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N. SESSION ON PALESTINE SET FOR APRIL 28, AFTER 29 NATIONS APPROVE BRITISH REQUEST

LAKE SUCCESS, April 13. (JTA) -- Secretary-General Trygve Lie today cabled the 55 member states of the United Nations informing them that the special session of the General Assembly on the Palestine issue will open April 28. The cable was sent following receipt of approval from the 28th and 29th nations, one more than the majority necessary to call a special session.

In the cable, Mr. Lie listed a six-point tentative agenda for the session. It consists of: 1. The opening of the session by the chairman of the Belgian delegation; 2. Election and report of the credentials committee; 3. Election of a president; 4. Organization of the session; 5. Adoption of an agenda; 6. Constituting and structuring a special committee to prepare for consideration of the question of Palestine at the second regular session of the General Assembly.

As the U.N. secretariat made hurried preparations for the meeting, it was revealed that Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin will not attend and that Britain will send no ministerial delegation, merely one Palestine expert from the Foreign Office and another from the Colonial Office to assist Sir Alexander Cadogan, head of the United Kingdom permanent delegation.

The United States has not yet named a delegate to the special session, but it is understood that Warren R. Austin, permanent representative, will attend. The United Nations, which approved the session, suggested that it be held in Geneva.

At Flushing Meadows, where the session will be held, workmen will commence cleaning, airing and repairing the assembly hall and conference rooms tomorrow. Among the difficulties facing them will be the installation of telephone service because of the nation-wide telephone workers' strike. Other problems include obtaining cafeteria facilities since the regular equipment was leased out following the close of the first regular Assembly session, and transportation which was furnished by the U.S. Army and Navy but will have to be hired on a commercial basis for this session.

The complete list of countries which replied to the U.N. following Britain's request April 2 for a special session--all in the affirmative--is: Cuba, France, United States, Greece, Haiti, China, Panama, USSR, Paraguay, Liberia, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Denmark, Ukraine, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Honduras, India, Peru, Dominican Republic, Brazil, South Africa, Norway, Australia, Mexico, Canada, Turkey, Philippine Republic.

Great Britain's right to sit on the investigating commission for Palestine will be set up by the General Assembly, unless the Jewish Agency is also represented, was challenged today by the American Jewish Conference. In a communication to Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson, the Conference asked the support of the United States for the proposition that either all parties directly concerned with the Palestine situation should be included on such a commission, or else, that all be excluded on no other basis," the letter said, "would it be possible to obtain all relevant facts and points of view without distortion and without injury, in particular, to the interests of any of the parties directly concerned."

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JEWS EVICTED FROM HOMES IN HAIFA AS COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT FOR BLASTING OF JEEP

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- One hundred and ten Jews were today evicted from their homes in the Hadar Hacarmel section of Haifa by the Palestine Government as collective punishment for the blasting of a military jeep on a nearby road ten days ago.

Jewish heads of various sections of Jerusalem and its suburbs were threatened by the local British district commissioner this week-end that they would be held responsible for terrorist activity in their areas. They were also warned that if any British personnel were slain, the Jewish quarters would be placed under a severe curfew.

Two Arab ice cream vendors were attacked and slightly injured by a number of Jews yesterday near a sports stadium. The incident followed the killing of a Jew and the injuring of another by an Arab mob. The men, Asher and Isaac Kovitz, who are brothers, accidentally entered an Arab mosque while seeking for a street that would lead them to the Walling Wall. Both were recent immigrants to Palestine and had come to Jerusalem for a holiday visit from Tel Aviv, their home.

The Sternist underground radio today assumed responsibility for the assassination of a British constable last week and the wounding of another as "reprisal" for the killing of a Jew and the wounding of a second by British soldiers. Guela Cohen, a Jewish woman sentenced to seven years imprisonment for serving as an announcer on a Sternist radio station, escaped from a government hospital here where she was a prisoner. She had made one unsuccessful attempt to escape previously.

JEWISH AGENCY RECONSIDERING ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING BECAUSE OF U.N. SESSION

JERUSALEM, April 13. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive is reconsidering the possibility of holding a plenary session of the Zionist Actions Committee on May 1, as scheduled, because of the opening of the U.N. special session on Palestine this month, it was learned today.

Since Agency sources anticipate that the session will last anywhere from two to three weeks and then expect to be busy preparing for the September session when the full question will be reviewed by the General Assembly, it is considered highly unlikely that the Actions Committee will meet before the Fall. Meanwhile, Agency leaders and a number of technical experts are preparing to leave for the United States to attend the special session.

A nation-wide conference of the Hashomer Hatzair Party concluded last night with a call to all forces in the community, particularly labor, to fight terrorism and "eradicate fascist groups and tendencies."

