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SLAV BLOC OPPOSES NAMING OF BRITISH LIAISON OFFICER TO U.N. INQUIRY COMMISSION

LAKE SUCCESS, May 19. (JTA) -- The United States and the Slav bloc delegations at the United Nations split today on the issue of whether Britain should be allowed to name a liaison officer to accompany the U.N. inquiry committee on Palestine. The British Government has informed the U.N. Secretariat that it plans to appoint a representative to work with the commission.

The Slav delegations at the United Nations take the attitude that since Britain refused to be represented officially on the commission, she should not have the advantages of participation with none of the disadvantages of responsibility. The United States delegation, however, considers the matter a purely British affair, since the liaison officer would not be a member of the commission.

Jewish and Arab circles are watching the British move with interest. The Jewish Agency has indicated that it will request the appointment of a Jewish liaison officer to the commission, if a British officer is named. The Arabs intend to advance the same demand.

(Dr. C.A. MacGillivray, who presented the Palestine Government's case to the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry, is expected to leave Jerusalem for New York on Wednesday to act as the liaison man with the U.N. inquiry commission, according to a London dispatch to the JTA.)

U.N. Asked to Intervene for Suspension of Military Courts in Palestine

The United Nations was today asked to intervene with the British Government to suspend immediately the activities of military courts in Palestine until the U.N. deals with the Palestine problem again in September. The plea was made by Max Seligman, Tel Aviv attorney, in a meeting with Andrew Cordier, executive officer to Secretary-General Trygve Lie.

The Jewish attorney stated that the entire Jewish community regards the British military courts in Palestine as illegal and an "instrument of oppression," and so long as they continue to function the possibilities of a truce, such as was called for by the General Assembly at the end of the recent special session, were very "remote." Mr. Cordier informed Seligman that his representations would receive consideration by the U.N. Secretariat.

40,000 ARABS AND JEWS EMPLOYED BY BRITISH ARMY IN PALESTINE TO STRIKE TODAY

JERUSALEM, May 19. (JTA) -- A one-day token strike of 40,000 Arab and Jewish workers employed in military camps and installations throughout Palestine will be held tomorrow under the joint auspices of Jewish and Arab trade unions. The strikers, 30,000 of whom are Arabs, are demanding a wage increase and union recognition.

HIGHER COMMITTEE ASKS ARABS TO PREPARE MEMOS FOR U.N. PROBERS; MUFTI MOVING TO LEBANON

JERUSALEM, May 19. (JTA) -- A further indication that statements by Arab Higher Committee members warning that the Arabs might boycott the U.N. inquiry committee are empty threats was given today, when it was revealed that the Higher Committee has sent letters to the Arab chambers of commerce in Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa asking them to prepare memoranda for the inquiry group.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the Mufti, who heads the Higher Committee, is preparing to move his headquarters from Egypt to Lebanon. The reasons behind the Mufti's change of residence appear to be twofold. The first is that Egypt is about to submit her case against Britain to the U.N. security council, and the continued presence of the politically active Mufti might alienate some members of the security council who might otherwise be sympathetic to the case of Egypt.

The second is that the Cairo Government has viewed with increasing disfavor the widening scope of the Mufti's political activity. Egypt gave the Mufti asylum a year ago when he escaped from France. Since then he has reconstituted the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, making himself its head as well as the commander-in-chief of the recently created Palestine Arab para-military formations of the Neja'at and the Futuwa. Recently the Higher Committee transferred its headquarters to Cairo.

HATIKVAH PASSENGERS DISEMBARKED IN CYPRUS; U.S. NEWSPAPERMAN HELD IN HAIFA JAIL

HAIFA, May 19. (JTA) -- Four deportation ships, carrying 1,425 visaless immigrants who arrived in Haifa aboard the Hatikvah on Saturday, have disembarked their passengers in Cyprus, according to word from Famagusta. Their arrival brings the camp population to over 16,000, but 1,125 are scheduled to be returned to Palestine tomorrow.

One of those arrested aboard the Hatikvah is Shmuel Izban, a correspondent of the Morning Journal, New York Yiddish daily. Izban, who is being held in jail here, has appealed to the American consul to secure his release. The consul is alleged to have told him that "this is a peculiar situation for an American citizen to be in," but promised to take up the matter with the Palestine Government.

