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BEN GURION HINTS HAGANAH WILL LAUNCH ATTACK ON TERRORISTS; HITS POLICE COMPLICITY

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- A warning that the Haganah may soon be called on for an open attack against terrorist groups was given here today by David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, addressing a special session of the Jewish National Council.

"It is said that we face civil war," Ben Gurion declared in a blistering attack on the extremists. "That is incorrect -- we are now engaged in civil war, and the action of the Haganah might stop it. There is no contact between us and the terrorists," he continued, "therefore, if we are compelled to approach them, we will speak to them in the only language they understand. If it becomes necessary, the Haganah's organized power will be directed against them, even if the Palestine police or some of their officers attempt to interfere."

Ben Gurion charged that some Palestine police officers not only favored the terrorists, but were in contact with them. "We have no share in the administration of Palestine and cannot examine the peculiar behavior of the police which apparently does not want to suppress terrorism," he added.

Asserting that "our weapon now is a struggle for more immigration and more settlements, not mad gangsterism," the Agency chairman threatened that "although the terrorists have guns, so do we. We have more than they and when the time comes our force will have to act because they understand only the language of force. We will proceed with effective strength to liquidate them to protect ourselves from going down a path the end of which no one knows."

Says Jews In "Terrible Position, Both Within and Without"

He said that the anti-terrorist resolution adopted by the National Council several months ago would be implemented "more radically and more effectively when we think the time is opportune." At the same time, he cautioned that the Jews "were in a terrible position, both from within and without. Let us not forget that (Fawzi Bey) Hawkaji is here and so is the Mufti. We must preserve our strength under all circumstances."

The Agency leader said that the Zionists would present to the United Nations evidence of the "Mandatory's oppressive regime which created terror, assisted terror and is still helping terror." He expressed regret that the Jewish Agency did not have a representative at the U.N. "like Luxembourg or that great state which so actively assisted the Allies in the last war - Iraq," but added that the Agency would submit a comprehensive memorandum outlining its aims and aspirations and the Arabs' aims.

Ben Gurion accused British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of "seeking to convert Palestine into a second Malta on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean under the guise of international trusteeship instead of the Mandate." Bevin's "policy" proclaimed war on Zionism, "ignored all obligations towards the Jews and planned to liquidate the Jews as a people, recognizing the existence only of individual Jews who could serve 'as objects either for pogroms or pity,' he said.

Ben Gurion's warning of imminent operations against the terrorists came on the heels of a series of clashes between the Irgun and the left-wing anti-terrorist

Hashomer Hazair which have been occurring sporadically for several days, particularly in Rishon Le Zion. Several youths have been injured.

Meanwhile, police today carried out intensive raids throughout the country, presumably in search of the perpetrators of the Haifa refinery blast, responsibility for which was assumed last night by the Stern Group. The searchers concentrated on Jerusalem, but few arrests were made. A gray haze still hung over Haifa as the oil tanks set afire yesterday continued to blaze. Authorities estimate that 7,000 tons of oil have already been consumed. High oil company officials met today to discuss a scheme for distributing available stocks.

COLONIAL OFFICE AT LOSS TO EXPLAIN PALESTINE GOVT THREAT TO PUNISH JEWS FOR HAIFA FIRE

LONDON, April 1. (JTA) -- The Colonial Office is completely at a loss to explain what the Palestine Government meant by its announcement yesterday that the Jewish community would pay for the destruction of approximately \$900,000 worth of fuel oil and equipment in Haifa.

A spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the Colonial Office had not been informed that the Palestine Government was contemplating such a move and that after it received a cable to this effect from Richard Stubbs, Palestine Information Officer who made the announcement originally, it was still unclear what the Palestine officials had in mind. The spokesman stated that he could not figure out whether Stubbs meant that the Jewish community would suffer by being deprived of the destroyed oil, or whether specific damages would be exacted.

He added that, as far as he knew, such a contingency was not discussed with High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham during his four-day visit here last week. He concluded that responsibility for the announcement and subsequent action lies with the High Commissioner rather than with London.

Another government source privately told the JTA that he believes that the Palestine Government made the move on the spur of the moment and was uncertain of what it really meant.

