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SHERTOK REVEALS MAJOR POINTS OF JEWISH AGENCY'S MEMORANDUM TO UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA)--The major points of the memorandum which the Jewish Agency will present to the special session of the United Nations on Palestine situation were outlined here last night by Moshe Shertok, head of the Agency's political department, at a dinner tendered in his honor by the United Palestine Appeal.

The Jewish Agency, he said, will place great emphasis on the constructive achievements of Palestine's Jewish population. It will point out that the Jews in Palestine have, in a short span of time, transformed a "barren, neglected country" into a productive homeland for hundreds of thousands of Jews. "Our political strength is rooted in the land we have cultivated, the homes we have built, the industry we have developed," he stated.

"With regard to the Arab population," Shertok declared, "we will place before the U.N. irrefutable evidence which will testify to the long strides of advancement the Arabs have made in terms of living conditions during the last twenty-five years, due in most part to the immigration of the Jews who brought with them technical science and modern equipment."

The response of the United Jewish Appeal in this country will also be submitted as evidence to the United Nations, Shertok said. It will illustrate the "strong indication of the faith of several million American citizens in the constructive efforts of the Jews in Palestine," he explained. He added that "as far as Palestine's economic structure is concerned, the Jewish community there has no need for outside support. But, we are continuously receiving refugees from Europe who have to be clothed, fed, housed, placed in jobs, in a word, rehabilitated, and it is for this task that we look to America for help."

Discussing the present Palestine situation and the effects of terrorist activities and the resulting British reprisals on the Jewish community as a whole, Shertok attacked terrorism as a "force for negation, which can well destroy the work of two decades."

ARMY RAIDS PALESTINE SETTLEMENT; ARRESTS TWO JEWS; MEETING CONDEMNES TERRORISM

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA)--Two Jews were arrested in Bnei Brek, near Tel Aviv, this morning after troops had questioned nearly 1,000 persons in the settlement. The reason for the searches was not given.

A 20th anniversary meeting here of the Hashomer Hazair, attended by 1,000 delegates and guests, adopted a resolution condemning terrorism as "strangling our upbuilding work."

BRITISH ASK FRANCE AND ITALY TO HALT EMBARKATION OF JEWS BOUND FOR PALESTINE

LONDON, April 10. (JTA)--The British embassies in Paris and Rome have requested the French and Italian Governments to prevent the embarkation from their ports of ships carrying visaless immigrants to Palestine, the Foreign Office announced today.

A spokesman said that British diplomatic representatives in other countries from which immigrants have left for Palestine in the past have been instructed to keep a careful watch on the situation and to take up the matter with the governments concerned, if necessary.

According to reports received here tonight the British note to France was complemented by a personal communication sent by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin to Foreign Minister Georges Bidault. Both Bevin and Bidault are in Moscow for the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

Last January representatives of France, Britain and the United States met in Paris to discuss means of regulating immigration from Germany, but the agreements reached there, if any, have never been disclosed. Last year the British approached not only countries of transit or embarkation, but also countries of origin, such as Poland, in an attempt to secure cooperation in shutting off the flow of illegal immigration to Palestine.

(Queried today as to the status of the agreement drawn up at Paris, the State Department said that it is still in draft form, and has not yet been signed by any of the three nations. A spokesman said that the draft had been approved in "over echelons," but may undergo some changes before being signed. The signing will occur within the next 30 days or sooner, he added. Meantime, the Department will not disclose any of the provisions of the agreement, except to say that it includes a clause covering displaced persons.)

Refugees Face British Spring Offensive Against Immigration, Agency Warns

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA)--The refugee Jews of Europe face a new Spring offensive by the British against immigration to Palestine, a spokesman for the Jewish Agency told a press conference here today.

"If you add Bevin's letter to the London Times' naval correspondent's article describing so called illegal immigration as 'naval gangsterism' you will get a real picture," the spokesman said. "Both seem to emanate from a bad conscience. Exploiting the distress of the refugees and the Jewish nation is adding insult to injury, since all the world, including Palestine, is closed to them. And when they take to even bad ships, it's called a 'slave traffic'."

Warning that the only result of the government's action and the various newspaper articles would be an increased flow of ships, the Agency official declared that "naturally it would be better if we could provide better ships, but those who have no other means necessarily use those at hand. The sooner Jewish immigration is legalized better. Otherwise such attacks do not help anybody."

The Arab newspaper Falastin reports today, without confirmation, that the first Lord of the Admiralty George Hall, who was formerly Colonial Minister, will arrive in Palestine shortly to discuss with local authorities means of checking further illegal immigration.

RUSSIAN WAR MINISTER TAKES ACTION TO REOPEN TRIALS OF PERPETRATORS OF JASSY MASSACRE

BUCHAREST, April 10. (JTA)--Acting on a promise made in Parliament several days ago, Rumanian War Minister Gen. Mihail Lascar today took vigorous action to reopen the trial of the perpetrators of the Jassy massacre of 1941 in which about 10,000 Jews lost their lives.

