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U.N. SESSION ON PALESTINE TO OPEN AT END OF THIS MONTH; LIE SEES ZIONISTS

LAKE SUCCESS, April 9. (JTA) -- The special session of the United Nations Assembly to consider the Palestine question will probably open the last week in April or the first week in May, U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie indicated today.

Mr. Lie told a press conference that 14 nations have already formally approved the calling of a special session and he anticipated that he will have received affirmative replies from the necessary 28 of the 55 member nations by next Monday or Tuesday, April 14 or 15. Under U.N. rules, the Assembly meeting will convene 15 days after majority approval has been secured.

The Secretary-General said that the meeting would be held in the Assembly chamber at Flushing Meadows. He reiterated that the scope of the session would be determined by the delegates themselves. In her note requesting the special meeting, Britain suggested that it confine itself to establishing a fact-finding commission which would report to the next scheduled meeting of the Assembly in September.

Representatives of the Jewish Agency have conferred with him, Mr. Lie disclosed, but only on procedural matters relating to the ways and means of presenting the Zionist case to the Assembly or whatever commission is set up.

He refused to comment on the recent statement by a member of the British delegation that Britain would not consider herself bound by any decision taken by the Assembly, but pointed out that under the U.N. Charter the Assembly has the power only to recommend a course of action to a member nation.

The fourteen nations which have already signified their approval of the special session are: Cuba, France, China, United States, Haiti, Honduras, Liberia, Greece, New Zealand, Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Panama and Paraguay.

Questioned about the present status of the International Refugee Organization, Mr. Lie said that it has made no further progress since the Preparatory Commission met in Geneva several weeks ago.

Foreign Office Vague on Britain's Obligation to U.N. Decision on Palestine

LONDON, April 9. (JTA) -- The Foreign Office today declined to support a statement attributed to a British spokesman at Lake Success that Britain is not bound by the recommendations which the United Nations may make on Palestine.

"If such a statement was said, it was wrongly said," a Foreign Office official declared. He added that the reputed spokesman of the British delegation at Lake Success had no authority to make any such statement.

At the same time, the official refused to commit Britain to the view that the British Government would be bound by the decision of the United Nations. "I am not prepared to make any statement to that effect at this time," he told representatives of the press.

FOURTEEN PALESTINE JEWISH YOUTH GROUPS APPEAL TO DISSIDENTS TO END TERRORISM

JERUSALEM, April 9. (JTA) -- Fourteen Palestinian Jewish youth organizations with a membership of 80,000 men and women today banded together to issue a joint appeal calling for an end to terrorism in the country. The groups represented in the united front ranged politically from the extreme left to the far right.

The appeal called on the members of the dissident groups to rally around the national youth organizations and engage in pioneer work to develop Palestine and at the same time "salvage" the remnants of European Jewry. "Only by the united efforts of the whole people under national discipline, can our task be achieved," the statement declared. "Our national strength lies in internal discipline," it continued, "the essence of our work is immigration and settlement, defense, construction and the creation of a Jewish way of life."

Commenting on the call, a Jewish Agency spokesman said that this appeal might temper the activities of the extremist groups, since their membership is comprised largely of men and women in the same age groups as those in the organizations urging unity and peaceful construction.

Martial Law Regulations Published by Palestine Government

Apparently anticipating a new imposition of martial law, the government will publish tomorrow in the Official Gazette regulations governing all facets of life in Palestine in that event. The main point of the regulations is contained in a section which gives every member of the armed forces in a "controlled" area the same powers as are given to police officers under the rank of corporal. The regulations also codify the status of banks, the mails and other forms of communication in an area under martial law.

Military authorities have alerted personnel in all camps in the country for a possible emergency, the Arab press reported today. The report added that leaves for both policemen and soldiers have been cancelled and troops have been barred from Jerusalem and Haifa during off duty hours.

British troops spent the entire night searching the Mahane Yehuda quarter of Jerusalem for a man who last night shot two British constables, killing one and wounding the other. Apparently retaliating for the killing of a Jew and the wounding of a second Monday night by British troops, the attacker struck at approximately the same spot where the Jews were assaulted almost 24 hours later.

