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BRITISH PLEA TO U.N. TO HALT PALESTINE IMMIGRATION CHECKED BY U.S. OPPOSITION

LAKE SUCCESS, April 24. (JTA)--The British plea to members of the United Nations to prevent "illegal immigration" of Jews to Palestine was not acted upon by U.N. Secretary General Trygve Lie because of vigorous American opposition, it was learned here today.

British spokesmen today denied that they have withdrawn the plea. They said that they asked Mr. Lie that nothing be done on it for the present and added that they are "considering the most appropriate method of action."

U.S. Groups Ask U.N. To Allow Participation Of Jewish Agency

Six national organizations today submitted a joint memorandum to the U.N. Secretariat calling upon the General Assembly to arrange for the participation --without a vote--of the Jewish Agency in all deliberations on Palestine as the internationally recognized representative of the Jewish people with respect to Palestine.

The memorandum also requested that Britain and the Arab states should not be named by the General Assembly to the proposed fact-finding committee on the ground that they represent parties with an interest in the issue. The same organizations requested President Truman to instruct the American delegation at the United Nations to support these proposals.

The memorandum was signed by Philip Murray, president of the C.I.O., and by leaders of the Council for Democracy, Progressive Citizens of America, Church Peace Union, Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union, and Nation Associates. It pointed out that by its implementation of the White Paper and its unilateral establishment of the independence of Trans-Jordan, Britain violated its 1924 convention with the United States under which no changes in the Palestine Mandate can be made without the prior consent of the United States.

Council For Judaism, Bergson Group Oppose Agency Representation

The Council for Judaism today reported that its New York Chapter has advised members of Congress that it rejects the efforts of the Jewish Agency to obtain recognition at the United Nations as the authorized spokesman for the Jewish people. It requested the Congressmen to convey to the U.S. delegation that "as citizens of the United States we regard our only spokesman before the United Nations to be the duly constituted representatives of the United States of America."

The American League for a Free Palestine also opposed Agency representation, asserting in a letter to U.S. chief delegate Warren Austin that to grant the Agency plea would "be tantamount to official recognition that Jewish citizens of countries other than Palestine are not full citizens or have dual allegiance." It asked him to back the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation demand for seating of a "Hebrew national delegation."

HIGH COMMISSIONER IN FLYING TRIP TO CAIRO CONFERS WITH HDQS ON ANTI-UNDERGROUND MOVES

JERUSALEM, April 24. (JTA)--High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham paid a flying visit to British Middle East military headquarters in Cairo today where he held a several-hour conference on the military situation in Palestine and the measures to be taken to crush terrorism.

During his absence Chief Secretary Sir Henry L. Gurney met at his request with Goldie Meirson, chairman of the political department of the Jewish Agency. Sir Henry voiced disappointment at the deterioration of relations between the Agency and the Palestine Government. He asked Mrs. Meirson "how do you expect the government to understand you and your demands when no contact exists?" He touched generally on the security situation here and the recent hangings.

The Meirson-Gurney conference follows a meeting yesterday between the High Commissioner and David Ben Gurion, Agency chairman, which was devoted mainly to the present tense situation. Immediately following the meeting, which was the first time that top British and Zionist leaders had met for several months, a special session of the Jewish Agency executive was held. No announcement was made concerning its deliberations.

At a press conference here today, an Agency spokesman ridiculed statements in the House of Lords yesterday that \$30,000,000 had been collected in the United States to buy ships for illegal immigration and guns for terrorists. He also challenged an allegation that thousands of Jews might have drowned if not for British warships, declaring that the reverse was true: were it not for the British Navy, many Jews now dead might be alive.

Finally, he took up the assertion that Britain had enabled the immigration of 450,000 Jews into Palestine, stating that the whole issue between the Jews and Britain revolved around whether the policy which had permitted the arrival of 450,000 would continue or was to be abandoned. The demand for a Jewish state flows from the abandonment by the British of this policy, he continued.

(A similar statement was issued this afternoon in New York by the American branch of the Agency. The statement suggested that if the British were really concerned about the conditions under which Jews travel to Palestine, they should accept the offer of the American Government to transport 100,000 DP's from German camps to Palestine on U.S. vessels.)

