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TERMS OF PALESTINE MANDATE MAY BECOME ISSUE AT SPECIAL SESSION OF UNITED NATIONS

LAKE SUCCESS, April 14. (JTA) -- Diplomatic circles here today expressed the belief that the Jewish cause will best be served at the special session of the United Nations on Palestine if the fact-finding commission which the session is to appoint is instructed to establish whether Britain has carried out the terms of the Palestine Mandate.

It is assumed that considerable discussion will develop at the session if this point is raised. It was predicted that the fact-finding commission will be ready to leave for Palestine about June 1.

PALESTINE JEW FEAR GRUNER MAY BE HANGED TODAY; HIGH COMMISSIONER EVADES CHIEF RABBI

JERUSALEM, April 14. (JTA) -- Numerous indications gave ground to fear that today Dov Gruner, condemned Palestine Jewish youth, may be executed tomorrow at dawn. He and three other condemned Irgunists were today transferred from the central prison in Jerusalem to the jail at Acre.

Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog today applied for an interview with High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham in an attempt to establish the fate of Gruner, but his request was denied by Chief Secretary Gurney. Later, he submitted a petition to the High Commissioner and to Lt. Gen. Gordon H.A. MacMillan, Palestine military commander, asking postponement of Gruner's execution. Similar petitions were also submitted by Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv and Max Seligman, Gruner's lawyer. The Chief Secretary, in accepting the petitions, said that the matter was in the hands of Gen. MacMillan.

On the other hand, Seligman disclosed late tonight that he had received word from Acre Prison that the superintendent had received no new orders concerning Gruner and does not expect that Gruner will be hanged tomorrow, particularly in the light of the news that a new appeal has been filed with the Privy Council in London.

Lawyers Make New Attempt Before Privy Council to Save Gruner's Life

LONDON, April 14. (JTA) -- An attempt to save the life of Dov Gruner was made here today when attorneys for Tel Aviv Mayor Israel Rokach filed a petition before the Privy Council asking permission to appeal against the death sentence imposed by a military court.

The attorneys cabled High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham and Lt. Gen. Gordon H.A. MacMillan, Palestine military commander, asking for a stay in execution pending the outcome of the plea. The Palestine Government replied that "no undertaking can be given" that the request would be granted.

Simultaneously, attempts were made to have the Colonial Office intervene to postpone the hanging. The Colonial Office, however, asserted that the matter was in the hands of the War Office.

JEWS REPORTED KILLED WHEN BRITISH INTERCEPTED BLOCKADE RUNNER OFF PALESTINE

HAIFA, April 14. (JTA) -- Two Jews were reported killed and 20 others injured seriously enough to require hospitalization during a pitched battle last night between a British naval boarding party and some 2,500 visaless immigrants aboard the blockade runner Theodor Herzl, intercepted off the coast of Tel Aviv.

Six of the injured, all of whom were taken to government hospitals here and the Athlit clearance camp early this morning, were suffering from gunshot wounds. The wounded are: Abraham Feldman, 22, Nathan Alcharovitz, 22, Solo Friedman, all from Poland; Menachem Samet, 29, of Czechoslovakia; Dan Liebovitz, 19, and Sol Klein, 47. The last two underwent emergency operations. The names of seven others taken to Athlit were given as Otto Sobel, Itzhak Kassirer, Charlie Gerech, Ben Sperling, Moshe Mirenstein, Menachem Klein and Ivri Unger. The report of the killing of the two Jews could not be confirmed.

After the vessel was halted by a number of British destroyers at about 9 p.m., it took the boarding party three hours to battle its way over the sides. The fight raged aboard the Herzl for several hours before the refugees were subdued. The British used clubs, water hoses and tear gas, and when they proved insufficient, resorted to firearms. After destroying the ship's engines, the Jews fought back with whatever missiles came to hand.

Eventually the overloaded blockade runner was taken into tow by two destroyers and brought into the harbor here. The Herzl, originally named the Guardian, is reported to have left a French port about two weeks ago flying the Honduras flag. Immigrants from Poland, Hungary and Rumania made up the majority of her passengers. She was spotted by RAF reconnaissance planes early last night and was kept under watch until she entered Palestinian territorial waters.

