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ZIONISTS ANXIOUS OVER U.S. POLICY OF "NEUTRALITY" AT U.N. SESSION ON PALESTINE

LAKE SUCCESS, April 25. (JTA) -- With the United Nations special session on Palestine opening on Monday, fear was expressed today in official American Zionist circles that the Jewish cause may suffer if the United States decides to follow a policy of "neutrality" and refuse to accept representation on the fact-finding committee which the U.N. General Assembly is to appoint.

Zionist leaders are especially concerned over a rumor that instructions have already gone forth from Washington to the American delegation at the United Nations to abstain from any move which might offend the Arabs. "There is danger that justice will be subordinated to oil and power politics," a spokesman for the Zionist Organization of America stated.

Zionist circles expressed their belief that "at this very moment, there are once more powerful forces at work to nullify in practice the official policy of the U.S. government." These forces, they said, are anxious for the U.S. representatives at the United Nations to adopt a "neutral" and "judicious" attitude rather than take the initiative. The same forces are charged by the Zionists with trying, "under the cloak of neutrality," to exclude the United States from the U.N. fact-finding committee "and to have this country remain in the background while the Palestine issue is being buffeted."

Pointing out that the stand of the U.S. government at the United Nations will be "the acid test of the sincerity" of the Administration and the State Department, American Zionist leaders said that the Jews look to the United States to take a positive stand "as the leading protagonist of the Zionist case." The attitude taken by the U.S. Government will be decisive in rallying the support of many other nations, they pointed out.

Elimination of Arab Representative from Steering Committee is Advocated

Several delegations at the United Nations are reported to be discussing the possibility of eliminating Syria from the 14-nation steering committee of the General Assembly, since this committee will be the first to rule on whether the Jewish Agency is to participate--without a vote--in the session. The same committee will also have to rule on the Arab demand for inclusion in the agenda of an item requesting the termination of the Palestine Mandate and the independence of Palestine.

The report of the steering committee is expected to lead to much debate on the floor of the Assembly. The committee is composed of its president, seven vice-presidents and chairmen of the six Assembly standing committees. It has been suggested that for the sake of neutrality, Syria be dropped from the committee and replaced by either Turkey or Iran, which, though they might be sympathetic with the Arab cause, would not be identified as pleaders for the Arabs, in the same sense as is Syria.

Warren R. Austin, American delegate to the U.N., today asked Dr. Oswaldo Aranha, of Brazil, that he permit his name to be presented for election as president.

FOREIGN OFFICE SAYS HALL NOT AUTHORIZED TO STATE BRITAIN WILL NOT HEED U.N. DECISION

LONDON, April 25. (JTA) -- The Foreign Office reiterated today that no British spokesman here or at the United Nations has been authorized to state that Britain will not carry out the recommendations of the U.N. on Palestine unless they are satisfactory.

A spokesman told correspondents this morning that Lord Hall, the former Colonial Minister, had not received official sanction for his statement in the House of Lords on Wednesday to the effect that Britain would observe the recommendations only if it approved of them. He called the correspondent's attention to the latter part of Hall's statement: "Wait and see," and again denied that the government was not prepared to heed the U.N. decisions.

The Revisionist newspaper Jewish Standard today appeared with the lead column on its front page blank. An editorial note on the top of the column, entitled "Freedom of the Press?" explained that the typesetters had refused to set the article which condemned the hanging of Dov Gruner and three other Palestinian Jews.

HENRY WALLACE BACKS JEWISH DEMAND FOR VOICE AT U.N.; PROPOSES DP ADMISSION TO U.S.

PARIS, April 25. (JTA) -- Former Vice-President Henry Wallace today backed the Jewish demand for a voice at the United Nations during discussion of the Palestine problem.

Wallace also proposed that the U.S. lower its immigration bars for a period of three years and admit both Jewish and non-Jewish DP's. He made these proposals at a press conference today.

"I sympathize with the Jewish soldiers for a homeland and for a voice in the United Nations," he said, asserting that he believed that the slaughter of European Jews by the Nazis would never have been carried out had there been a Jewish nation in existence. "The 11,000,000 remaining Jews are entitled to speak" as a nation at the U.N., he declared.

U.S. TROOPS RAID JEWISH DP CAMP SEEKING BLACK MARKET; RESULTS "DISAPPOINTING"

MUNICH, April 25. (JTA) -- Six hundred U.S. Constabulary troopers today raided the Lampertheim Camp for displaced Jews, near Heidelberg, in what was described as a routine search for black market activity. The raid went off without any incidents, and it was learned unofficially that the search was "disappointing."

