluded with a threat that "if something happens to the detainees, the Palestine authorities will pay for it."

Monthly Immigration Quota Announced; Jewish and Arab Prisoners Segregated

The immigration for the period of Feb. 15-Mar. 14 was announced today in the Palestine Government's Official Gazette. Fifteen hundred certificates were awarded to Jews and 200 to all other persons.

Authorities at the Jerusalem Central Prison today ordered the segregation of Jewish and Arab prisoners to prevent clashes among the prisoners. Last month a Jewish medical orderly was killed in a riot provoked by Arab prisoners following a strike by Jewish internees protesting the imposition of the death sentence on Dov Gruner.

Musaa el Alami, head of the Arab Office, left here en route to Cairo, London and Washington where, it is reported, he will reorganize the Arab offices in preparation for presenting the Arab point of view in the coming United Nations discussions on Palestine.

JEWISH AGENCIES IN GERMANY FORM BOARD TO ADMINISTER DP WORK AND TRAINING PROGRAM

MUNICH, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- In the first real implementation of the U.S. Army's avowed program of encouraging the displaced Jews to become self-sufficient, the Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Agency and the Central Jewish Committee today announced the establishment of a joint board to administer the large-scale employment and vocational training program for Jewish DP's.

The program will attempt to find employment for 15,000 additional DP's now unemployed and to train 6,000 others in an expanded ORT program. Two thousand Jews will also be placed on training farms. The announcement pointed out that of 40,000 employable Jews, approximately 25,000 are already employed, chiefly in camp administration.

It also stated that henceforth extra food rations and luxuries such as cigarettes and chocolates will not be given to the DP's automatically on a relief basis, but rather as an award for work accomplished. A point system for work will be established, and each item in the camp canteen will have a point value. DP's will be able to exchange point currency for items which they desire, including the goods manufactured in DP workshops.

Establishment of Bank for Displaced Jews Is Planned

Ultimately, it is planned to establish a bank outside of Germany where American and British currency will be deposited for the DP's against the time when they emigrate. The foreign currency will come from the sale of DP goods abroad. Products to be manufactured will be determined firstly by local needs. After these are met, goods will be produced for the occupation forces and, finally, for export. The Army will supply raw materials for items destined for sale to it.

The only persons who will continue to receive supplies on a relief basis will be children, nursing and pregnant mothers, the sick and the aged, the announcer said. The program includes a special occupational therapy project for 750 invalids who will turn out hand-manufactured items such as toothbrushes and handbags.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE SUBMITS PROPOSALS TO STATE DEPT. ON TREATY WITH GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Leaders of the American Jewish Committee to-day submitted to the State Department a memorandum asking Secretary of State George C. Marshall to include in the peace treaties with Germany and Austria a number of clauses which would guarantee the position of the Jews in these countries, the restoration of Jewish property and reparations to Jews for property looted or confiscated under the Nazi regime.

The memorandum was presented by Jacob Blaustein, chairman of the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee, Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president, and J. Benson Sachs of the Washington office of the Committee, who called on Assistant Secretary of State Gen. John H. Hilldring, deputy to Marshall. It emphasized that the peace treaty with Germany must establish the German guilt "for the unprecedented sufferings inflicted upon the Jews from the moment Hitler came to power" and urged the inclusion of the following clauses in both peace pacts:

1. Human rights and fundamental freedoms guaranteed to all without distinction of race, religion or sex.
2. Freedom of the person, and of expression, religious, political, economic and social.
3. Dissolution of all Nazi or fascist-type organizations and penalties for inciting religious or racial hatred and discrimination, and severe punishment for advocacy of genocide.
4. Full protection to aliens displaced in Germany and Austria as a result of persecution.
5. Property restitution and indemnification to victims of the Nazis. Forced consent to expropriation, and discriminatory legislation under which such expropriation took place, invalidates claim to property by present holders.
6. Where restitution of the original property is impossible, full compensation shall be made to the original owners or to their heirs regardless of where they now live.
7. Heirless and unclaimed property shall be entrusted to relief, emigration, resettlement and reconstruction agencies designated by the Allied powers.
8. All persons removed from their occupations or employment under discriminatory laws, shall be restored to their positions with full seniority rights.
9. Property of the victims of Nazis shall be exempted from reparation and taxes and other measures for the rehabilitation of German economy.
10. The Allied and associated powers are to supervise performance by Germany and Austria of the proposed obligations, and individuals and groups complaining of a breach of their rights shall have the right to appeal to the Allied Control Council, or its successor.

Assistant Secretary Hilldring told the American Jewish Committee leaders that the State Department has the greatest sympathy for their proposals. He accompanied them in a brief call on Under Secretary of State Dean Acheson, who expressed interest in the memorandum and said that he would study it.

I.R.O. PREPARATORY COMMISSION WIRES U.N. FOR FUNDS TO SET UP ORGANIZATION

GENEVA, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organization today wired a request for \$250,000 to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie in order to carry out decisions reached at the Commission's first session. The telegram pointed out that without the funds the I.R.O. could not be established.

It was predicted here today that Arthur J. Altmeyer, former head of the Social Security Administration, will be elected executive secretary of the projected I.R.O.