The lone assailant suddenly emerged from a narrow lane in front of the two policemen, fired two shots, and escaped back up the same lane. In subsequent searches for him, troops halted and questioned many Jews in the neighborhood, beating up those Jews who had come to Jerusalem for a visit during the Passover holiday.

Queried at a press conference today as to why the Palestine Government had ordered distribution here of the pamphlet "The Arab War Effort" by Dean Alfange, which accuses the aid given the Axis during the war, Richard Stubbs, the government's press officer, said that it was felt that the pamphlet and other publications designed to expose the pro-Axis activities of the Mufti or other Arab leaders would tend to provoke inter-communal bitterness and prejudice security.

Replying to another question, Stubbs said that since the end of the war the government had given Arabs 2,525 acres of public lands and Jews 1,250 acres and that negotiations were in progress with Jewish groups for further grants for veterans. He also disclosed that Jerusalem was under military curfew for 100 nights in the year ending March 31.

OVER 1,000 POLISH-JEWISH DP'S RETURN TO POLAND TO SEEK POSSIBILITIES OF RESETTLEMENT

WARSAW, April 9. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 Polish Jews who fled this country last year have returned to explore the possibilities of permanent resettlement, it was learned today. Hundreds of them have passed through the Czech-Polish border town of Zebrzydowice during the past few days en route from DP camps in the U.S. zone of Germany.

Most of the returnees hope to settle in Silesia. Their families are remaining in the camps until they can ascertain whether it will be possible for them to establish permanent residence and secure employment in Poland. Their arrival represents the first reversal in the trend towards Jewish emigration from Poland.

Meanwhile, Jewish groups are expecting the arrival shortly of the first transports of the 15,000 Polish Jews who are to be repatriated from the Soviet Union under an agreement negotiated last month between the Polish and Soviet governments. A new group of repatriates recently arrived from Russia, but no Jews were among them.

CHIEF OF NAZI CAMPS SYSTEM ON TRIAL BEFORE U.S. COURT; STRIPPED JEWS OF VALUABLES

NUREMBERG, April 9. (JTA) -- S.S. General Oswald Pohl, who headed the Nazi concentration camps system and was a deputy to Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler, went on trial here today, together with 17 other SS leaders, on charges of attempting to exterminate entire races."

U.S. Prosecutor James McHaney told the American military court that under Pohl's direction a special fund was established at the Reichsbank into which gold and other valuables stripped from Jews murdered in concentration camps were placed. He estimated that the fund reached over \$1,000,000 before the German capitulation.

The prosecutor said that Pohl had boasted that he had increased the number of concentration camps to 20 and forced labor camps to 165. McHaney charged that Pohl had personally witnessed barbarous experiments at Dachau in which Poles, Jews and Russians were used.

UNRRA HEAD AND BRITISH REFUGEE EXPERT CONFER ON FATE OF 26,000 DISPLACED JEWS IN ITALY

ROME, April 9. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. Lowell Rooks, Director-General of UNRRA, has conferred with Sir George Rendel, British representative on the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee, who is now in Italy, on the fate of more than 26,000 displaced Jews in the country when UNRRA terminates its activities on June 30.

In a press interview yesterday, Gen. Rooks stated that all displaced persons in Europe may be forced to return to their countries of origin if the International Refugee Organization is unprepared to assume responsibility for them when UNRRA is liquidated. Asserting that little progress has been made toward the establishment of the I.R.O., he pointed out that 12 of the 15 countries necessary to set up the organization have signified their intention of participating, but that none of them has done anything toward appropriating funds for its activities.

200 DISPLACED JEWS BARRICADE THEMSELVES IN FRENCH TOWN TO PREVENT RETURN TO GERMANY

PARIS, April 9. (JTA) -- Two hundred displaced Jews from Germany who had slipped across the French border illegally have barricaded themselves in the railway station in the frontier town of Saareguemines to prevent their return to the Reich, it was learned here tonight.

J.EWS, ALTHOUGH NON-ZIONIST, SUPPORT PALESTINE JEWRY, SAYS WALLACE IN LONDON

LONDON, April 9. (JTA) -- Although most American Jews are not Zionists, they have developed since the end of the war a strong sympathy for the Jews of Palestine, Harry Wallace told a press conference here today. He described the growth of pro-Zionist sentiments among U.S. Jews as "an amazing development."