The membership of the military tribunal which originally investigated the massacre and dismissed indictments against many of the perpetrators of the pogrom was completely reshuffled today and new warrants were issued for all defendants, including the generals, who had previously been freed. A parliamentary commission is considering a proposal to classify the pogrom as a war crime, a move which would place the defendants within the jurisdiction of the civil courts.

SHORTAGE IN RUMANIA UTILIZED BY ANTI-SEMITES FOR ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

BUCHAREST, April 10. (JTA)--Rumanian newspapers today published articles aimed at combating anti-Semitic rumors to the effect that despite the need of food in drought-stricken areas in the country, Jews have been allotted special rations of flour for matzo's during Passover.

Denying these rumors, the Rumanian press points out that no native wheat was used for the baking of matzo's, but that, on the contrary, the Joint Distribution Committee contributed a large amount of wheat to the government for non-Jews. The Rumanian parliament made special mention of the J.D.C. contribution in adopting a resolution thanking all foreign countries and organizations which sent food to Rumania to relieve starvation in drought-stricken sections of the country.

GERMANS CHARGED WITH ENTERING FRANCE ILLEGALLY DULY RETURNING TO REICH

PARIS, April 10. (JTA)--French guards succeeded in returning to Germany 100 displaced Jews whose visas were contested, but only after the Jews were forced back onto the trains under false pretenses, it was learned today.

The group reached the French town of Saareguemines when the French guards refused them further passage and wished to return them to Germany. They refused and were finally accommodated in the local synagogue and given aid by the local populace.

Later the Jews were told they would be transferred to Strasbourg but after the train got underway, they noticed that they were reentering Germany. Their efforts to stop the train were fruitless, but when they reached Asteiller, first German town in French occupied zone, they jumped off the train and scattered. The French again rounded up the group but they refused to reenter the train. Their final disposition is still undecided.

ARGENTINA GIVES TEMPORARY REFUGE TO JEWISH IMMIGRANTS BARRED FROM PARAGUAY

BUENOS AIRES, April 10. (JTA)--The Argentine Government has agreed to admit temporarily a small group of Jewish refugees with visas for Paraguay, who have been prevented from entering that country because of the civil war there.

Following intervention by the DAIA, central Argentine Jewish body, and the IAS, the office of President Juan Peron ruled that the refugees could remain at the immigrant station here until they can resume their journey.

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TRANSFER OF UNRRA FUNCTIONS TO IRO PROCEEDING, ALTHOUGH LATTER STILL NOT OFFICIAL

GENEVA, April 10. (JTA)--The transfer of the UNRRA staff and activities to International Refugee Organization is proceeding expeditiously and a meeting of IRO Preparatory Commission is slated to be held in Lausanne on May 1, despite fact that as yet only 12 of the 15 necessary signatures have been obtained to IRO constitution, it was learned here today. The organization cannot come into official being and start operating until 15 nations, including those who will contribute at least 75 percent of the IRO budget, have signed.

According to French experts attached to the preliminary IRO organization is not expected that resettlement of all refugees will be completed before five years after the IRO begins functioning. They expressed the belief that most of the Jewish DP's will reach Palestine within the next two years. These experts pointed out that the restrictive immigration policy of the United States was an obstacle to a prompt solution of the refugee problem.

Unofficial Agency May Replace UNRRA Until IRO Set Up, Manchester Guardian Says

LONDON, April 10. (JTA)--The Manchester Guardian said today that since there is little likelihood that the International Refugee Organization will be set up before UNRRA expires, the 13 nations who have signed the IRO constitution probably will form an agency outside of the United Nations Organization to carry on refugee work, hoping that UNO will give it recognition at a later date.

The paper also predicted that the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees could receive additional funds when its budget expires this summer.

Lehman Warns Of "Tragic Situation" If IRO Does Not Function Soon

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA)--A "truly tragic situation" is in the making if the International Refugee Organization is not ready to take over UNRRA's duties on July 1--the date that UNRRA is scheduled to expire, former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman warned last night in an address at Columbia University's McMillin theater.

"The International Refugee Organization remains a paper agency even though much more than a year has passed since the United Nations recognized their responsibility for the care and resettlement of refugees," Lehman said. "Less than three months remain before UNRRA will be scrapped and the military withdraws, or greatly reduces, its assistance to displaced persons. Because of the failure by governments and their legislatures to act the International Refugee Organization has not yet officially even been declared operative. It has no funds. It is without any adequate expert, trained staff.

"And I speak from long experience when I say that to do all that needs to be done in order to make the International Refugee Organization an effective body will not take a week or a month, but a very long period of time. If I.R.O. is not ready when it is called upon to take over on July first--and I greatly fear that it will not be ready--we will have a truly tragic situation."

DP CAMPS TOO MUCH LIKE CONCENTRATION CAMPS, SAYS REFUGEE LEADER IN PLEA FOR EMIGRATION

VIENNA, April 10. (JTA)--The living conditions of the Jews residing in DP camps is too much like the conditions which existed in Nazi concentration camps, Bronislaw Teichholtz, president of the International Committee for Jewish Refugees in Austria, said today in a Passover broadcast over the Austria state radio. Teichholtz thanked the Allied military authorities for the assistance they have given the displaced Jews, but said that the basic solution of their problem is resettlement in Palestine, which is still barred to them.