JEWISH REFUGEES IN EUROPE NOW WORSE OFF THAN BEFORE HITLER'S DEFEAT, GREEN SAYS

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, tonight condemned the "repeated failure of the United Nations to cope with the post-war human problems," charging that the "refugee Jews of Europe are worse off now than before Hitler's defeat." He also criticized Great Britain's proposal to turn over the trusteeship of Palestine to the United Nations.

Speaking at a dinner in his honor at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel by the Labor Division of the American ORT Federation, Mr. Green said "the shameful record indicates that the United Nations have, in many instances, been more kind to our enemies than their victims. "There is," he said, "only one answer to the heavy problem of the displaced Jews of Europe. It can be summed up in one word - Palestine."

"At this late date Great Britain now comes forward with a proposal to turn over the trusteeship of Palestine to the United Nations. I fail to see how such a step could result in a prompt and satisfactory conclusion. It would mean interminable delay which constitutes, of itself, a denial of justice."

NEUMANN URGES U.S. GOVT. TO TRANSPORT 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE ON AMERICAN SHIPS

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- An appeal to President Truman to re-assert his demand for the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews into Palestine was made tonight by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America and American member of the World Zionist executive, addressing 500 Zionist representatives at a reception at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel tendered him on the occasion of his return from London where he participated in the informal talks between the Jewish Agency and the British Government.

"The offer made by the U.S. Government to transport the 100,000 Jews from Europe to Palestine on American ships should be implemented without further ado," Dr. Neumann said. "The British Government will not dare to intercept these ships as she does the broken-down hulks now attempting the perilous journey from European ports crammed to the rails with helpless refugees."

"Bevin's announcement that the doors of Palestine will remain closed for another year is a renewed affront to the American Government and people and a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations itself," he declared. He charged Bevin with callousness toward the plight of the hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees who are still languishing in the displaced persons camps.

FREE IMMIGRATION AND REPEAL OF LAND LAWS IN PALESTINE DEMANDED BY McDONALD

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Great Britain's decision to refer the Palestine problem to the United Nations can be interpreted as "encouraging" only on the condition that the British Government manifest its intention to "throw the full weight of its influence to re-establish the Jewish right of free immigration and free purchase of land in the whole of Palestine," James G. McDonald, former member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, declared in an address he delivered tonight on the Hotel Astor.

Mr. McDonald, who sailed tonight on the Queen Elizabeth for England to launch the Joint Palestine Appeal campaign in the British Isles, was the principal speaker at a luncheon tendered in his honor by the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Foundation Fund. Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund, Dr. Israel Goldstein, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and Charles Ress, chairman of the Foundation Fund's administrative committee, were the other speakers at the luncheon.

MANY AMERICAN COLLEGES ASK DISCRIMINATORY QUESTIONS OF APPLICANTS, SURVEY SHOWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- A survey of the application blanks of 171 leading non-sectarian colleges with a student enrollment of more than 500 persons revealed that 135 colleges or 79 percent ask questions referring to the applicant's race, religion or national ancestry, Dr. David Petegorsky, executive director of the American Jewish Congress announced today. "This survey clearly shows the necessity for the immediate passage of state laws outlawing discrimination in education," he said.

Among the questions found on application blanks were those relating to the applicant's race, color, religion, church, descent, or ancestry, nationality, birthplace, mother tongue, language spoken at home, mother's maiden name, and date of parents' arrival in the United States. Similar questions on application forms have been declared illegal by the New York State Commission Against Discrimination created by Ives-Quinn law.

Among the nationally known colleges whose applications contained discriminatory questions are: Adelphi, Amherst, Arizona University, Barnard, University of California, Carnegie Institute, Columbia University, Cornell, University of Florida, Goucher, Harvard, Indiana University, Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanics, Johns Hopkins, University of Minnesota, New York University, University of North Carolina, University of Oregon, University of Pittsburgh, University of Purdue, Radcliffe, University of Rochester, Sarah Lawrence, Skidmore, Swarthmore, University of Toledo, Tufts, George Washington University, Wellesley, Yale University.

MRS. ROOSEVELT URGES ADMISSION OF DP'S TO AMERICA TO MAXIMUM OF QUOTA ALLOWANCES

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Displaced persons and refugees up to the maximum of the quotas provided for in the present immigration law should be permitted to enter the United States, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, American delegate to the United Nations and chairman of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, declared here today at a rally launching the 1947 campaign of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. She added that the present immigration law should not be changed.

Asserting that the future of the DP's in Europe depends upon what the United States does now, Mrs. Roosevelt urged that the government accept its full share "of whatever we are asked to do for the unfortunate people who have suffered more than we have." Referring to life in the DP camps as an "unnatural existence," she declared that it "saps the hope and vitality of people."

U.S. STUDENTS HOLD NATION-WIDE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Thousands of students today held demonstrations on 83 university campuses throughout the country protesting against "the virtual martial law" imposed by Britain on Palestine and urging unrestricted Jewish immigration there.

The demonstrations which were conducted simultaneously between noon and 2 p.m., were organized by the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America in cooperation with non-Jewish groups.

In New York, students from City College, Columbia, Brooklyn College, New York University, Queens College and the New School for Social Research converged on the British Consulate and presented to the Consul a proclamation denouncing the British blockade against Jewish immigration, denial of civil rights to Jews, restriction of land purchases and "deliberate incitement of Arabs against Jews."