There is considerable speculation here as to what reply, if any, the government will make to the statements issued during the week-end by the Irgun and the Stern Group, outlining their conditions for agreeing to a truce during the U.N. inquiry. Although the government will certainly not agree to the conditions, it is believed that it will attempt to prevent serious incidents during the period in which the committee is making its investigations.

ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE DELEGATION FAILS TO INFLUENCE POLISH STAND ON PALESTINE ISSUE

WARSAW, May 19. (JTA) -- A Palestine Arab Higher Committee delegation recently visited Poland in an attempt to influence the government in its stand on the Palestine issue, it was learned here today.

The delegation failed in this mission and in an attempt to establish commercial relations between Poland and Palestinian Arabs. The group, which was headed by a cousin of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, visited Paris and Prague before coming to Warsaw. News of the visit was not published in any Polish newspapers.

FRENCH TURN BACK 600 JEWS EN ROUTE TO ITALY FROM AMERICAN ZONE OF AUSTRIA

VIENNA, May 19. (JTA) -- French military authorities yesterday halted and turned back some 600 displaced Jews from the American zone of Austria who were en route to Italy, it was reported here today.

The Jews, who were allegedly making their way to a port in the hope of reaching Palestine, barricaded themselves in a transit camp at Gnadenwald, near Innsbruck, when the French military police ordered them to retrace their steps. According to the report, the French took "energetic measures" in getting the Jews out of the camp and aboard a guarded train which returned them to the U.S. zone.

116 JEWS STRANDED AT AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN BORDER GET FOOD, SHELTER AFTER FOUR DAYS

VIENNA, May 19. (JTA) -- A group of 116 Rumanian Jewish refugees stranded on a railroad bridge on the Austro-Hungarian border for four days without food or medical attention were moved to the restaurant of a railroad station at Loipersbach, nearby, Saturday evening, it was learned here today.

The men, women and children received their first hot meal in four days and a local doctor treated the sick. The transfer was carried out by Austrian border guards acting on orders from the Austrian Interior Ministry. Originally, the Jews had been forced across the border by Hungarian frontier police, and the Austrians, under orders of the local Soviet occupation authorities, refused to permit them to travel to Vienna.

Meanwhile, the Jews are virtual prisoners in the station, because neither the Austrian nor Hungarian police have received orders permitting the refugees to move. The Joint Distribution Committee is not permitted to send food or medicine to the group, because it does not operate in the Soviet zone of Austria. Two representatives of the Jewish Refugee Committee in Vienna, who were arrested several days ago when they attempted to move some of the refugees to this city, have been released. Before their arrest they had succeeded in transferring some 50 of the group to the Rothschild Hospital here.

ONLY U.S. JEWS CAN PREVENT DP'S APATHY FROM BECOMING DESPAIR, LEAVITT WARNS

MUNICH, May 19. (JTA) -- Apathy is setting in among many of the displaced Jews in Germany because of the general political picture, Moses Leavitt, executive vice-president of the Joint Distribution Committee, said today. Mr. Leavitt, who is on an extended tour of JDC installations throughout Europe, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that only aid from American Jews can ensure that the apathy does not develop into despair.

Mr. Leavitt warned that it was vital for the International Refugee Organization to begin functioning on July 1, as soon as UNRRA is liquidated, in order to avoid apathy in relief and rehabilitation activities. He had high praise for the rehabilitation program being conducted by the voluntary Jewish agencies and stressed the high degree of cooperation among the JDC, the Jewish Agency and the Central Committee of Liberated Jews.

The displaced Jews are anxious to work, and the only thing that is holding up expansion of the rehabilitation program is shortage of materials, he said. However, it is expected that these shortages will be shortly overcome, the JDC head added. Mr. Leavitt will visit Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland after leaving here.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REVEALS MODIFICATIONS IT WANTS IN STRATTON BILL TO ADMIT DP'S

WASHINGTON, May 19. (JTA) -- The Justice Department memorandum urging favorable action on the Stratton Bill to admit 400,000 displaced persons to this country during the next four years, contains three suggestions for modification of the measure.

