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U.S. WANTS BRITAIN TO FORMULATE PALESTINE ISSUE BEFORE U.N. DEALS WITH PROBLEM

LAKE SUCCESS, Mar. 7. (JTA) -- The United States today informed U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie that the British Government must formulate a more concrete proposal with regard to the Palestine issue before it can accept his plan for the establishment of a U.N. committee on Palestine.

The U.S. delegation to the United Nations issued the following statement: "The United States is unable to reach a final conclusion with respect to the best procedure for dealing with this problem (Palestine) in the United Nations in the absence of a concrete formulation of the problem by the British Government."

BRITISH TROOPS EXTEND SEARCHES IN PALESTINE; ENTER THREE TOWNS IN NEW OPERATION

JERUSALEM, Mar. 7. (JTA) -- British troops swooped down today on three towns outside the area of military control in an extension of their six-day searches in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and its environs. Heavy troop concentrations, assisted by planes overhead, entering Hadera, Rehovoth and Nathanya at dawn, found arms caches in two of the towns and arrested 21 persons.

In Hadera two flame throwers were found as well as magazines for Sten guns and a small mine. Three persons were detained for further questioning. In Nathanya, where 244 persons were screened and ten arrested, two mines were discovered in a cellar. No arms were found in Rehovoth, but eight persons were held. A British report said that one "topgrade terrorist" had been captured in the operation which was finished tonight. The searches were preceded by a curfew in Nathanya and the Shaarim quarter of Rehovoth.

A party of extremists attacked a police station at Rishon LeZion, near Tel Aviv, tonight. At the same time, a military jeep was brought under fire by the raiders who were driven off. There were no casualties and no arrests. On the Tel Aviv-Haifa road a military staff car was blown up by two landmines and a soldier and an officer were injured.

Schools Will Remain Closed in "Sealed Area" of Jerusalem

Following a meeting between representatives of the Jerusalem Community Council and Gen. Davis, commander of the "sealed area" of Jerusalem, it was disclosed that schools and kindergarten's would not be reopened for the present.

The Jewish delegation raised the question of widespread unemployment within the controlled areas, pointing out that thousands of workers could not leave to work in shops and industries outside the area, while workers from outside could not gain entrance to places of employment inside. The Jews asserted that the problem was becoming too acute for the welfare organizations to handle. They demanded that special permits be granted persons who had to enter and leave the area in order to earn a living.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7. (JTA) -- President Truman was urged today to weigh carefully the decision on the proposal of U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie for the establishment of a United Nations fact-finding committee on Palestine which would submit its recommendations to the next General Assembly session in September.

The appeal was made in the Senate by Senator Irving M. Ives of New York in his maiden speech, which was devoted to the Palestine issue and to the question of admitting more displaced persons to the United States. He criticized Lie's proposal because of the long delay it would involve.

"The entire problem of displaced persons will be measurably assisted by immediate substantial immigration of Jews into Palestine as recommended by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry last year," he declared. "This immigration, which Great Britain alone can make possible, cannot await a solution of the entire Palestine problem. Human life cannot languish so long."

He said the Palestine problem is "only a part of the larger problem involving displaced persons." He announced that he will soon introduce an immigration bill, which would tend "in some measure to alleviate the present distress in which so many thousands of young innocent victims of the war now find themselves."

WEIZMANN ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM TO CONFER WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER ON PALESTINE CRISIS

JERUSALEM, Mar. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann arrived in Jerusalem today to confer with Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham on the difficulties which martial law has created for the Jewish economy.

In Tel Aviv yesterday, Dr. Weizmann was urged by leaders of various economic groups to return to active public life. He replied that if full authority is given him to act on behalf of the Yishuv and its institutions, he will take an active part in the present situation.

Leaders of Jewish institutions in Tel Aviv, including Mayor Israel Rokach, arrived in Jerusalem today to participate in the plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive which is scheduled to take place Monday at the bedside of David Ben-Gurion, who is still a patient at the Hadassah Hospital. Mayor Rokach will also make an attempt to see the High Commissioner during his stay here.

As the Jews of Palestine complete their first week under the most rigid martial control ever exercised over the country, it is apparent that their spirit has not been broken by the hardships and humiliation which are attendant upon the occupation of their major cities and towns. It is evident, however, that the Jews are anxious about the economic situation which faces them now and in the immediate future as a result of the ban on exports and imports in the controlled areas.

EGYPTIAN POLICE HUNTING RING ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING JEWS INTO PALESTINE

CAIRO, Mar. 7. (JTA) -- Egyptian police are reported to be hunting for a huge smuggling ring engaged in organizing illegal immigration into Palestine. According to the police, many Egyptian Jews have succeeded in reaching Palestine by desert and sea routes.

The police have established a special bureau to collect information on clandestine immigration and to check on all Jews suspected of having plotted the so-called Jewish exodus routes. However, they say no connection with immigration

AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION MINISTER TELLS CRITICS COUNTRY ADMITTING ONLY FEW JEWS

CANBERRA, Australia, Mar. 7. (JTA) -- Replying to wide-spread charges by anti-Jewish groups that the government was admitting an overwhelming number of displaced Jews to Australia, Minister of Immigration Arthur A. Calwell today stated that the number of refugees that the Commonwealth has agreed to admit and the number admitted during the war and since the cessation of hostilities was many thousands less than the total Australia agreed to admit during international discussions in 1939.