POLISH GOVERNMENT HALTS ILLEGAL EMIGRATION OF JEWS UNDER BRITISH PRESSURE

WARSAW, April 13. (JTA) -- The Polish Security Ministry today informed a conference of leaders of the Jewish Central Committee and heads of Jewish political parties that further illegal emigration will be halted. The move is believed to have followed renewed British pressure on the government to halt the movement of Jews to Palestine as well as for internal reasons.

The conference, which was called by the Ministry, was told that Jewish leaders, particularly the Zionists, would be held responsible for further illegal emigration. Warnings were also sent to Jewish leaders in Upper and Lower Silesia and in all border towns. Frontier guards will be strengthened to implement the policy.

Three Jews attempting to cross the Czech-Polish border at Koldzko were today arrested.

STATE DEPT. EXPLAINS WHY JEWISH DP'S GET LARGER PERCENTAGE OF U.S. VISAS FROM EUROPE

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA) -- Figures on the number of U.S. visas issued to displaced Jews in the American zones in Europe were made public here by the State Department in answer to a query whether "special priority is given to members of the Jewish faith" in granting visas to DP's. The total number of Jewish refugees to receive visas during the last eleven months was under 10,000.

The question was addressed to the State Department by Congressman Edward T. Miller, Republican of Maryland, who also wanted to know whether children were receiving priority and how many refugees might seek entry to the United States this year. Both the letter from Rep. Miller and the State Department's reply are published in the Congressional Record.

Pointing out that the existing immigration statutes pertaining to the allocation of quotas and the "public charges provisions" were being complied with by U.S. consular officials who issue the visas, the State Department made it clear that priority is given to orphaned children.

With regard to the number of visas which were issued to displaced Jews, the State Department declared that Jewish organizations have been much more active in issuing "corporate affidavits" guaranteeing the support of the refugees once they reach the United States than the "non-Jewish welfare organizations." Another reason was that the greater number of persons applying under the German quota were Jewish "persecutees" and that screening had ruled out many persons of German ethnic origin because of their "status under the Nazi regime."

According to consular reports, there have been a total of 14,474 visas issued to DP's from March, 1946, to January of this year. Of these 9,627 were Jewish, 2,173 Catholic, 1,969 Protestant, and 705 of other or no religious faith, the State Department revealed.

BRITISH NEWSPAPERMEN THREATENED FOLLOWING EXPOSE OF RENEWED ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- The editor of Reynolds News, a Labor newspaper, and one of its columnists, Tom Driberg, a Member of Parliament, have received threatening notes from fascists following their recent expose of a revival of fascist and anti-Semitic activities in Britain.

The notes threatened that the newspaper "offices will be destroyed and a pointed Star of David will be deeply seared in your Mongol skull--Judah Shall Perish, Heil Hitler." They were mailed from northern England and were signed by the "Gothic Union." In the same envelopes were included anti-Semitic leaflets captioned: "Wir Kommen Wieder."

Police are making intensive investigations into the activities of fascist groups particularly in Leeds, which has a large Jewish population, and in London where a second hate groups, "The Northwest Task Force," has joined the Union for British Freedom in spreading anti-Jewish propaganda including a call to Britons to "throw Jews off public vehicles and knock them into the gutter."

A petition campaign calling on the government to outlaw fascism was launched today at a meeting of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen of Manchester and Salford districts.

## URGES "LESS RESTRICTIVE" U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY ON REFUGEES AT U.J.A. PARLEY

PITTSBURGH, April 13. (JTA) -- Harold L. Ickes, former Secretary of the Interior, today called on the United States to make its immigration policy "less restrictive" and admit a large number of refugees. Mr. Ickes spoke here at a United Jewish Appeal Tri-State conference attended by more than 400 Jewish leaders from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

Asserting that both the United States and Great Britain have "a distinct moral obligation" to facilitate Jewish immigration to Palestine, the former Secretary of the Interior deplored the "mesqueness" with which the U.S. Government has "submitted to the recalcitrance of Great Britain's" policy on Palestine. Commenting on President Truman's request for military and financial assistance to Greece and Turkey, Mr. Ickes asked: "If Great Britain can no longer supply the funds to maintain the tottering monarchy in Greece, how does it happen that money can be found to invest in tyranny in Palestine?"

"Our government seems to feel the urgent obligation to assume certain responsibilities" towards Greece and Turkey, he added. "If we can make this \$400,000, - \$500,000 investment, we can make an investment in insistence that Great Britain disavow the illegal and immoral White Paper" and return to the policy of the Balfour Declaration. "The Jews who have gone to Palestine have made good beyond the fondest hopes of civilized peoples everywhere," Mr. Ickes concluded.