Government Protests Boycott Of "Zionist Goods" In Arab Countries

The official conferences and statements came on the heels of a warning by the Irgun radio last night that in the future British troops and police caught carrying arms would be tried by "field court-martials" from which there would be no appeal. They would be tried as members of an illegal organization in the Jewish homeland or as "looters or oppressors of the Masses," the broadcast said. Those convicted will be executed on the spot.

The government announced tonight that it has made representations concerning the Arab boycott of "Zionist goods," pointing out that such action was inconsistent with the draft charter of the International Trade Organization now meeting in Geneva, with the provisions of the U.N. Charter and with the general principles of trade. Observers here said that the announcement serves merely to place the government on record as opposing the boycott, but does not indicate that it plans to do anything about it.

MOVE LAUNCHED TO ELECT WEIZMANN PRESIDENT OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AT N.Y. MEETING

JERUSALEM, April 24. (JTA)--A campaign to elect Dr. Chaim Weizmann president of the World Zionist Organization at the May meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee in New York was decided on tonight by the central committee of the left-wing Hashomer Hazair.

The group will seek to form a united front of all Zionist labor parties to effect Weizmann's election and to place representatives of all the labor factions on the executive. It will also seek united labor action to combat terrorism, and to draft a common plan of work to be followed at the U.N. session.

CHURCHILL ATTACKS LABOR GOVERNMENT POLICY IN PALESTINE; CONTRASTS IT WITH INDIA

LONDON, April 24. (JTA)--Declaring that "we are fighting the Jews (in Palestine) in order to give the country to the Arabs," former Prime Minister Winston Churchill last night bitterly attacked British policy in the Holy Land, contrasting it with India.

The attack came in a speech at Wanstead, which is part of his constituency, in which he criticized the government for giving India its freedom. "There are four times as many troops in Palestine as in India," Churchill said. "We must carry on this squalid war of terrorism. We are fighting the Jews in order to give the country to the Arabs.

"We have worked safely and done our best in Palestine but it has not a twentieth part of the importance of India to us and is an immense source of expense and worry and is bringing upon us a great deal of disapprobation from many countries throughout the world by our maladministration of the whole problem. I would ask you to consider for yourselves whether there is any possible explanation except that stupidity, ineptitude and incompetence which is exhibited by the Government to an extent which I have never seen in any previous administration."

GERMANY HOLDS NO FUTURE FOR JEWS, SAYS ARMY ADVISOR ON JEWISH AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, April 24. (JTA)--Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, recently returned from Germany where he is special advisor on Jewish problems to American Military Governor Lucius D. Clay and to Gen. Mark W. Clark, commanding general in Austria, told a press conference here today that "fundamentally, there is no future for the Jews in Germany." The two possible solutions to the overall problem of displaced persons is emigration either to Palestine or to the United States, he said.

An army survey on anti-Semitism in the American zone, Bernstein pointed out, concluded that "four in ten Germans are so strongly imbued with anti-Semitism that it is very doubtful that they would object to overt action against the Jews."

About 90 per cent of the Jewish DP's in Germany and Austria would want to go to Palestine, if that country were opened to them immediately, he said. If other immigration possibilities should open up at the same time, he said, about 75 per cent would want to go to Palestine and the rest to the western democracies. There remains, however, a "core of Jews, perhaps 50 per cent, who will choose to sweat it out for Palestine regardless of delays and regardless of other immigration possibilities." Bernstein discounted stories that a "mass exodus" to Palestine either "would or should" take place.

U.S. MILITARY ADMITS GUILT OF SOLDIERS WHO ASSAULTED 40 DISPLACED JEWS IN MUNICH

MUNICH, April 24. (JTA)--Brig. Gen. Josiah Dalby, commander of the Munich area, admitted today that military police had acted badly Tuesday night when they assaulted a meeting of 40 members of the Agudas Israel, injuring 12, two seriously. Gen. Dalby said that the German woman who precipitated the riot was being held pending the filing of specific charges and that her companion, Corp. James Christian, would probably be court-martialed.