Calwell said that the number of refugees who will reach Australia during the next four or five years will be "extremely small." He declared that the furor which has been raised over Jewish immigration resulted from lack of knowledge of the facts and untruthful news reports.

CONGRESSMAN ATTACKS PROPOSALS FOR SIMPLIFYING IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7. (JTA) -- In a lengthy statement inserted in the Congressional Record Congressman Thomas A. Jenkins, Ohio Republican, has criticized the Roosevelt Administration for "undermining" the immigration laws of the United States, has charged the present officials concerned with immigration of being "flagrantly inefficient" in administering the law, and has attacked the overseas airlines companies for proposing to eliminate some of the immigration restrictions applying to incoming airline passengers.

He also said he hoped that the sub-committee on Immigration of the Judiciary Committee would "do away with the practice of the consideration of legislation for the relief of individual cases." The practice has led to the admission of "many persons who were undesirable," Jenkins declared, while deserving applicants "who did not have the finances or social standing with which to make legislative contact" were denied the privilege.

"I hope that the present Attorney General realizes that the sentiment of the American people is in favor of sensible and efficient restriction," he added. "The people are not in favor of wholesale importation of all classes of people, many of whom will never espouse our ideals and many of whom will undermine our theory of government at every opportunity."

He attacked the airlines for their proposal that the responsibility for determining an alien's right to apply for admission to the United States rest solely with the embassies and consulates which issue all visas. This, he said, would make ineffective the authority of the immigration service to re-examine the immigrants when they arrived in the United States. He also attacked the Roosevelt Administration for creating a situation which prevented Congress knowing the facts about immigration.

ORT ACCELERATED TRAINING COURSES GET FRENCH RECOGNITION; APPRENTICES RECEIVE ALLOWANCES

PARIS, Mar. 7. (JTA) -- The French Labor Ministry has agreed to recognize certificates awarded by the ORT to displaced Jews at the completion of accelerated apprentice training courses, the organization announced today. The government will also advance 6,000 francs each month to the trainees during their three or six month apprenticeships, after which they will find work in French industry.

NEW YORK BILL TO BAR BIAS IN EDUCATION DIES; JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS FOR HEARINGS

ALBANY, Marc 7. (JTA) -- The Austin-Mahoney Bill, which banned discrimination by institutions of higher education in New York State, died in committee yesterday, following its withdrawal by Assemblyman Bernard Austin, one of the measure's sponsors. Earlier Senator Walter J. Mahoney had stated that he favored no action this year. Austin said he hoped that the divergent views on the bill would be reconciled by the 1948 session of the Legislature.

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the executive committee of the American Jewish Congress, which sponsored the bill, today called on Gov. Dewey and all members of the Legislature to hold public hearings on the measure before the Legislature adjourns. He cited a survey showing that 19 of 23 non-sectarian colleges and universities in New York State asked questions concerning the race, religion or national origin of applicants.

CHIEF RABBI OF RUMANIA LEAVES UNITED STATES; THANKS TRUMAN FOR AID TO FAMINE AREAS

NEW YORK, Mar. 7. (JTA) -- After spending several weeks in the United States on behalf of Rumanian Jewry, Dr. Alexander Shafran, Chief Rabbi of Rumania, left today. He said that he was gratified at the results achieved and the promises of increased aid. Dr. Shafran was the guest here of the United Jewish Appeal.

Revealing that he had appealed to the U.S. Government to send urgent relief supplies to non-Jews in the famine area of Rumania, Rabbi Shafran expressed his thanks to President Truman for his decision to send food shipments and medical supplies for distribution among the Rumanian population without distinction as to race and religion.

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, chairman of the executive council of the Joint Distribution Committee, told a press conference here that "in more than a decade of overseas work, I have never seen hunger as widespread as in Rumanian Moldavia which is a scene of terrible famine." The J.D.C. is making every effort to increase its flow of supplies to Moldavia and will shortly send a shipload of 7,500 tons of corn and wheat to be distributed among Jews and non-Jews, he stated.

DR. JOSEPH HYMAN LAUDED BY PRESIDENT FOR HIS RELIEF ACTIVITIES DURING WORLD WAR II

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph G. Hyman, former executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, has been commended "for exceptional and eminent public service in the field of humanitarian war relief during the last war" by the President's War Relief Control Board, it was learned today.

Joseph E. Davies, chairman of the board, informed Dr. Hyman of his commendation in a letter this week. Members of the War Relief Control Board include Charles F. Taft and Charles Warren. President Truman signed the certificate of commendation which reads:

"Upon the nomination of the President's War Relief Control Board, the President of the United States does hereby commend Joseph G. Hyman for eminent service rendered in the field of humanitarian war relief during World War II."

LT. COLONEL SCOTTLAND NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF U.S. JEWISH WAR VETERANS

NEW YORK, Mar. 7. (JTA) -- Lt. Colonel Charles I. Scotlland, a member of the staff of General Eisenhower as chief of a section of the Displaced Persons Bureau of SHAEP, has been appointed national executive director of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, it was announced today.