Wallace, who is in England at the invitation of a group of British liberals, refused to comment when asked what solution of the Palestine problem he favored, explaining that he was here as a guest. He added that American Jews feel very deeply about the Palestine question and have given with extraordinary liberality to the Jewish community there.

He said that when many of his Jewish friends in America ask him how Britain can have difficulty in maintaining 12,000 troops in Greece, when she apparently has no trouble in maintaining 100,000 troops in Palestine, he "can't answer that." He commented briefly on the clash of American, Russian and British interests in the oil-bearing sections of the Middle East.

Asked if resettlement of Jews was hampered by immigration restrictions in the U.S., he replied that it is quite true that before America criticizes British policy in Palestine she should be ready to admit more Jewish and other refugees from Central Europe. However, he added, if the U.S. opened its doors to all Jews who wished to come, that would still not solve the Palestine problem.

Replying to another question, Wallace said that he favored the creation of a Jordan Valley authority in Palestine, which would provide electric power for industry and water to irrigate huge areas of presently barren land.

ABS AT INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE LEAVE MEETING WHEN PALESTINE ISSUE BARRED

CAIRO, April 9. (JTA) -- Several Arab delegates stalked out of today's meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union when the presiding officer ruled out references to the Palestine question.

The issue arose during a discussion on the question of migration, when several representatives of the Arab countries sought to link the solution of the refugee problem with Palestine. Gueffry Boutros Ghali Bey, Egyptian delegate, charged that "Zionist propaganda" had given a distorted picture of the Palestine situation and recalled the religious and cultural links between Egypt and Palestine.

British delegate R.R. Stokes, a Labor M.P. who has been consistently anti-Zionist, interrupted on a point of order, declaring that Palestine should not enter into a discussion of the migration problem. Stokes was supported by Senator Alben Barkley of the United States, who said that since the Palestine issue had already been referred to the U.N., it should not be discussed by the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Arab delegates who sought to precipitate a debate on the subject were ruled out of order, and Ghali withdrew his remarks. However, the Syrian and Iraqi delegates and some of the Egyptians withdrew from the meeting.

Earlier, Stokes stated that the whole world should be open to the resettlement of refugees, adding that the Jewish problem should not be confused with the Palestine problem, and that a solution of the refugee question should not be left to the Arabs alone. This statement elicited cheers from the Arabs and touched off the controversy.

S. IS URGED IN SENATE TO LINK PALESTINE ISSUE WITH AMERICAN AID TO GREECE AND TURKEY

WASHINGTON, April 9. (JTA) -- Senator Edward Martin, Republican of Pennsylvania, today urged the United States to have "a clear understanding" with the British regarding Palestine before proceeding with aid to Greece and Turkey.

In the Senate debate on the proposed aid to the two countries, Martin said that the question of Palestine could have been solved with Great Britain in 1942 and "if, during World War II, we had been tough-minded enough to lay down conditions for our help and our lend-lease."

Martin said he saw "similarity between the troubles faced by the British in Greece and their problems in Palestine" and asked if the United States should not consider the collateral aspects before it is too late. "This is a good time, he said, for the British to make clear "once and for all" their attitude on Palestine.

IRAQ CHIEF RABBI DENOUNCES ZIONISM; MIDDLE EAST JEWS UNDER INCREASING GOVT. PRESSURE

LONDON, April 9. (JTA) -- A report from Baghdad carried in the London press today states that the Chief Rabbi of Iraq, Sassoon Khedouri, issued a statement declaring that "Iraqi Jews will be forever against Zionism."

"Jews and Arabs have enjoyed the same rights and privileges in Iraq for 1,000 years," Dr. Khedouri is further reported to have said. "The Jews do not regard themselves as a distinctive part of this nation. The Zionist press had tried to create differences of opinion between Jews and Arabs, but I and every Iraqi Jew oppose and will fight such an aggressive attitude. Iraqi Jews are not Zionist and never will be."

The Jews in Iraq and other Middle East countries have been subjected to increasing anti-Zionist pressure in recent months by their governments. Last month the Syrian Government warned the country's Jews to denounce Zionism and threatened that the death penalty would be imposed on persons aiding refugees to reach Palestine by way of Syria. Violent anti-Zionist diatribes have been voiced in the Egyptian Parliament and attacks made on the nation's Jews for their alleged pro-Zionist sympathies.