Military authorities concede that Christian and Helga Rietz, the woman involved, were "under alcoholic influence when the incident occurred." Gen. Dalby denied, however, that there had been any excessive mistreatment of the DP's, asserting that an Army physician who examined them found that the only two with serious injuries were Rabbi Moshe Blau, of Bad Reichenhall, and Eliezer Weinberger, of the Ulm Camp, whose legs were broken when they jumped from a window in the restaurant where the assault took place.

Dalby, who has promised to use the case for further indoctrination of troops as to relations with DP's, yesterday called in a delegation headed by Rabbi Naftali Baruch, director of the Vaad Hatzala here, and expressed regret concerning the incident, explaining that it had occurred spontaneously and was the result of provocation and general misunderstanding.

Ludwig Braun, a German from whom two DP's rent space for the kosher restaurant, backed the charges of the Agudah victims. He said that the soldier and his fraulein had been drunk and that the latter had beaten several of the DP's. He also confirmed that all the Jews had been forced to line up against the walls with the hands in the air, and were struck with truncheons by the military police if they attempted to lower their arms.

Fischul Finkelstein, co-owner of the restaurant, who was not present during the violence, was subjected to a violent search when he returned after he had told a guard, in reply to a question, that he was Jewish. Gen. Dalby, however, vehemently denied that such questioning was standard practice.

DP REPRESENTATIVES ASK U.N. TO OPEN PALESTINE GATES; EMPOWER JEWISH AGENCY TO ACT

MUNICH, April 24. (JTA)--A meeting here of 250 delegates and officials of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews, representing 211 camps throughout the American zone, today unanimously adopted a resolution demanding that the U.N. special session on Palestine take concrete action to open the Holy Land to Jewish immigration. The DP's authorized the Jewish Agency to act as their representative at the General Assembly.

The resolution recalled that it has been two years since the capitulation of Germany and still "we are forced to continue a pointless existence in camps where the concentration camp ghosts still loom. We are confident you will repair the injustices inflicted upon us and afford us an opportunity to go to the land of our hopes--Palestine," the resolution added.

Copies were forwarded to the United Nations Secretariat at Lake Success, and submitted to the representatives of all nations which have diplomatic delegations in Germany, except the British, who refused to accept the resolution.

U.S. SOLDIER GETS FIVE YEARS FOR FATAL SHOOTING OF ITALIAN JEW DURING BRAWL

ROME, April 24. (JTA)--Corp. Manuel Alonzo was yesterday sentenced to five and one-half year's imprisonment by a U.S. court martial for the fatal shooting of Anselmo Effratti, 25, an Italian Jew. Effratti was shot last month during a brawl between American soldiers and Italian civilians.

SURINAM AGREES TO ADMIT 30,000 JEWISH REFUGEES; DUTCH GOVERNMENT MUST APPROVE PLAN

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA)--The government of Surinam, Dutch Guiana, is ready to admit 30,000 Jews immediately for settlement in unpopulated sections of the country, it was announced here today by the Freeland League, a Jewish group seeking areas for colonization by Jews from Europe.

An official proposal to admit the 30,000 was made by the Surinam Government three days ago to a Freeland League delegation, headed by Dr. I.N. Steinberg, which spent 10 days in Paramaribo, negotiating with a special commission composed of members of the government and of representatives of the Legislative Council. The Jewish delegation also addressed a private session of the Legislative Council. The project will have to be approved by the Dutch Government.

At a press conference here today the leaders of the Freeland League reported that the government of Surinam had agreed to receive a commission of experts to be sent by the League. These experts, in cooperation with the local authorities, will select the area or areas where Jewish settlements will be established.

"The Jewish settlement," Dr. Steinberg told the press conference, "is not intended to become a separate political entity. Its members would become, in conformity with the laws of the country, citizens of Surinam. The Dutch language would be considered a bond holding together all groups of the Surinam population. At the same time, the development of Jewish culture, including religion, language and customs, would be guaranteed. Full scope would be given to the teaching of the Jewish language in the schools and to its use as an initial medium of instruction."

Dr. Steinberg said that agreement has been reached between the Surinam government and the Jewish delegation on all points except on the problem of further immigration after the initial 30,000 Jewish refugees have been settled.

