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**JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH BEVIN ON PALESTINE PROBLEMS**

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA)--Leaders of the Jewish Agency, including Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Berl Locker, today conferred with Foreign Secretary Bevin and Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones on current Palestine problems.

A spokesman for the Foreign Office stated that no official reply is expected to be issued by the British Government to the statement last night by the White House, terming Bevin's attack on Truman as "unfortunate and misleading." The White House statement was made to the press and was not addressed to the British Government, he said.

The Foreign Office also said that nothing has been heard as yet from Sir Alexander Cadogan, British delegate to the United Nations Security Council, concerning his meeting in New York with Trygve Lie, U.N. Secretary-General, to discuss whether a special meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations can be summoned to deal with the Palestine problem.

A debate on the Palestine question which was scheduled to have taken place today in the House of Lords has been postponed until March 17th.

James G. MacDonald, former member of the Anglo-American Inquiry committee on Palestine, upon his arrival here today to open the \$5,000,000 Joint Palestine Appeal, expressed the belief that Britain should remain in Palestine. It is not inconsistent that Britain should retain the strategic Palestine and, at the same time, agree to the Jewish claims in Palestine, he told a press conference. It makes no sense for Britain to get out of Palestine militarily, he stated.

**STATE DEPARTMENT AWAIT'S INFORMATION ON BRITISH PLAN OF PROCEDURE AT U.N.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA)--The State Department today announced that it has not yet received a formal reply from the British Government to the request by Secretary of State Marshall for clarification of the British intentions with regard to their decision to bring the Palestine issue before the United Nations.

The clarification for which Marshall asked is said to be related to purely procedural matters, such as before what board of the U.N. the question might be brought, when and in what form. Sir Alexander Cadogan, British representative to the United Nations, is understood to have discussed these matters yesterday with Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Mr. Lie, after a formal call today on Secretary Marshall, told reporters that he knew nothing more about the possibility of a special session of the General Assembly being called to consider Palestine than what had been reported in the press. He said that a majority of the member nations of the United Nations can call a special session.

Former President Herbert Hoover said today that Jewish displaced persons must be gotten out of the American areas of occupation in Germany and Austria.

and must go somewhere. He declined, however, to commit himself on whether they should be admitted to Palestine, declaring that that was a hot issue and he does not want to stir up trouble.

Mr. Hoover called at the White House to discuss with President Truman the report of the ex-President's recent mission to Europe to survey food conditions. He was asked about a report from Germany at the time of his visit there that General MacFarney, commander of U.S. forces, told Mr. Hoover that the majority of the Jewish DP's wished to go to Palestine and should be allowed to do so. The ex-President confirmed this statement, but declined to make any further comment.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Emanuel Neumann, president and vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, and members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency discussed Palestine with a bi-partisan group of 15 senators at a dinner last night. Several of those present are members of the Foreign Relations Committee.

A general picture of the Palestine situation was given by Dr. Silver. Dr. Neumann presented a confidential report of the recent London negotiations, in which he participated. Before the dinner, Dr. Neumann conferred for two hours with officials of the Near Eastern Division of the State Department.

#### LEHMAN FLAYS BEVIN; AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE CALLS FOR U.S. ACTION ON PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA)--Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's slashing attack on President Truman and his statements concerning the Palestine negotiations were scored today by Jewish leaders and groups of all shades of opinion.

Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman deplored the "unwarranted assault upon the integrity of the President of the United States" and Bevin's "misunderstanding of American bipartisan support of Jewish aspirations in Palestine." From his own personal knowledge, Mr. Lehman said, he can "assert categorically that President Truman's statement of Oct. 4, in which for the second time he urged the immediate entry of displaced persons into Palestine, did not in any way interfere with the solution of the Palestine problem."

Charging that "the words spoken by Mr. Bevin are not those of a statesman, they are petulant, uninformed, disingenuous," Mr. Lehman stressed that "the need of hundreds of thousands of Jews in Europe for homes there (Palestine) is so great and urgent that nothing will halt the systematic effort of building a future for them." Mr. Lehman added: "These Jews will be sustained in the knowledge that it is the friendly, humane voice of President Truman and not the violent distemper of Mr. Bevin that represents the attitude of the American people."

The former Governor accused Britain of repudiating the terms of the Palestine Mandate "through the issuance of the White Paper in 1939, just at a time when in many countries Jews suffering under the pestilencies of Hitler urgently needed a safe haven." He emphasized that "the terms of the Mandate were specifically approved by the United States, which subsequently reserved to itself as one of the victorious powers, the right to have a voice in the ultimate disposition of Palestine."

#### Asks America to be Spokesman for Jews at U.N. Discussions

Asserting that "debate and recriminations over responsibility for the seeming impasse" on the Palestine question "should not obscure Mr. Bevin's crafty purpose," the American Jewish Conference today called on the United States to act now to prevent destruction of the Jewish National Home. It asserted that after "President

AID FOR DP'S MUST STRESS REHABILITATION MEASURES, CONFERENCE OF LIBERATED JEWS TOLD

BAD REICHENHALL, Feb. 27. (JTA)--In mapping future aid for displaced Jews in Germany the emphasis must be laid on rehabilitation rather than relief, representatives of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews, voluntary organizations and the German provincial administration in Bavaria stressed today, addressing the second annual conference of the Central Committee.