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INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES REPORTED PREPARING TO TRANSFER INSTALLATIONS TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA)--International oil companies which have major oil bases and installations in Alexandria are preparing to transfer them to Negev, the Arab newspaper El Wahda reported today.

It stated that the decision to move followed a final promise of withdrawal of British troops from Egypt. According to the newspaper the companies have acquired large tracts of land in Southern Palestine and will erect one of the largest petroleum storage depots in the world there.

When questioned by a Jewish Telegraphic agency correspondent on the reported plans, representatives of several of the companies denied knowledge of any of the details of the Arab newspaper's report.

EGYPT DENIES REPORTED PROTEST TO EGYPT AGAINST POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF MUFTI

LONDON, April 10. (JTA)--The Foreign Office today denied a report from Cairo that the British Government has protested to Egypt against the political activities of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem.

A spokesman, however, did not exclude the possibility that British Ambassador Sir Ronald I. Campbell had made representations on his own initiative, and had not yet informed London. The spokesman added that as far as he knew the Foreign Office was not contemplating any such step at present.

Harold Laski, in an address last night at the Histadruth "third Seder," called upon Great Britain to fulfill immediately the spirit and letter of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate and not sometime in the future when "what is left of European Jewry is regrouped into new concentration camp victims of the British Government."

Warning Palestine terrorists that they have done immeasurable harm by giving the British Government an "alibi," Laski also criticized Foreign Minister Bevin's policy, which "makes him an objective ally of the Grand Mufti." He said the British Government should not fear the "myth" of a possible rebellion and not allow a Jewish national home to become the victim of oil or fear of supposed Russian ambitions in the mid-East.

Laski also called Britain's failure to carry out the findings of the Anglo-American Palestine Commission an "outrageous blot on the record of the Labor Government."

Palestine Arabs Transfer Central Political Office To Egypt; Strengthen Mufti

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA)--The Arab newspaper, Adifaa, reported today that the central offices of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee will be transferred to Cairo in a move that is interpreted as strengthening the hand of the Grand Mufti in Arab politics.

The Committee's special branch, under Emil Ghori, has opened already and will deal with internal affairs and publicity, the report said. Rafiq Tamimi took over the land department and "national activities." Jamal Hussein will continue as general director.

RUVIAN CARDINAL CONDEMNES RECENT ANTI-SEMITIC OUTBREAKS; URGES TOLERANCE

LIMA, April 10. (JTA)--Peru's Cardinal Juan Gualberto Guevara in a press interview today condemned recent anti-Semitic demonstrations during strikes by this city's textile workers and other trade unions.

Strongly advocating religious and racial tolerance, the Cardinal recalled that Pope Pius XI energetically condemned the persecution of Jews in Europe.

ONLY 19 OF THE MORE THAN 34,000 DUTCH JEWS SENT TO POLISH DEATH CAMP SURVIVED

AMSTERDAM, April 10. (JTA)--Only 19 Dutch Jews survived out of the 34,313 who were imprisoned in the Sobibor concentration camp in Poland, according to a report made today by the Dutch Red Cross Society.

ALIENS WHO FOUGHT IN ALLIED ARMIES GRANTED "CONTINUITY OF RESIDENCE" IN UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, April 10. (JTA)--The House of Representatives yesterday passed a bill which will preserve the "continuity of residence" of aliens who left the country to fight in Allied armies and now wish to become naturalized citizens.

Aliens must have established permanent residence in this country and have resided here continuously for five years to complete naturalization proceedings.

The bill will amend the naturalization act of 1940 to protect the residence of those who left this country to serve in the army of a country which had declared war against a country which was at war with the United States.

The bill applies only to those aliens who return to the United States for permanent residence within one year from the date of its enactment and are legally readmitted as immigrants.

WORLD AGUDAS ISRAEL MEETING TO DRAFT MEMORANDUM FOR SUBMISSION TO UNITED NATIONS

LONDON, April 10. (JTA)--The executive of the World Agudas Israel which is meeting here, today decided to instruct its representatives in all countries to contact their respective governments and present the organization's viewpoint on the Palestine issue as it will arise at the United Nations.

The executive also appointed a committee headed by its president Jacob Rosenheim to start preparing a memorandum on the same subject for presentation to the U.N. and delegated Rabbi Iche Meir Levin, president of the executive and H.A. Goodman, political secretary, to attend the special General Assembly session in New York.

HAPOEL ROLE IN PALESTINE DESCRIBED AT N.Y. RECEPTION FOR TEAM

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA)--The role played by the Hapoel soccer team, now visiting the United States, in the life of the Jewish community in Palestine, was described today at a reception given for the group by Jewish organizations.

Mordecai Zhilist, one of the team's officials, described the Palestinian Jew's pride in the group and expressed the hope that more frequent visits by Palestinian and American sports groups could be arranged to help cement friendly relations.

BECAUSE OF THE PASSOVER HOLIDAY THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON MONDAY