SENATE GETS BILL ASKING TO UTILIZE UNUSED QUOTA VISAS FOR ADMISSION OF REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, April 24. (JTA)--Senator Brien McMahon, Democrat of Connecticut, has introduced in the Senate a bill to provide that unused quota numbers which accumulated from 1940 to 1946 be made available for issuance during the next 10 years.

Though not specified, the bill is designed to make some additional quota numbers available to refugees and displaced persons, McMahon's office explained. The total number of quotas that would have accumulated during those years would be roughly around one million. Ten per cent of this total would be made available each year for the next 10 years.

Another bill recently introduced by McMahon would make it possible to transfer a certain portion of the German quota which is around 25,000 a year and rarely filled--to quotas of countries which were overrun by the Nazis. Both bills were referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

CONFERENCE OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS HEARS REPORTS ON STATUS OF JEWS IN EUROPE

PRAGUE, April 24. (JTA)--The European Conference of the World Jewish Congress entered its second day today with reports by representatives of the Jewish communities in Britain, Yugoslavia and Austria. Among the subjects discussed was the question of participation by international Jewish organizations in the administration of heirless Jewish property in various European countries. Alex Easterman, executive secretary of the British section of the Congress, criticized the fact that Jewish representatives had not been heard by the Council of Foreign Ministers during their deliberations on the German and Austrian treaties.

ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION VOTES TO WITHDRAW FROM BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS

LONDON, April 24. (JTA)--The Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association voted yesterday to withdraw its representatives from the Board of Deputies of British Jews in view of the failure to reconstitute the Joint Foreign Committee. The latter body, which was liquidated in 1943, consisted of an equal number of representatives of the Deputies and the Association and took joint action on matters affecting Jews abroad.

Speakers at the Council session stressed the "anomalous position" of the Association in remaining a part of the Board, although the policies of the two groups are opposed. The Board is militantly pro-Zionist, while the Association is non-Zionist. Leonard Stein, president of the AJA, discussing the forthcoming U.N. meeting on Palestine, deplored "some of the none too felicitous Jewish Agency pronouncements in New York."

BILL OF RIGHTS INTRODUCED IN CANADIAN PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT SLATED FOR PASSAGE

REGINA, Canada, April 24. (JTA)--The Bill of Civil Rights, introduced in the Saskatchewan Legislature by Attorney-General J.W. Corman, has already passed its second reading, with all members of the opposition voting with the government. The bill reaffirms fundamental human liberties and provides against discrimination on both racial and religious grounds.

Supporting the resolution, Deputy Delmar Vallean said that concepts of freedom have been contributed to the world by many races. He referred to the contributions to freedom made by the Israelites, Greeks and Romans and Confucius.

JEWISH STATE PROPOSAL IS DESTRUCTIVE, ROSENWALD TELLS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

PHILADELPHIA, April 24. (JTA)--The anti-Zionist views of the American Council for Judaism were outlined here today by Lessing Rosenwald, president of the organization, before the American Philosophical Society.

"The anti-Zionist goal equates completely and is dependent on the democratic goal," he said. "It maintains that in a democratic world, the proposal of a Jewish state is destructive. Adherents of this philosophy, therefore, will turn for a solution to the fullest expression of democratic concepts and to a worldwide acceptance of the sanctity of the individual and fundamental human rights."

A different idea is expressed by Zionism, Rosenwald added. "Zionism is founded on the idea that Jews are elements of a nation; that these elements suffer from a sense of 'homelessness' and will remain so unless they possess a sovereign territory of their own; that when and if such sovereign territory were acquired, the problem of Jews would be substantially solved. The national element of Zionism is thus basic.

"Grant the nationalist's premise that Jews are a nation," he continued, "suffering from a sense of homelessness and from a lack of a special national home, and it follows that the problem can be resolved only by the creation of a Jewish State or commonwealth. In other words, Zionism is linked to a formula for Jewish territorial sovereignty. According to the Zionists even the most genuine and thoroughly developed democracy is incapable of solving the problems of the Jews." Widespread democracy, Mr. Rosenwald asserted, is fundamentally destructive of Jewish nationalism insofar as its values tend to eliminate the yearning for a separate national existence.

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