The London office of the Jewish Agency issued a statement condemning the Palestine Government's threat as "highly undemocratic." The statement said: "This outrage (blowing up the Haifa pipelines) was committed by members of an organization which is utterly repudiated by the Jewish community whose authority they defy. To punish the entire community for the misdeeds of a few is wholly repugnant to British tradition and is highly undemocratic as well as ineffective."

PALESTINE HIGH COURT AGREES TO REVIEW GRUNER CASE; HEARING SET FOR THURSDAY

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- The Palestine High Court today granted an appeal for an order restraining the Palestine authorities from executing Dov Gruner and instructing Lt. Gen. Gordon E. A. Macmillan, Palestine military commander, and the president of the army court which condemned Gruner to show cause why the verdict should not be set aside.

In granting the order, requested by Tel Aviv Mayor Israel Rokach in his capacity as president of the city's Jewish Community Council, the court set hearings on the appeal for Thursday morning. Rokach questioned the legality of the Emergency Defense Regulations of 1945, which provided the authority for the establishment of military courts to try persons charged with terrorist activity.

Last week the Privy Council, Britain's highest appellate court, refused to hear a plea to save Gruner's life, asserting that his uncle, a New York resident,

was not an interested party and could not lodge an appeal. In its decision, however, the Council referred to a precedent which would permit a representative of a community council to file. Mayor Rokach's action followed a legal study of the decision. Mrs. Helen Friedman, Gruner's sister, who flew here to "save" her brother has also initiated action before the Palestine Supreme Court.

U.S.S.R. AND CHINA APPROVE SPECIAL U.N. SESSION ON PALESTINE; BRITISH BID DUE TODAY

LAKE SUCCESS, April 1. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union and China today notified the United Nations secretariat that they had no objections to the calling of a special session of the General Assembly to discuss the Palestine question.

With French approval already given unofficially, it was expected that the long-awaited formal submission of the request for a special session would be made by Britain tomorrow.

JEWISH AGENCY EXPECTS FUNDS FROM INTERNATIONAL REPARATIONS COMMISSION THIS YEAR

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA)-- The Jewish Agency expects to receive considerable sums from the International Reparations Commission next year for rehabilitation and resettlement of refugee Jews from Europe, Eliezer Kaplan, Agency treasurer, told a national conference of the Palestine Foundation Fund last night. The Agency was awarded 40 percent of \$22,500,000 of Nazi assets which were assigned to Jewish relief and rehabilitation.

Although none of these funds have yet been received, the Agency has already made commitments for the coming year, Kaplan revealed, adding that the budget for this year is much lower than last year and less than is needed. Pointing out that there are insufficient funds for the planned full-scale expansion of agricultural settlements, he appealed to the Jews of America who now supply about 75 percent of the funds of the Jewish national institutions to increase their contributions to 80 percent.

He reported that the Agency had spent about \$16,000,000 in the first five months of this fiscal year, with about one-quarter devoted to immigration activities and one-eighth to political activities. There is virtually full employment in Palestine, he stated, adding, however, that there is not enough capital to develop various vital industries.

1,574 MOLEDETH REFUGEES ARRIVE IN CYPRUS; DISSEMBARKED WITHOUT INCIDENT

HAIFA, April 1. (JTA) -- The 1,574 visaless Jews who arrived in Palestine aboard the Moledeeth on Sunday were brought to Famagusta, Cyprus, today. They were disembarked without incident and sent to the Ceraolos camp.

STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF REPORT OF EX-MUFTI RETURNING TO PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, April 1. (JTA) -- The State Department today disavowed any knowledge of a report from Jaffa that the ex-Mufti is preparing to leave Cairo for Jerusalem to assume leadership of the Arab League.

A spokesman for the British Information Service here, informed of the report, said that the former Mufti is not wanted and would not be welcome in Jerusalem, and that, if detected there, would be arrested.

RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT COMPLETES DRAFT OF BILL FOR PENSIONS TO JEWISH VICTIMS OF FASCISM

BUCHAREST, April 1. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Ministry of Labor today announced that it has completed the draft of a bill to provide pensions for disabled Jews and other victims of fascist atrocities and for widows and orphaned dependents of Jews killed by pro-Nazis. The bill will give equal consideration to all victims of "anti-democratic racial and religious persecution."

The Rumanian Red Cross today revealed that the first group of 100 Jewish slave laborers captured on the Eastern front during the war will shortly arrive here from the Soviet Union. The Jews had been forcibly recruited into slave labor units attached to the Hungarian army. Medical and other care will be provided by the World Jewish Congress.

ARGENTINE COMPULSORY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LAW RESULTS IN TENSION AGAINST JEWS

BUENOS AIRES, April 1. (JTA) -- Tension between Catholic and non-Catholic students has developed as a result of approval by the Argentine Congress of compulsory religious instruction in the schools. The program, which originated under the military government in 1943, provides for instruction in the catechism by a priest, or, at the option of the parents, classes in ethics under secular teachers.

Parents who have asked for the "morals" classes for their children are mainly of the Jewish or other non-Catholic faiths. These youngsters are ostracized during the play periods. Emphasis in the catechism classes on the crucifixion of Christ has had unfortunate application among the children.

Nevertheless, the DAIA, the central body of Argentine Jews, this week renewed its appeal to Jewish parents to ask for exemptions from Catholic teaching for their children. Some parents have refrained from doing so in order to spare their children the displeasure of their fellows.

ANTI-SEMITISM DECREASING IN POLAND, JEWISH EMIGRATION DROPPING, HEAD OF POLISH ORT SAYS

LONDON, April 1. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism in Poland is on the wane as a result of government pressure against underground fascist gangs and there is no danger of a large-scale pogrom at present, Col. Marian Muszkat, president of the Polish ORT and Poland's delegate on the U.N. War Crimes Commission, declared today in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He estimated that no more than 30 percent of the Jews still desired to emigrate because of the new situation.

He asserted that one of the greatest factors militating against a resurgence of anti-Semitism was the fact that a great part of the Jewish community was now engaged in various trades rather than in business as they had been before the war. Approximately 1,200 Jews are engaged in textile production and another 1,000 in coal mines in Silesia as well as some 500 working as farmers on the state farm at Szczecin, Col. Muszkat said.

Speaking of the ORT's activities, he reported that the organization is maintaining 47 schools and training centers with an attendance of about 1,200 men and women. He said that the ORT could provide training for at least twice that number if it had more funds. He disclosed that it was opening a new school in Warsaw for watchmakers, cabinet makers and electrical technicians.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT GRANTS SIX-MONTH STAY TO 300 AFGHAN JEWS WHO FLED THEIR HOMELAND

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- The Indian Government has informed the World Jewish Congress that it has granted a six-month stay to 300 Afghan Jewish refugees who had been ordered to return to Afghanistan by Mar. 31.

CONGRESS GETS BILL CALLING FOR ADMISSION OF 400,000 DP'S ON WAR-TIME QUOTAS

WASHINGTON, April 1. (JTA) -- Rep. W. G. Stratton, Ill. Republican, today introduced into the House a bill calling for the admission into the United States of a maximum of 400,000 displaced persons over a period of four years, from UNRRA camps in Germany, Austria and Italy.

The bill "authorizes the United States during an emergency period to undertake its fair share in the resettlement of displaced persons in Germany, Austria and Italy, including relatives of citizens or of members of our armed forces by permitting their admission into the United States in a number equivalent to a part of the total quota numbers unused during the war years."

Titled the "Emergency Temporary Displaced Persons Admissions Act," the bill provides that those applying for permanent residence in the United States must qualify under all U.S. immigration laws. The rate of admission under the proposed bill would be limited to 100,000 annually for a four-year period. Authority to prescribe the necessary regulations for administering the bill would go to the Secretary of State and the Attorney General.

The bill defines a displaced person as anyone in Germany, Italy and Austria who was forced from his homeland by war and unable or unwilling to return because of "persecution or his fear of persecution on account of race, religion or political opinions."

