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106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.INQUIRY COMMITTEE MEETS TO MAP ANSWERS TO TWENTY-FIVE QUESTIONS POSED BY LIE

LAKE SUCCESS, May 27. (JTA) -- Six of the eleven members of the United Nations inquiry committee on Palestine met as a sub-committee today behind closed doors to make recommendations on twenty-five questions placed before them by U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie.

No decisions will be taken by the committee except at public meetings. The first public session will probably be held on Thursday afternoon by which time the other members of the committee are expected to be here. Among the subjects discussed today was the petition of the Jewish Agency for liaison status and for participation in the drafting of the rules of procedure.

On the basis of today's session, it seems unlikely that the commission will accomplish anything in its first week of meetings. The delegates, who were joined this morning by Karel Lisicky of Czechoslovakia, appear to be marking time pending the arrival of their five co-members. No votes were taken and no decisions reached. The committee will meet again tomorrow, but if the full membership is still not present, little action is expected. With Memorial Day and the week-end intervening, Thursday's is likely to be the only full dress session.

Yugoslav Maintains Insistence on Commission Visiting DP Camps

Dr. Jozhe Brilej, the Yugoslav member, indicated that he will insist that the inquiry committee visit the camps for displaced Jews in Europe. "The Yugoslav Government," he said, "has no intention of prejudging the question of Jewish immigration to Palestine, but is merely in search of facts. It is without question that any serious search for facts must include both the DP camps and Palestine together. These two problems are really one and must be examined together."

It has become clear that the committee will have no time to hold hearings in New York before its departure for Palestine early in June. The Jewish and other organizations which have asked to appear will probably have to submit their views in written form.

The eleven members of the committee are: Australia, John D.L. Hood, counsel in the Department of External Affairs; Canada, I.C. Rand, Supreme Court Justice; Czechoslovakia, Karel Lisicky, Minister Plenipotentiary; Guatemala, Dr. Jorge Garcia, Ambassador to the United States; India, Sir Abdur Rehman, Justice of Lahore High Court; Iran, Nasrollah Entezam, permanent delegate to the U.N.; Netherlands, Dr. N.S. Rom, special advisor to the Foreign Ministry; Peru, Senator Alberto Ulloa; Sweden, Chief Justice Emil Sandstroem; Uruguay, Prof. Enrique R. Fabregat, permanent delegate to the U.N.; and Yugoslavia, Dr. Jozhe Brilej, director of the Political Department of the Foreign Ministry.

Meanwhile, it was learned that Mr. Lie has barred from the secretariat which will accompany the commission a Canadian Jew and an Egyptian Moslem, presumably on the basis that because of their religion they might be biased. However, none of the British members of the secretariat have been excluded.

STATION IN ARAB TOWN BLASTED AS EXTREMISTS RENEW ATTACKS ON PALESTINE LINES

JERUSALEM, May 27. (JTA) -- The railroad station in the all-Arab town of Ramleh was blown up today as the Stern Group renewed its attack on Palestine's rail system. At the same time, the Sternists cut the tracks in three places.

The Ramleh blast was the work of four uniformed men who swung off a train approaching the station, placed a basket-full of bombs alongside the building and jumped to the train. A short time afterwards a terrific explosion destroyed the station, slightly injuring the wife of the stationmaster.

The Benyamina-Zichron line was damaged when a bomb exploded just after a light train passed. Slight damage was also caused by mines north of Tel Aviv and Gusha. The Rehovoth station received a telephone warning that it, too, would be blown up, but a search by police turned up no explosives.

The Stern Group announced tonight that they had carried out the attacks in retaliation for the deportation of the visaless immigrants who arrived on Saturday and the Ghetto Fighters. They warned that they would continue the "reprisals" until the government ceased deporting immigrants.

GURION SAYS HIS NEW PARTITION PROPOSAL DOES NOT REPRESENT JEWISH AGENCY'S VIEWS

JERUSALEM, May 27. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion today declared that his recent proposal for an independent Jewish state in part of Palestine, with the Mandate remaining in force in the other sections, was his own private opinion and did not represent the viewpoint of the Jewish Agency. He made this statement at a meeting of the agency executive.

The proposal aroused a great furor and was sharply criticized in the United States by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. It was made in an address to last week's meeting of the Assefath Hanivcharim, the Jewish national assembly.

An attempt to unify the two Jewish Communist groups in Palestine was made today by the pro-Zionist Communist Association, which has about 1,000 members. Its appeal was directed to the Palestine Communist Party, which has about 4,000 members, and which is considered anti-Zionist. The Association proposed a merger of the two groups to avoid a "double appearance" before the U.N. inquiry committee. It points out that the Gromyko statement has altered the situation and necessitates a consolidation of Communist ranks.

Meanwhile, the Arab Communists, who go under the name of the League of National Liberation and claim a membership of 20,000, seem to be modifying their strong anti-Zionist policy and are advocating rapprochement with the Jews, particularly the Jewish Communists. At the same time, they are pressing the Arab worker groups to take a moderate attitude towards Jewish demands and have attacked Emil Ghoury of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee for his violent anti-Jewish statements at the United Nations session on Palestine.