British sources believe that the Herzl is the first of a great fleet of illegal immigrant vessels which will be crossing the Mediterranean to Palestine this spring and summer. It was officially announced that naval units patrolling the coast have been reinforced by a new warship. It was also disclosed that beginning tomorrow, British subjects desiring to enter Palestine must obtain special permission other than merely obtaining a passport.

The Official Gazette today announced the immigration quota for April 15-May 14. Fifteen hundred certificates will be awarded to Jews and two hundred to others.

HUNT FOR ESCAPED WOMAN MEMBER OF STERN GROUP SPREADS THROUGHOUT PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 14. (JTA) -- The hunt for Geula Cohen, member of the Stern group who yesterday escaped from a government hospital here where she was a prisoner, has spread throughout the country. Cars and individuals in various parts of Palestine were halted by police and military patrols and a number of Jews were beaten during questioning. However, she is still at large.

She escaped from a bathroom window in the hospital where she was taken ten days ago when she became ill with pneumonia. While two Arabs, who today confessed being hired by Jews, believed to be Sternists, engaged in an altercation and attracted the attention of her guard, she climbed out of the window. Miss Cohen, a twenty-year-old Yemenite Jew, was captured in Tel Aviv early last year while making a broadcast on a Sternist mobile transmitter and was sentenced to seven years.

Meanwhile, a British policeman was shot and wounded last night on Ben Yehuda Street, one of the main streets of the city, by unidentified assailants who escaped. Police detonated two small bombs found near Jerusalem on the road to Gaza.

# PALESTINE CHIEF SECRETARY VISITS WEIZMANN; CUNNINGHAM RECEIVES JEWISH LEADERS

JERUSALEM, April 14. (JTA) -- Palestine Chief Secretary Sir Henry L. Gurney visited Dr. Chaim Weizmann at his home in Rehovoth. Neither the purpose of the visit nor the subject of their conversation is known.

High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham today received Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, and Dr. Abraham Katznelson, head of its Social Welfare Department. They discussed government subsidies to the Jewish educational system and health services as well as additional services for Jews interned in Cyprus. This is the first official contact between the High Commissioner and representatives of the Jewish community in many months.

A convoy of 25 trucks escorted by armored cars brought 50 tons of barbed wire from Haifa to Jerusalem today. The wire will be used to reinforce the borders of some fortified zones in the city.

The Irgun's underground radio, "Voice of Fighting Zion," tonight broadcast an attack on the government's plans for imposing martial law in the event of further outbreaks of violence. Referring to the newest British regulation which labels areas under military command as "controlled areas," the announcer said: "The system of giving modest names to the most cruel means of oppression is typical of the Nazi system," and "we know that the controlled areas of Palestine are actually Warsaw ghettos."

## Government Withdraws Eviction Order in Haifa

The Palestine Government today withdrew its order evicting 110 Jews from their homes in the Hadar Hacarmel section of Haifa, after the Jews promised to maintain volunteer sentries to prevent further attacks on British military vehicles on a road near their homes. The eviction order was issued yesterday as a collective punishment for the blasting of a jeep on the road about ten days ago. During the investigation of the attack the Jews had cooperated fully with the British.

Arab moderates and other leaders of the opposition to the Husseini faction, which is led by the exiled former Mufti of Jerusalem, this afternoon left for Amman, capital of Transjordan, to consult King Abdullah on the growing wave of terror spread by the Husseini party. They also plan to visit the Regent of Iraq.

The Husseini party threatens to swamp the moderates in Palestine, particularly since it assumed all offices on the Palestine Arab Higher Committee as well as Palestine Arab representation on the Council of the Arab League and intends to speak for all Palestine Arabs before the United Nations. Another conflict is brewing between Syria and Lebanon on one hand and Saudi Arabia on the other over the terminus of a projected pipeline from Ibn Saud's oil fields.

## EGYPTIAN DELEGATE AT INTER-PARLIAMENTARY PARLEY URGES PUNISHMENT FOR ANTI-SEMITES

CAIRO, April 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish question was raised this week-end at the Inter-Parliamentary Conference now taking place here when Egyptian delegate Butros Ghali Bey urged severe punishment for those "who foment and encourage racial, religious and anti-Semitic campaigns."

He also called for punishment for persons who discriminate on the basis of religious and racial hatred. However, commenting on the Palestine situation, he urged that Jews who fled there to avoid fascist discrimination should be repatriated now. Delegates from 24 nations in Europe, the Middle East and the Americas are participating in the parley.