Dr. Philip Auerbach, Bavarian Commissioner for Racial and Religious Persecutees, reported to the 200 delegates and 500 guests on the progress of restitution legislation now being drafted in cooperation with U.S. occupation authorities. He also disclosed that he would press for enactment of a law confiscating the wealth accumulated by active Nazis between 1933 and 1945 for use in rehabilitating and resettling DP's.

Leo Schwarz, retiring JDC director in Germany, reviewed the activities of the organization since the end of the war and said that plans for the current year will be built around an extensive employment program.

Leon Retter, general secretary of the Central Committee, expressed thanks for the help given by the Army last summer and fall, when there was a tremendous influx of refugees from Eastern Europe, but urged that the DP's generally be given better treatment. He pointed out that Germans received the same clothing ration as the DP's, although the latter were in rags, while the Germans had stocks of clothing they had obtained from occupied Europe during the war. He praised UNRRA's relief activities, but said that it had lagged in taking rehabilitation measures.

Most of the speeches by the rank-and-file delegates were devoted to the problems of food, clothing and employment. Reflecting the extent of political activities in the camps, the delegates were seated around special tables, according to their party affiliation, while last year they were grouped according to the camps from which they came.

A bitter struggle over representation on the leadership of the Central Committee developed tonight and had not been resolved at the conclusion of this evening's session. The battle was precipitated by the Zionist Revisionists, who won 30 percent of the seats in the recent zone-wide elections to the Central Committee and are, therefore, demanding a proportionate share of the offices. All other parties have formed an anti-Revisionist coalition, but agreed to allow one to sit on the 15-man committee which conducted the conference. It is likely that the struggle will be settled by giving the Revisionists at least one seat in the executive committee..

TISO AGREED TO DEPORTATION OF ALL SLOVAK JEWS AFTER FAILURE OF PARTISAN REVOLT

BRATISLAVA, Feb. 27. (JTA)--Father Joseph Tiso, former president of the Nazi puppet state of Slovakia, agreed to the wholesale deportation of Jews following the defeat of the partisan uprising against the Slovak regime in 1944, S.S. General Hoeffle testified today at Tiso's trial on war crime charges.

Hoeffle alleged that Tiso had agreed reluctantly after Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler had told him that the revolt had been organized by Slovak Jews, and that stronger measures must be taken. Both Tiso and himself were unaware that Jews were sent to death camps, the S.S. officer said.

CATHOLIC SPOKESMEN ATTACK N.Y. ANTI-BIAS BILL; JEWISH CONGRESS DEFENDS MEASURE

ALBANY, Feb. 27. (JTA)--Defeat of the Austin-Mahoney Bill, which would bar discrimination by institutions of higher learning in New York State, was urged yesterday by the New York State Catholic Welfare Committee, in a letter sent to all members of the Legislature.

The Conference charged that the measure was "un-American" and contained "passages and provisions that infringe on the fundamental rights of parents." It said further that "the purposes of the Austin-Mahoney Bill seriously affect the freedom of all educational institutions in this State." The Catholic statement suggested that since a commission has been named by the Legislature to study discrimination by universities, no new legislation be acted upon until its report is completed.

Replying on behalf of the American Jewish Congress, which is sponsoring the bill, Shad Polier, vice-president, said that the measure does not interfere with the freedom of parents, but on the contrary would prevent any institution from saying to a parent that it will not admit his child because of his color, race, or religion. He added that "no group has the moral right to ask that we tolerate for another year discrimination in education."

JUDGE ROTHENBERG RE-ELECTED J.N.F. PRESIDENT; SETTLEMENT NAMED IN HIS HONOR

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA)--Judge Morris Rothenberg was unanimously re-elected last night to a fourth term as president of the Jewish National Fund of America at a conference of delegates representing all branches in the American Zionist movement.

In recognition of his leadership in the upbuilding of Palestine, an agricultural settlement in the Negev has been named in his honor, it was revealed by Dr. Moshe Sneh, member of the Jewish Agency executive, who presented to Judge Rothenberg a scroll embodying a decision of the Board of Governors of the JNF in Jerusalem to establish a settlement named "Nachlath Rothenberg."

The J.N.F. administration for 1947 was constituted at the conference. A board of directors of 60 members, and an administrative committee of 17 were chosen. The Board includes representatives of the Zionist Organization of America; Bnai Zion; Hadassah; the Labor Zionist Organization; Mizrahi, the Orthodox Zionist Organization, and Hashomer Hatzair, and 16 members at large. Dr. Israel Goldstein was elected honorary president; Louis Segal, honorary secretary; Rabbi I.M. Kowalsky and Jacob Sincoff, treasurers; and Mehiel H. Fisher, secretary.

J.D.C. AMONG VOLUNTARY AGENCIES REPRESENTED IN DELEGATION TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA)--The Joint Distribution Committee, as a member of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Relief, was represented by Harold Linder, in a call at the White House today by Council members, to seek President Truman's endorsement for their program of aid abroad. Professor Joseph Chamberlain of Columbia University, president of the Council, headed the group.

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