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ARAB STATES ARE UNLIKELY TO BOYCOTT UNITED NATIONS INQUIRY BODY, JERUSALEM OBSERVERS STATE

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- The Arab leadership, despite the defeat it suffered at the United Nations, is unlikely to boycott the U.N. inquiry commission, as they are threatening, well informed observers declared today.

They pointed out that Egypt, for one, cannot afford to boycott U.N. bodies, walk out of the U.N., since she is taking the Anglo-Egyptian treaty dispute to the Security Council. The Arab states are eager to maintain at least the semblance of unity and solidarity, and if one of them refuses to go along with a boycott, it is unlikely that the others will insist on any such move.

Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog has cabled to Ivan Maisky, Soviet deputy Foreign Minister and former ambassador in London, expressing thanks for the Russian position at the U.N., it was learned today. A Russian translation of the works of the famous Jewish poet David Schmonovitz has been sent by the translator, Abraham Ahronov, to Maisky as a token of appreciation.

SHERTOK SAYS GROMYKO STAND CAN SPEED SOLUTION, BUT ACTIVE U.S. PARTICIPATION VITAL

ATLANTIC CITY, May 18. (JTA) -- In the first public reaction by a top Jewish Agency leader to the statement on Palestine made in the U.N. by Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko, Moshe Shertok, chief of the Agency's political department, said during the week-end that while the Soviet stand was an encouraging development, it could only facilitate a solution, which cannot and will not be found without active American participation along the lines taken by this government in the past.

Shertok warned that "Great Britain will probably try to create new situations in order to prejudice the case against us," and emphasized, therefore, that terrorism must be fought, since it provides a pretext for further repression against the Jewish community. He spoke at the three-day National Trade Union Conference for Labor Palestine, which closed tonight.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, addressing a meeting of the conference last night, called on Britain to "redeem itself in the eyes of the world by allowing 100,000 Jews to enter Palestine without waiting for a decision by the United Nations.

Green said that the Palestine issue is a major test for the U.N., one which will determine "whether or not the nations of the world stand ready to reach just and objective conclusions regardless of vested interests." The A.F.L. head voiced support of the more than 7,000,000 members of his organization for Jewish efforts to build a homeland in the Holy Land.

James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the C.I.O., also pledged the support of his organization, in an address to the closing session. He said that when he attended the meeting of the executive committee of the World Federation of Trade

missions in Prague next month he will introduce the resolutions passed today and attempt to make them the basis of a WFTU policy on Palestine.

The resolutions called on Britain to repeal the White Paper, restore civil law and permit unlimited immigration; urged the Labor Party to adhere to its pledges to the Jewish people; demanded that the U.S. Government follow its traditional Palestine policy in the councils of the United Nations and requested the U.N. to grant the Jewish people a homeland in Palestine. The conference decided to send an American labor delegation to Palestine.

The meeting, which was addressed by many C.I.O. and A.F.L. leaders, also heard Don Pines, co-editor of Davar, the daily newspaper published by the Histadruth. About 350 persons attended the conference.

NIGHT BLOCKADE RUNNERS REPORTED EN ROUTE TO PALESTINE; 1,500 REFUGEES DEPORTED TO CYPRUS

HAIFA, May 18. (JTA) -- An estimated 1,500 visaless refugees who arrived here yesterday aboard the former U.S. vessel Trade Winds were en route to Cyprus today aboard British deportation vessels as unconfirmed reports received here said that eight blockade runners were approaching the Holy Land. One vessel is said to be nearing Palestine territorial waters.

The unloading of the refugees from the Trade Winds, renamed the Hatikvah, was done without incident and the entire operation was one of the quietest in recent months. The government denied tonight that any Americans were among those arrested when the 1,200-ton vessel docked under destroyer escort. They are believed to have been members of the crew.

When the vessel was first sighted by British naval patrols, the refugees came up on deck and rushed to one side causing it to list. However, they returned to the hold when ordered to do so by officers commanding the destroyers. During the boarding operation, a large hole was stove in the side of the Hatikvah, but none of the passengers were injured. Many pregnant women and infants were aboard.

Irgun Agrees to Truce if Government Will Cease Repressive Measures

In a broadcast on its underground radio tonight, the Irgun Zvai Leumi replied to the appeal for a truce issued by the U.N. General Assembly--the text of which was published in all newspapers at the orders of the government--by stating that if the government ceases to "deport visaless immigrants, hold Jews in illegal internment and murder Hebrew prisoners," it will agree to a truce. The broadcast pointed out that the U.N. appeal was directed not only to the underground groups, but to the British Government as well. A similar statement was issued last night by the Stern Group.