600 JEWS MOVED FROM SOUTHERN ITALIAN DP CAMPS AS UNRRA PREPARES TO END ACTIVITIES

ROME, April 14. (JTA) -- More than 3,000 displaced Jews have been moved from five camps in Southern Italy to unheated barracks at the Polesia camp, because the approaching liquidation of UNRRA activities, it was learned here today.

Conditions at the center, a former military camp, are extremely poor and during the last two days have penetrated the roofs of the barracks and wet everything and everybody inside, including a number of newborn babies. One Jew committed suicide and two others have died as a result of physical conditions.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF ROMANIA WARNS JEWS AGAINST JOINING "MASS MARCH" TO PALESTINE

BUCHAREST, April 14. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of Rumania today issued a warning to the Jews here against joining a movement for a mass exodus to Palestine which is being spread throughout the country by what the Zionist executive terms as "irresponsible elements." The movement is gaining strength particularly in provincial towns.

The Zionist warning, published in the entire Rumanian press, points out that many Jews have "fallen" for this propaganda and are leaving their homes and making their way towards frontiers to join a "mass march" to Palestine. The statement emphasizes that any such movement undertaken on private initiative involves heavy personal risks for the people concerned and can only jeopardize the organized efforts of Zionist authorities to ensure orderly emigration to Palestine under carefully prepared plans.

FRENCH CAMPAIGN TO HALT VISALESS PALESTINE IMMIGRATION NOT EXPECTED TO BE EFFECTIVE

PARIS, April 14. (JTA) -- Although French authorities have agreed to tighten control of passports and identity documents in line with a British request to cooperate in stemming the flood of visaless Jewish immigrants to Palestine, a spokesman of the French Foreign Office today held out little hope of effective control.

"It is in the nature of clandestine departures that they should be difficult to control," he pointed out. He also noted that the authorities have no legal grounds on which to inquire into the real intention of persons travelling through France whose papers are in order. Informed circles believe that agreement of the French Government to the British request will lead to no radical change in procedure and that officials of the Interior Ministry would take their lead from the Foreign Office on all matters dealing with foreigners.

ITALY ASKS BRITAIN TO HELP MAINTAIN REFUGEES PREVENTED FROM LEAVING FOR PALESTINE

LONDON, April 14. (JTA) -- The reply from Italy agreeing to cooperate with Britain in preventing Jewish refugees from illegally emigrating to Palestine has raised a number of points which the Foreign Office is now considering, a spokesman revealed today.

Although he refused to state what the points were, it is reported that Italy asked whether Britain is prepared to share in meeting the cost of maintaining in Italy refugees who are prevented from leaving.

The spokesman also stated that he was not in a position to either affirm or deny that Poland's decision to halt illegal emigration of Jews was taken after representations by the British Government. Asserting that no notes on the subject were sent to any government except France and Italy, he disclosed that British representatives in various countries are under standing orders to discuss the matter with the governments to which they are accredited whenever they think it necessary.



VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY FAVORS CONTROL OF REHABILITATION FUND BY AUSTRIAN JEWS

VIENNA, April 14. (JTA) -- The Vienna Jewish Community today went on record as supporting the Soviet view that any rehabilitation fund set up from heirless Jewish property should be administered by Austrian Jewish organizations under state control.

This position places the Jewish community in opposition with the proposal of the American delegation to the Moscow Conference that the fund be administered by world Jewish organizations chosen by Allied military mission chiefs in Austria for the benefit of all European Jewish survivors.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE SUPPORTS U.S. ATTITUDE ON HEIRLESS PROPERTY IN AUSTRIA

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Conference today issued a statement supporting the attitude of the Western powers at the Moscow Conference that heirless Jewish property in Austria be transferred to organizations to be designated by the Allies and the proceeds used for the rehabilitation of Austrian Jews both inside and outside Austria.

"In view of the fact that of the original 200,000 Jews in Austria only 8,000 now remain there, while 84,000 survivors are abroad and the 36,000 Jewish DP's in Austria are not expected to remain, a restriction on the disposal of heirless property to Jews in Austria only would in fact benefit very few of the Jewish survivors of Nazi persecution. Justice demands that heirless property in Austria of victims of Nazi aggression shall be used for the rehabilitation of all the survivors of Hitlerism whether they now reside inside or outside of Austria," the statement said.