William Rosenwald, national chairman of the U.J.A. and president of the United Service for New Americans, who also spoke at the conference, emphasized that Jewish war refugees and displaced persons may enter this country at the rate of 100,000 a month or more in 1947 if we are ready to help these tired, beaten people adjust to a strange land and strike new roots. They are desperately eager to stand on their own feet, but they need time and individualized care to realize their aspirations," he added. "For this reason, the financial obligation of U.S.N.A. is a cumulative one as new arrivals must be cared for."

Discussing the global aspects of the U.S.N.A. program, Mr. Rosenwald declared that the Jews of America must "implement American world leadership in finding an enlightened and constructive solution to the over-all problem of Jewish homelessness. If the newcomers are properly cared for, proposals for the relaxation of immigration barriers will receive favorable support from public opinion," he said.

"The progressive example of America as predicated on U.S.N.A. assumption of responsibility for needy Jewish newcomers has worldwide significance," he stated. "If through manifold services we demonstrate our capacities to receive and provide for larger numbers, it is bound to affect the immigration thinking of all other civilized nations, notably that of Britain in liberalizing her policy of Jewish immigration to Palestine."

## SHERTEK CALLS ON U.N. TO TAKE IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO ADMIT 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 13. (JTA) -- The United Nations should take swift steps to provide immediate admission into Palestine of 100,000 Jews still "rotting in the D.P. camps" of Europe, Moshe Shertek declared today before 350 Jewish community leaders at the Connecticut State Conference of the United Jewish Appeal.

"International covenants have guaranteed Jewish rights in Palestine," he said. "We will base our case for immediate admission of 100,000 of our brothers and sisters who are rotting in Europe's DP camps on that daring and vision which has made Palestine an example to the entire world, and which has contributed greatly to the wellbeing of all peoples in this part of the world." With the support of American Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal, we stand prepared to welcome every Jewish survivor in Europe who wants to start life anew in the Jewish homeland.

EIGHTEEN N.Y. COLLEGES CHARGED WITH USING PHOTOGRAPHS FOR DISCRIMINATION PURPOSES

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Charging that eighteen colleges in New York State request photographs of applicants for admission in order to facilitate discrimination against Negroes, Jews and other minority groups, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, wrote to Chancellor S.P. Capen, president of the Association of Colleges and Universities of the State of New York, suggesting that the members of the association cease to request photographs from prospective students.

The colleges which request photographs from applicants are: Adelphi, Alfred, Barnard, Brooklyn Polytechnic, Clarkson, Colgate, Columbia, Cornell, Hamilton, New York University, Rensselaer, Rochester, Russell Sage, Skidmore, St. Lawrence, Syracuse and Union.

CONGRESS GETS RESOLUTION CALLING FOR POSTAGE STAMP TO HONOR HAYM SALOMON

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA) -- A resolution has been introduced in the House of Representatives to issue a three cent stamp in honor of Haym Salomon, Polish Jewish immigrant who aided the American colonies in their fight for independence. Salomon was one of the foremost financiers for the Continental Congress and sacrificed his personal fortune to help outfit and feed Washington's armies.

The Post Office Department last Friday issued a similar stamp to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Pulitzer, American publisher, who rose to world fame after arriving in this country a penniless immigrant. He left a considerable fortune to projects for the advancement of the arts.

CRUM URGES MOSCOW "BIG FOUR" PARLEY TO SECURE ADMISSION OF 100,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE

UTICA, N.Y., April 13. (JTA) -- The statesmen meeting at the Moscow Conference should take immediate steps to allow 100,000 homeless European Jews to enter Palestine as a concrete measure toward the realization of world peace, Bartley C. Crum, former member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, urged today at the New York State Conference of the United Jewish Appeal for \$170,000,000, attended by more than 350 Jewish leaders from all parts of the state.

Mr. Crum, who has seen conditions in Europe and Palestine at first-hand, declared that "the Jewish community of Palestine is economically capable of absorbing 1,000,000 of Europe's surviving Jews within the next five years."

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION REPORTS PROFIT; SAYS PALESTINE IS FIT FOR INVESTMENT

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- The net profit of the Palestine Economic Corporation in 1946 amounted to \$286,446, after Palestine, British and United States taxes had been deducted, Robert Szold, chairman of the board of directors, announced today.

Last year was one of the most profitable in the twenty-year history of the Palestine Economic Corporation, largest American business enterprise in Palestine, Mr. Szold said. Net income was greater only in 1945, when it amounted to \$337,716. "Economically, Palestine is a going concern and fit for investment," he declared, adding that the Palestine Economic Corporation is continuing steadily its development of low-cost housing projects, direct investments in basic manufacturing undertakings and extension of credits for agricultural improvements.