The memorandum, in the form of a letter written to Earl C. Michener, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, by Douglas W. McGregor, Acting Attorney General, states: "I am in full accord with the proposal to render relief and assistance to the unfortunate people who have become homeless and displaced because of the tragedies of war and persecution."

In addition to a proposal to grant permanent status to some 15,000 persons now here on temporary status, the Justice Department letter suggests that some provision be made for the relief of those "displaced in the sense that they are victims of cruel and constant persecution because of their race, religion or political opinions."

It also asks that the bill exclude from entrance those persons who had "no valid reason for not remaining in Germany, Austria and Italy," those "who voluntarily assisted the enemy during World War II," and those who have been members of or participated in any movement hostile to the United States or to the republican form of government. The same changes were suggested in a letter setting forth the State Department's views written by Under-Secretary of State Dean Acheson to Congressman Frank Ellows, chairman of the Immigration Sub-Committee.

About 700 displaced children have been brought to this country since the end of the war and about 350 more are eligible to come, Miss Evelyn Smith, consultant on foster care of the Children's Bureau told a press conference here this morning. The only children being brought over now, she said, are those who were in the American zone on Dec. 1945. Most of those who have come have been Jewish boys, she said, adding that they were largely over the age at which foster parents would or could adopt them.

SECURITY OFFICERS IN KIELCE TRIED FOR NEGLECT OF DUTY DURING POGROM, POLES REVEAL

WARSAW, May 19. (JTA) -- Highly-placed officers who were in charge of the security forces in Kielce last July 4 when 41 Jews were killed in a pogrom have been tried for neglect of duty, Gen. Wiktor Grosz, Foreign Ministry spokesman revealed today.

Major J. Sobczynski, head of the security forces, was acquitted, but two of his assistants were given prison terms. However, Gen. Grosz stated, both of them were freed later under the general amnesty declared by the government. He also said that news of the trial was not published in order to avoid further repercussions in Poland.

HUNGARIAN COURT STUDYING CASE OF JUDGE WHO DOOMED JEWISH GIRL PARACHUTIST

BUDAPEST, May 19. (JTA) -- The Appellate Court here has resumed consideration of the case of Gyula Simon, the judge who presided at the court martial which doomed Ethana Szenes, Hungarian Jewish girl who was parachuted into Hungary on an Allied mission during the war.

A Peoples Court last year sentenced Simon to one year's imprisonment, but the sentence was suspended under a general amnesty issued at the time. The mild sentence resulted in protests by Jewish and liberal groups.

BRITAIN CRITICIZES U.S. FOR FAILURE TO WITHDRAW TAX EXEMPTION FROM BERGSON GROUP

LONDON, May 19. (JTA) -- Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Christopher Mayhew told the House of Commons today that the State Department has not replied as yet to repeated notes from the British Embassy in Washington on the activities of the American League for a Free Palestine.

Mayhew said that the British Government was closely following the activities of the League, but told Tom Driberg, Laborite, that he could not go along with Driberg's assertion that in granting tax exemption to the League, the U.S. Treasury was indirectly subsidizing the assassination of British soldiers in Palestine.

(According to headquarters of the League in New York, it was granted tax exemption on Dec. 9, 1944, and its status has never been questioned by the Treasury. A State Department spokesman today said that the Department had not yet replied to a three month old note from British Ambassador Lord Inverchapel protesting the activities of several American organizations soliciting funds allegedly for underground activities in Palestine. He said the matter was still under active consideration.)

Scotland Yard has denied a report published in the Daily Express that the Coast Guard was preparing a secret plan to halt Palestinian extremists from entering the country in an attempt to bomb and terrorize the population. A Yard spokesman termed "utter tommyrot" the story which alleged that the extremists were disappointed in the failure of their "European agents" in blasting important public buildings in England and were taking matters into their own hands.

ANTI-ZIONIST LEAGUE" URGING EGYPTIAN JEWS NOT TO EMIGRATE TO PALESTINE

CAIRO, May 19. (JTA) -- Anti-Zionist leaflets signed by the "Jewish Anti-Zionist League," were distributed today among Egyptian Jews.