(The mystery of what happened to the memorandum sent by the Irgun last week to the United Nations was cleared up yesterday. Although the appeal was made public in Jerusalem and in Washington, by Rep. Andrew Somers, it was never released by the U.N. Secretariat. An investigation at Lake Success elicited the information that a copy of the Irgun letter which accompanied the memorandum was circulated to all delegations, but the text was not released; since under U.N. rules communications from non-governmental organizations are not circulated unless a delegation requests that this be done.)

6 JEWS STRANDED ON BORDER AS HUNGARIAN AND AUSTRIAN GUARDS FORBID MOVEMENT

VIENNA, May 18. (JTA) -- One hundred and sixteen Jewish men, women and children from Rumania have been stranded without food on a railway bridge on the Austro-Hungarian border near the Austrian village of Loipersbach since May 14, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned here during the week-end.

The Hungarian border police refuse to permit the Jews to return to Hungary while Austrian frontier guards, under orders from the local Russian occupying authorities, refuse to allow the Jews to continue on to Vienna. The incident began last Tuesday when the Hungarians expelled the Jews across the border at the town of Rohrbach. The Austrians were ordered to send the refugees back, despite the Hungarian action.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Refugee Committee dispatched two trucks from Vienna to pick up the Jews. On the first trip about 50 were transported to the Rothschild Hospital here, but on the second attempt the drivers, two representatives of the Committee and the trucks were seized. Later, the drivers were released but forced to return to Vienna empty. The Russians are also reported to have arrested six Jews, three of whom spoke Russian.

The Russian authorities, at the request of the Austrian Ministry of the Interior, have asked the Soviet mission in Budapest to prevent further refugee emigration transports from leaving the country. The Soviet officials, however, insisted upon the return of the newly-arrived group, while the local officials in the border area have ordered the Austrians to stop further influx of refugees.

A report from the Austrian officials in the area informed the Interior Ministry yesterday of the plight of the refugees. It was officially stated that there is considerable illness among the 116. One official at the Ministry asserted that he had personally ordered the refugees fed and housed in Loipersbach, but has not yet received word from the Russians on the matter.

FRENCH POLICY ON EMIGRATION OF REFUGEES UNCHANGED, FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAYS

PARIS, May 18. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the French Foreign Office yesterday announced that the Anglo-French talks on emigration from Europe dealt with the movement of all foreigners, not just the Jews. He asserted that the French policy was not changed by the talks, which lasted only 70 minutes.

An international conference on safety at sea got under way here yesterday. It is not expected to deal with the problem of emigration at all.

399 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM GERMANY ARRIVE IN NORWAY; MORE EXPECTED FROM POLAND

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- Three hundred and ninety-nine displaced Jews from Germany landed in Norway last week, the Royal Norwegian Information Services announced here during the week-end.

This is the first group of Jewish refugees to arrive in a body since the war. Several hundred more are expected from Poland. During their first few months in the country, the Jews will undergo instruction in the Norwegian language and customs. Seven of their ten Norwegian instructors are former inmates of Nazi concentration camps.

SEMITIC PROPAGANDA IN BRITAIN REACHING PRE-WAR LEVEL; ANOTHER M.P. GETS THREAT

LONDON, May 18. (JTA) -- Fascist anti-Semitic street-corner propaganda in England has increased to the point where it is as menacing as it was during the years between 1933 and 1939 when pro-Nazi activities were at their height, the Board of Deputies of British Jews was told today in a report by its defense committee.

The report called for an all-out campaign to arouse the entire nation against rising fascist danger. It criticized, however, the Hyde Park meetings of the "Group," which is a recently organized Jewish self-defense unit, and the "Jewish Legion" pro-Zionist veterans group, asserting that the contradictory propaganda of the two organizations has sowed confusion in the public mind and damaged Jewish interests.

It was revealed at the meeting that the Swedish charge d'affaires in London notified the Board that his government is taking steps to halt the export of anti-Semitic propaganda, some of which was recently received in this country. The British press has been demanding government action.

Tom Driberg, liberal Labor M.P., reveals today in Reynolds News that he has also received a threatening letter signed K.K.K., similar to the one sent last week to Barbara Ayrton Gould, another Labor parliamentarian. Driberg writes that the letter, which threatened him with bodily injury, is the work of "potentially dangerous fascists."