89 JEWISH REFUGEES LEAVE FRANCE FOR PALESTINE ON VESSEL CHARTERED BY HIAS

NEW YORK, April 9. (JTA) -- Four hundred and nine Jewish refugees left for Haifa from Marseille Sunday on the HIAS-chartered vessel Providence, Isaac L. Asofsky, executive director of the organization announced here today. All but twelve of the 318 adults and 91 children were DP's in the British zone of Germany and are the first group to be admitted to Palestine under a British plan to divide the Jewish immigration quota between Cyprus internees and DP's in the British zone.

Asofsky also disclosed that special representatives of HIAS are now in Sao Paulo, Brazil, negotiating with Brazilian Immigration Commissioner Pericles Mello de Carvalho for the admission of Jewish refugees on a basis of full equality. The HIAS envoys have requested that their organization be permitted to select Jewish immigrants to Brazil with emphasis on mechanics, artisans and professionals and that the HIAS and the Brazilian Jewish community be permitted to assume corporate responsibility for a definite number of immigrants.

JEW AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY GRANTED \$263,000 IN LOANS TO JEWISH FARMERS LAST YEAR

NEW YORK, April 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agricultural Society granted over \$3,000 in loans to Jewish farmers in 16 states during 1946, Dr. Gabriel Davidson, managing director, announced in his annual report released here today. He also pointed out that the Society was placing a greater emphasis on placement of veterans refugees on farms in this country.

Nearly 500 veterans applied to the agency during the year, including a number of non-Jews referred by Christian organizations, the report stated. Forty veteran families have already been placed during the first year of the veterans program, but Dr. Davidson said that it was expected that the rate would be speeded up this year. All 105 families were settled on farms mostly in the East, and California, Michigan, Illinois and Florida in 1946.

In his summary of work among the refugees, Dr. Davidson revealed that "by the end of 1946 approximately 5,000 refugees had come to the Society's offices, 259 individual consultations had been held and 505 families settled on farms in California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Maryland and Virginia. Of these families 429 are, according to report, still on their farms, a showing which speaks for itself. Loans in the amount of \$616,898 were made directly by the Society, \$69,153 was lent by other agencies, mainly by the Central Loan Trust. Of the \$686,042 aggregate \$485,800 has already been paid back--much of it before maturity."

The report disclosed that The Jewish Agricultural Society has granted more than \$10,000,000 in loans to Jewish farmers in 40 states since the Society's founding in 1900. It also summed up the Society's general activities, pointing out that its Department of Agricultural Education and Extension maintains a staff of agricultural experts who bring to farmers in the more populous Jewish farming districts agricultural information on all phases of farming. During 1946 these extension specialists made 3,039 farm visits, held 75 farm gatherings, meetings and demonstrations attended by over 4,000 farmers. In addition, advice and aid were given to 1,631 who sought individual consultations at the Society's offices. Under its auspices interstate conferences of farmers were held. The Society conducts agricultural night classes for farm aspirants in New York City and Chicago and maintains a purchasing service for individual farmers and farm cooperatives.

PALESTINE'S HAPOEL SOCCER TEAM WELCOMED BY MAYOR O'DWYER AT CITY HALL

NEW YORK, April 9. (JTA) -- Palestine's championship soccer team, Hapoel, which arrived here yesterday, was welcomed by Mayor William O'Dwyer today at City Hall.

Sponsored by the Jewish National Workers Alliance and the American Soccer League, Hapoel's good-will tour will get underway May 4 at the Yankee Stadium when the group meets an all-star American team. Games are also scheduled for other major cities, including Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Part of the tour's proceeds will be used to erect a modern sports stadium in Tel Aviv.

ST. LOUIS RADIO STATION TELECASTS FIRST TELEVISION SEDER IN THE UNITED STATES

ST. LOUIS, April 9. (JTA) -- Radio station KSD-TV here telecast a Seder service Monday in what is believed to have been the first Seder ever sent out by television.

The service, conducted by Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman of Temple Israel, was performed at the broadcast station where a table and the other necessities were set up and a choir from the Temple's Sunday school sang Passover hymns and a pupil asked the four questions.

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