At the same time the American Jewish Conference criticized the reported proposal of the U.S. delegation at Moscow that instead of paying full compensation to Jews in Austria for confiscated property, the Austrian Government should return the property in its present state to the Jewish owners and that no compensation whatsoever be paid for property which could not be located or for damage to such property.

"If the argument that it would not be equitable to place Jews in a privileged position was really advanced by the American delegation, then it was misguided in believing that lip service to the principle of equality was a satisfactory substitute for effective and real justice," the statement of the American Jewish Conference declared. "It is hard to understand the 'inequity' of restoring to and compensating Jews and other victims of persecution for property unlawfully seized from them. To place them in the same category with Austrians who were never persecuted, who enjoyed their property throughout the war, and who suffered property loss only because the war in which they participated did not go their way--is manifestly inequitable."

World Jewish Congress Concerned Over Jewish Provisions in Austrian Treaty

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today issued a statement expressing "deep concern" over the reported decision of the drafters of the Austrian Peace Treaty in Moscow that no special compensation will be paid for unrecoverable Jewish property, stolen or destroyed by the Nazis.

The statement, signed by Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki, secretary-general, urged that this decision be reconsidered. It also expressed the hope that the body which will have to claim, administer and ultimately distribute heirless Jewish property in Austria will consist not only of the representatives of the local Jewish communities in Austria "embracing only a small number of Jewish survivors" but will also be representative of the 90,000 surviving Austrian Jews abroad.

U.S. MUST PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN SOLVING REFUGEE PROBLEM, MIGRATION AUTHORITY SAYS

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- The greatest immigrant-receiving country in the world, the United States, must take the major responsibility in solving the problem of displaced persons by emigration and resettlement, Dr. Maurice R. Davie, chairman of the Sociology Department of Yale University, declared today upon the completion of a two-year investigation which he headed as director of the Committee for the Study of Recent Immigration from Europe.

The completion of the study was marked with a luncheon at the Commodore Hotel honoring Dr. Davie, which was attended by leading educators, sociologists and laymen. The study, "Refugees In America," is a full and authoritative account regarding the refugees who have come to the United States to escape political and religious persecution in recent years.

Pointing out that refugee agencies in this country have a large and effective organization for assisting refugees, which is another factor favorable for immigration in America, Dr. Davie expressed the belief that "public opinion in the United States regarding refugees has been far in advance of the views of Congress." Most of the credit for what America has done in rescuing, admitting and assisting refugees, he declared, belongs to private initiative and especially to interested organizations.

Dr. Leland Rex Robinson, chairman of the American Christian Committee for refugees, said that the study shows that the U.S. has failed to do what it could and should have done in solving the humanitarian problem of displaced persons and refugees. During this time when there was the greatest displacement of human beings in history, this country admitted the smallest number of immigrants in a century, he asserted, urging that at least 100,000 displaced persons a year for four years be admitted. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick made a similar plea.

Mrs. Irving M. Engel, chairman of the board of the United Service for New Americans, said that the study provides evidence to the American people of what they themselves stand to gain by offering a haven to the homeless. Ralf Ostrofsky, secretary of the study committee, urged that the committee continue to function.

150 JEWISH REFUGEES ARRIVE ON FIRST POLISH PASSENGER SHIP REACHING N.Y. SINCE WAR

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- One hundred and fifty Jewish refugees were among the passengers who arrived today from Southampton aboard the "S.S. Batory," first Polish passenger ship to reach this country since the end of the war.

NORMAN S. GOETZ RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES OF N.Y.

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- Norman S. Goetz was re-elected to a third term as president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York at a meeting of the organization's board of trustees held today. As Federation president, Mr. Goetz heads the largest private philanthropic structure in the country for health and welfare needs, comprising 116 hospitals, child care, old age, family welfare and other health and welfare institutions which annually aid 350,000 persons.

JUDGE FORMAN HEADS FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- Former Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, announced today that Judge Phillip Forman, since 1932 Judge of the U.S. District Court of New Jersey, had accepted the chairmanship of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the AJC, succeeding the late Judge George Z. Medalie of the New York Court of Appeals.