Twelve hundred Jewish DP's demonstrated peacefully yesterday before the British consulate in Frankfurt to protest the execution of members of the Jewish underground in Palestine and to demand free immigration to the Holy Land.

Leasing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism, who is touring the American zones in Germany and Austria with a group of U.S. business men, said tonight that the only solution to the DP problem was to liquidate the camps and permit the residents to emigrate to where they wished. "That means the United States and other lands, including Palestine, Canada, Australia and many others which must be opened," Mr. Rosenwald declared.

He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had visited many of the DP camps because he was interested in the problem and is active in the Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons, which is headed by Earl G. Harrison, former U.S. Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization. Mr. Rosenwald praised the spirit of the displaced Jews, saying they were doing everything possible with the limited facilities at their disposal.

HEAD OF LODZ GHETTO WHO SENT 300,000 JEWS TO DEATH GOES ON TRIAL BEFORE POLISH COURT

LODZ, Poland, April 25. (JTA)--Hans Bielewicz, former commander of the Lodz ghetto, who directed the execution of 300,000 Jews and also organized the Chelmno death camp, went on trial here today as a war criminal. His trial is expected to last one week.

One of the three judges is Michael Mirsky, chairman of the local Jewish committee. Jewish witnesses to be heard include a representative of the Jewish Historical Commission, which has in its possession most of the documents of the Lodz Nazi administration affecting Jews. In a statement to the court, Bielewicz, who was a wealthy Bremen merchant, said that he only carried out the orders of the Gestapo.

ROMANIA DRAFTS BILL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTE TO IMPROVE MINORITY RELATIONS

BUCHAREST, April 25. (JTA)--The Rumanian press today reports that a bill drafted by the Premier's office provides for the establishment of an Institute of Nationalities, which will have as its purpose the bettering of relations between the Rumanian people and the national minorities living in Rumania through a study of the ethnic, social and cultural aspects of the minority groups.

Welcoming the setting up of the new agency, the Jewish press requests that a special Jewish department be established in the Institute, in addition to the contemplated Hungarian and Slav departments. Jews are not considered a national minority under the new Rumanian constitution.

SLOVAK FASCISTS DESTROY TOMBSTONES IN JEWISH CEMETERY FOLLOWING TISO HANGING

PRAGUE, April 25. (JTA)--Unrest resulting from the execution of Father Josef Tiso, war-time president of the Nazi puppet state of Slovakia, who was condemned as a war criminal, is continuing in Slovakia and has manifested itself in several minor anti-Jewish incidents. The most recent incident occurred this week in Secovce, in eastern Slovakia, where 70 tombstones were destroyed in a Jewish cemetery.

Meanwhile, a peoples court in Litomerice today began trying Karl Rahm, former commander of the Theresienstadt Ghetto. Among the several hundred witnesses who are to be heard are a number from abroad. Rahm maintains that the Jews at Theresienstadt were treated "humanely." He tried to commit suicide in his cell a few weeks ago.

JEWISH LEADERS CONFER WITH FRENCH PREMIER; SEEK TRANSIT PERMITS FOR DISPLACED JEWS

PARIS, April 25. (JTA)--Premier Paul Ramadier was asked today to continue to permit displaced Jews to pass through France en route to Palestine. The request was made by Andre Blumel, president of the Jewish National Fund in France and legal adviser to the Jewish Agency. Mr. Blumel saw the Premier in connection with the recent note sent to Paris by the British Government asking action to halt the embarkation from French ports of Palestine-bound immigrants.

The Premier also received Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who outlined the position which will be taken by the Jewish Agency at the U.N. General Assembly on Palestine, and asked that the French delegation to the U.N. be instructed to support the Jewish demands.

FRANCE TO PROPOSE CLOSING OF GERMAN DP CAMPS AT I.R.O. PREPARATORY COMMISSION MEETING

GENEVA, April 25. (JTA) -- The French Government will propose the closing down of displaced persons camps in Germany and the dispersion of the DP's in villages and communities when the Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organization opens its second meeting in Lausanne May 1, it was reliably learned today.

It is also understood that the British Government will submit a plan for placing the DP's in its zone under military control. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned in diplomatic circles that Arthur J. Altmeyer, executive secretary of the Commission, will oppose the British plan and press for I.R.O. control of the DP centers. A spirited discussion is expected on both issues.

The Chinese Government - which yesterday became the thirteenth nation to announce its adherence to the I.R.O. - will be represented when the Preparatory Commission re-assembles. Two more nations are needed to start I.R.O., which will come into being when 75 percent of its first year's operational budget of \$151,060,500 has been subscribed unconditionally. Thus far 72 percent has been pledged.