Meanwhile, the Jewish Legion revealed that it received a number of anti-Semitic statements from several English ministers when it circularized a copy of a statement by Mordechai Alkoshi, executed Palestinian extremist, among members of the English clergy. One clergyman is reported to have expressed his "loathing and contempt for the scurrilous, lying sub-human branch of mankind known as the Jews." Another warned the Jews that they would have nobody to blame but themselves when pogroms start in Piccadilly Circus. A third attacked the honesty and sincerity of the Legion in making out the statement, which was made by Alkoshi in court following his condemnation.

MY JEWISH DP'S WILL STILL BE IN AUSTRIA, GERMANY NEXT WINTER, SAYS FORMER CLARK AIDE

ATLANTIC CITY, May 18. (JTA) -- There will still be large numbers of displaced persons in occupied territories next winter, even if the International Refugee Organization begins functioning as scheduled on July 1, Brig. Gen. Ralph H. Tate, former deputy chief of staff to Gen. Mark Clark, who until recently was U.S. commander in Austria, said today, addressing the annual meeting of the Middle Atlantic region of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Gen. Tate told the more than 500 persons who attended the conference that while some progress towards rehabilitation of the Jewish DP's had been made during 1946, any slackening of aid now will plunge them into despair and destroy their morale, which, he stressed, must be maintained until they can be resettled in permanent homes outside of Germany or Austria. "If everyone in the U.S. could see, as I have, the suffering of the distressed people of war-torn countries and see how grateful they are for any help which gives them hope of becoming useful individuals again, I am sure the people of this country would turn their pockets inside out," Gen. Tate said, appealing for funds for the United Jewish Appeal.

Moritz M. Gottlieb, of Allentown, Pa., was re-elected chairman of the Middle Atlantic region at a business session this morning.

CONGRESSMAN INTRODUCES BILL TO EXTEND NON-QUOTA PREFERENCE VISA CATEGORIES

WASHINGTON, May 18. (JTA) -- A bill to extend non-quota preference visas to include skilled workers, persons who helped the American war effort and certain relatives of citizens has been introduced in Congress by Rep. Christian A. Herter, Massachusetts Republican.

The bill would expand the preference category to include "immigrants whose services are urgently needed by American firms or institutions in order that they perform highly skilled or technical services in the United States," to persons rendered "notable services" to this country's war efforts, and to brothers, sisters, unmarried children over 21, and orphaned minor nieces and nephews of American citizens. Under the present statute preference categories apply only to minor children, wives, husbands and parents of American citizens.

MORE THAN 5,000 STUDENTS ATTENDING 43 ORT SCHOOLS IN AMERICAN ZONE OF GERMANY

MUNICH, May 18. (JTA) -- Over 5,300 Jewish DP's are attending 43 Ort training schools in the American zone of Germany under the supervision of more than 500 teachers and technical instructors, it was disclosed today at a meeting here of Ort directors from all parts of the American zone.

George Backer, president of the World Ort Federation, who was present, declared in a brief address that "out of tremendous sufferings which have befallen the Jewish people some comfort may be derived from the work of the Ort." Dr. David Switich, vice-president of the World Ort Union, and the new director of the American zone, Louis Malinsky, also spoke.

A report by the Ort director in Munich, Jacob Oleiski, emphasized the importance of developing modern techniques of work and encouraging individual handicraftsmen. He pointed out that the extension of Ort training work so as to reach the proposed goal of 10,000 students is handicapped by shortages of material and technical skills in Germany.

UNITED ZIONIST FEDERATION OF FRANCE FORMED AT MEETING OF VARIOUS PARTIES

PARIS, May 18. (JTA) -- All factions and parties within the Zionist movement in France have been united on the basis of an agreement reached here by representatives of the various groups. The combined organization will be known as the United Zionist Federation of France.

In addition, a Council of the Federation was formed in which each of the parties and the Jewish Agency office in France will have representation. The meeting at which the unity agreement was reached was addressed by Moshe Sneh and Eliahu Pollin, members of the Jerusalem section of the Agency executive.

It was learned here during the week-end that the Zionist Actions Committee meeting originally scheduled to take place in New York at the end of this month, will probably be held in Palestine about June 10.

ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION OF DACHAU CAMP MARKED; CHARGE PLEDGES TO PRISONERS UNFULFILLED

MUNICH, May 18. (JTA) -- A meeting and tri-denominational services were held today in Munich to commemorate the second anniversary of the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp. The meeting was attended by more than 1,500 Germans, former inmates of the camp, and addressed by Dr. Philip Auerbach, the Bavarian Commissioner for political and religious persecutees, who charged that the pledges made to the former camp inmates had not been fulfilled either by the Allies or by the German authorities.