The leaflets warn the Jews to "beware of Zionist propaganda which endeavors to send Jews to Palestine where they will live under an oppressive and pogromist regime." The League announced that it has cabled the United Nations urging the creation of an independent Palestine.

The League is reputed to be a Communist organization. Several of its members were recently arrested for "Communist activities."

ZIONIST-BUNDIST CONFLICT CAUSES LODZ JEWISH SCHOOL TO REJECT \$6,000 MUNICIPAL SUBSIDY

WARSAW, May 19. (JTA) -- A resumption of the pre-war conflict between the Zionists and the Jewish Socialist Bund has resulted in the largest Jewish school in Lodz rejecting a municipal subsidy of 600,000 zlotys (nominally \$6,000.)

When the subsidy came before the municipal council, a Bund councilman named Burwich demanded that an additional 100,000 zlotys be granted to a children's home maintained by his organization. Other Jewish councilmen who are Zionists objected, declaring that the city could only subsidize general Jewish institutions, and not those operated by any party.

With the support of the non-Jewish Socialists, the Bund councilman carried his point. In addition, the council voted to grant the school only 599,999 zlotys as a rebuke to the councilmen who had drawn a distinction between the various Jewish institutions. Enraged by the council's decision, the Jewish Committee of Lodz, which has a Zionist majority, voted to refuse the grant.

SUMNER WELLES VOICES "RELUCTANT CONCLUSION" THAT PARTITION IS ONLY PALESTINE SOLUTION

BOSTON, May 19. (JTA) -- Scoring the refusal of the U.S. Government to voice and implement a policy on Palestine, Sumner Welles, former Assistant Secretary of State, said tonight that he had come to the reluctant conclusion that partition of Palestine into a Jewish and Arab state was the only practical solution. Mr. Welles spoke at a dinner tendered him by the American Jewish Congress at the Hotel Bradford.

"But no form of partition would be acceptable, or even conceivable, unless it allotted to the Jews an area within Palestine amply sufficient to provide homes for all of the Jewish people in Europe who wish to go there; unless the areas to be placed under Jewish sovereignty were contiguous, rather than gerrymandered, as in the iniquitous partition proposal of last autumn, unless such territory comprised the major extension of the seacoast, and unless it contained the whole of Negev, so that such development projects as that of Dr. Lowdermilk for the creation of a Jordan Valley Authority would be carried out," Mr. Welles said.

TRUMAN LAUDS WAR RECORD OF JEWS IN MESSAGE TO JHV 52ND ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICES

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- President Truman yesterday paid high tribute to the war record of Jewish men and women who served in the armed forces during World War II, in a message to the 52nd annual Memorial Services of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. The religious services in Temple Emanu-El were preceded by a parade down Fifth Avenue in which some 5,000 veterans participated.

Declaring that the J.W.V. services "offer a solemn reminder of the sacrifices which have been made by all our people, of every race and creed, in defense of the beliefs by which we live," President Truman said "that like all Americans who fought and died for victory, Jewish men and women in our armed forces sought peace which would bring tolerance and good will throughout the world." The President expressed the hope that today, "as free men and women," we would "renew our efforts to achieve peace and justice and brotherhood under God for all peoples."

Messages were also sent by Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, Army Chief of Staff Dwight D. Eisenhower and a number of military and naval leaders. Speakers at the services included Sen. Owen Brewster of Maine, Mayor William O'Dwyer, J.W.V. National Commander Milton H. Richman and Dr. Samuel Goldenson, rabbi of Temple Emanu-El.

HAIFA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GETS \$50,000 DONATION FOR INDUSTRIAL FELLOWSHIPS

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- A donation of \$50,000 to the Haifa Institute of Technology by F. Julius Fohs, consultant geologist and engineer, was announced here today by J.W. Wunsch, president of the American Society for the Advancement of the Institute. The grant will be made in five annual appropriations of \$10,000 for three industrial fellowships.

JEWISH YOUTHS PICKET BRITISH DELEGATION ATTENDING CONFERENCE IN ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, May 19. (JTA) -- Twenty-five Jewish youths yesterday picketed the headquarters of the British delegation to the International Telecommunication Conference meeting here. The picketing continued throughout the afternoon and was witnessed by thousands of boardwalk strollers.