INFLUENTIAL ARGENTINE NEWSPAPER HITS POLICE FAILURE TO CURB ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS

BUENOS-AIRES, April 25. (JTA) -- The influential daily La Prensa, which has been under fire from the Peronist forces, has demanded more energetic action by the police to prevent future anti-Semitic incidents and to apprehend the perpetrators of the recent attacks against synagogues, private homes and individual Jews.

In a lead editorial, the paper says that it is difficult to believe that adequate safeguards cannot be taken to protect Jews and Jewish property. It stresses that the authorities must give "indisputable evidence that liberty, in all its forms, is not simply a declaration in the Argentine Constitution as far as the members of the Jewish community are concerned."

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS OPPOSES BILL TO GRANT FEDERAL FUNDS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WASHINGTON, April 25. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today expressed vigorous opposition to the Aiken Bill, which would grant Federal funds to religious schools, at a public hearing of the Senate Education and Labor Committee.

The organization insisted that such grants are "inconsistent with the American principle of separation of church and state." At the same time the A.J.C. supported the Taft Bill for Federal aid to education. Reading a statement for Dr. Stephen S. Wise, who is ill, Dr. David Petegorsky, executive director, said: "We believe that the Taft Bill if enacted into law and honestly administered, as we are sure it will be, will guarantee that no race discrimination will be practiced in conferring its benefits."

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN QUEBEC REPORTED HELPING FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

MONTREAL, April 25. (JTA) -- The Catholic Church in Quebec is playing a prominent part in the fight being waged against anti-Semitism, according to a report submitted to the Dominion Council of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Speaking for the public relations committee of the C.J.C., the chairman, S.D. Cohen, told of the steps which were taken to curb anti-Jewish agitation and to compel certain anti-Semitic sheets to cease publication. Morris Orbach, Jewish Labor member of the British Parliament, described the work of the Trades Advisory Council in combating anti-Semitism in England.

CSE OPENS 100-BED SANATORIUM IN SWITZERLAND FOR DP'S SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS

GENEVA, April 25. (JTA) -- The CSE today opened a new sanatorium for tubercular Jewish youths from DP camps at Davos on the site of a former German institution. It has a capacity of 100 beds.

The Swiss Government gave the building to the Jews, stating that the Jewish victims of the Nazis needed it more than did the Swiss people. Representatives of the Swiss Government, Swiss Jewish communities, the OSE and the Joint Distribution Committee, which will support the sanatorium, were present at the opening ceremony.

JEWISH ALL-DAY SCHOOLS HOLD THREE-DAY CONFERENCE IN CLEVELAND TO PROMOTE EDUCATION

CLEVELAND, April 25. (JTA) -- More than one hundred delegates representing Jewish all-day schools throughout the United States met today in Cleveland for the opening session of a scheduled three-day conference on education.

The Cleveland conference which is the first national convention of all day schools was called by Torah Umesorah, the national society for Torah schools, in order to chart plans for the further growth of Jewish religious education in this country, evaluate educational programs of existing schools and to make provisions for their elaboration.

M.A. LEAVITT, J.D.C. EXECUTIVE VICE-CHAIRMAN, LEAVES FOR EUROPE TO STUDY RELIEF NEEDS

NEW YORK, April 25. (JTA) -- Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, is leaving today for Europe, where he will survey the situation confronting Jewish survivors on the continent and assistance efforts in their behalf by the J.D.C. The trip will take him to France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Poland, Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

The J.D.C. announced today that 129 Jewish men, women and children emigrated from Shanghai aboard the S.S. General Meigs this week with J.D.C. assistance. The sailing of the General Meigs brings to 1,570 the number of Shanghai Jewish survivors who have left the city since the first of the year. J.D.C. emigration efforts in their behalf include the handling of necessary visas and affidavits, representation before consulates and the arrangement of passage.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN CONCLUDES THREE-DAY ANNUAL MEETING

WASHINGTON, April 25. (JTA) -- The Supreme Council of the B'nai B'rith Women today concluded a three-day annual meeting here after adopting decisions to increase assistance to refugee children maintained in homes in London and Palestine and to establish scholarships for young people wishing to take courses in Jewish life in Jewish schools. The Council also voted to lend full support to the U.J.A. drive.

It was revealed at the conference that during 1946, B'nai B'rith Women contributed some \$625,000 toward assisting youth projects, defense work, philanthropies and overseas aid. Mrs. Abram Orlow of Philadelphia was elected to succeed Mrs. Ida Cook Farber of New York as national president of the organization, which has a membership of 92,000. The membership rolls increased 25,000 last year.