Earl Harrison, chairman of the Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons, and Dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, commenting on the bill, said that when it "becomes law it will not upset America's immigration policy. It is an emergency measure for an emergency condition. In addition," he declared, "our nation would be enriched by thousands of willing workers skilled in many crafts and trades and in the sciences."

The bill was referred to the House Judiciary Committee, which is scheduled to call hearings in several weeks.

REPS. DOUGLAS, DAWSON INTRODUCE BILLS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

WASHINGTON, April 1. (JTA) -- Bills legislating against discrimination in employment were introduced in the House of Representatives in the last two days by Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas, Cal. Democrat, and Rep. William L. Dawson, Ill. Republican.

The bills are identical with that introduced into the Senate last week by Sen. Irving M. Ives, New York Republican, and sponsored by seven other senators. At that time, Ives said it is not an FEPC bill but a formula for "a new approach in handling the problem of discrimination in employment" through "education and conciliation" rather than legal compulsion.

Speedy Enactment of FEPC Bill Urged by Jewish Organizations

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Senate and House sponsors of bills calling for the prohibition of discrimination in employment today were urged by the National Community Relations Advisory Council to fight for speedy enactment. The Council comprises six national Jewish organizations and twenty-three Jewish community councils throughout the nation. In telegrams addressed to the sponsors, Henry Epstein, chairman of the Council, said he noted "with special satisfaction that...the bill provides for the creation of a commission with authority to file charges, hold hearings, and issue cease and desist orders enforceable through the courts."

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS PROBE OF BIAS IN DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress disclosed today that it has asked the Rumanian Minister in Switzerland to urge his government to probe charges that there has been discrimination against Jews by Rumanian Red Cross officials, many of whom served under war-time anti-Semitic governments, in the distribution of American Red Cross relief supplies in the famine-stricken areas of Moldavia. Charges of discrimination were made in the Bucharest daily New Era, and reported here by the JTA.

68 IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE FROM BREMERHAVEN; MANY TO SPEND PASSOVER WITH U.S. RELATIVES

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- The S.S. Marine Marlin carrying 887 passengers, 68 of whom are survivors of Nazism coming to the United States as quota immigrants, arrived here this morning. Many of the immigrants will join relatives in time to spend the Passover Holiday with them. The passengers originally sailed from Bremerhaven, Germany, aboard the S.S. Ernie Pyle which was forced to turn back to Plymouth, England, because of engine trouble. The S.S. Marine Marlin picked them up there.

AMERICAN SOCIALISTS CALL FOR ADMISSION OF DP'S TO ALL DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Four American Socialist groups have addressed an appeal to several Socialist parties overseas and to the International Socialist Consultative Committee in London calling for the immediate dissolution of DP camps in Europe and the admission of their inmates to all democratic countries.

The Socialists pointed out that although the appeal is not restricted to Jewish DP's alone, they suffered most from Nazi atrocities and should be cared for immediately. The appeal requests that the question be placed on the agenda of the next International Socialist Conference which is to be held in Switzerland this spring. The groups signing the appeal are the Socialist Party, U.S.A.; Social Democratic Federation, U.S.A.; Jewish Socialist Verband; and Jewish Labor Bund Organization of New York.

JEWISH LEADERS JOIN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL NEGRO SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- A number of prominent Jewish leaders have joined the national campaign committee of the Urban League Service Fund, Negro social service agency, the organization announced today. Included among them are Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee; Henry Monsky, president of B'nai B'rith; David Sarnoff, president of the Radio Corporation of America; and Mrs. Arthur Hays Sulzberger, New York Times director. Sidney Hollander, former president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, is a member of the National Urban League board.

WILLIAM S. PALEY, CBS HEAD, NAMED CHAIRMAN OF U.J.A. ADVISORY COUNCIL

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- William S. Paley, chairman of the board of the Columbia Broadcasting System, has been named chairman of the advisory council of the \$170,000,000 United Jewish Appeal for Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine, it was announced today by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A. In a statement accepting the position, Mr. Paley hailed the United Jewish Appeal as "a cause of major world significance" and said he was assuming a position of leadership "out of a firm conviction that every American should share in binding the wounds of war and healing the scars of cruel and widespread oppression in Europe."