STORE RIGHT OF REVISIONISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN WORK OF ZIONIST IMMIGRATION OFFICES

JERUSALEM, May 27. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Organization today announced that it has restored to the Zionist-Revisionists the right to participate in the operations of the Palestine offices which the Organization maintains in several European countries to distribute immigration visas. This privilege was denied the Revisionists when they left the World Zionist Organization in 1935. They will not receive any other rights until they formally dissolve the Revisionist Organization.

JEW JOURNALIST DEPORTED FROM PALESTINE; AUTHORITIES DISREGARD U.S. CITIZENSHIP

JERUSALEM, May 27. (JTA) -- Shmuel Izban, a correspondent of the Jewish Morning Journal, New York Yiddish daily, was deported to the United States today, after having been confined here and in Cyprus for 10 days.

Izban, who arrived on the blockade runner Hatikvah, was sent to Cyprus, although he revealed he was an American newspaperman. After he was returned to Palestine, he was jailed for three days and refused permission to see his brothers and sisters who reside here.

When Izban complained to the British authorities concerning his treatment, pointing out that he was an American citizen, he was told: "We do not make any distinction between Palestine Jews and Jews of other citizenship."

BRITISH ADMINISTRATION CHARGED WITH INCITING KENYA POPULATION AGAINST JEWISH DEPORTEES

TEL AVIV, May 27. (JTA) -- The British administration of the East African colony of Kenya has been charged with deliberately inciting the population of the colony against Palestinian deportees who are interned in the Gilgil camp. The charge was made in a statement distributed to foreign correspondents in Palestine by the Committee of Families of Detainees Deported to Gilgil.

The statement declares that a full-fledged drive is under way in the colony to discredit the Jews as murderers and thugs in order to frustrate any attempts to give them a life more bearable for the prisoners. It also points out that when the internees were confined in Eritrea similar incitement among the native troops led to an attack on the Jews in Jan., 1946, during which two were killed and fourteen injured.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY CONVENTION ASKED TO SUPPORT DEMAND FOR A JEWISH STATE

MARGATE, England, May 27. (JTA) -- With the Palestine question up for discussion on Thursday at the British Labor Party conference here, the Jewish Labor Party in Palestine today distributed an appeal to the delegates condemning Britain's efforts to prevent Jews from immigrating to Palestine and terming these efforts "a deplorable climax" to the war showing "lack of insight and humanity."

The appeal asked the delegates to support the demand for a Jewish State, increased immigration and abolition of land restrictions in Palestine. The Zionist Labor Party of England, which is affiliated to the British Labor Party, will propose on Thursday a resolution asking the British Government to submit to the United Nations a positive proposal for the future of Palestine along the lines of the previous Labor Party position, favoring the establishment of a Jewish state.

NEW YORK DEMANDS U.S. ACT TO SECURE U.N. DECISION GUARANTEEING JEWISH RIGHTS

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- A demand by Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York that this country do everything in its power to bring about a decision of the Palestine question in the United Nations which will be just, that will see to it that the rights of Jews under the Palestine Mandate be not abrogated, was made public today by the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Governor Dewey stated his position on Palestine in a letter to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the Council. "I believe profoundly that whatever permanent political solutions be arrived at, unrestricted Jewish immigration and colonization into Palestine must take place and that there be no hindrances on the development of the Jewish National Home in Palestine," he declared. The governor also called for an interim arrangement "whereby the Jewish refugees of Europe will be permitted to go to Palestine in large numbers," pending a final decision by the United Nations.

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TWO NAZI OFFICIALS OF MAUTHAUSEN CAMP HANGED; TWENTY-SEVEN MORE CONDEMNED

MUNICH, May 27. (JTA) -- Twenty-two officials and guards of the Mauthausen concentration camp, where hundreds of thousands of Jews from Nazi-occupied European countries were exterminated, were hanged today at Landsberg prison, following their conviction and condemnation by an American military court; 27 more are to be hanged tomorrow.

In passing sentence, the court declared that the war criminals had written irreparable record of death by shooting, gassing, hanging and regulated starvation. It held every official at the death camp "criminally responsible." Among the hanged men were Germans, Austrians, Czechs, Hungarians and Yugoslavs.

JEW WOMAN AND NON-JEWISH HUSBAND SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR BETRAYING JEWS TO NAZIS

AMSTERDAM, May 27. (JTA) -- Outwardly unmoved, a 29-year-old Dutch-Jewish woman, Branca Simons, today heard sentence of death passed on her for betraying fellow Jews to the Germans. Her non-Jewish husband, 45-year-old Amsterdam chauffeur E. Houthuys, was sentenced to death for complicity.

The two worked together with another Jewish woman, Ann Van Dijk, who was sentenced to death some weeks ago by the same court. Both women were arrested by the Gestapo in 1943 and agreed to betray Dutch Jews in exchange for their freedom. On a single day in 1944 they placed 35 Jews into the hands of the Germans. All of the Jews lost their lives in concentration camps. For their services the two women received 1000 guilders (approximately \$8,000) in 15 months.

LIQUIDATOR OF JEWISH GHETTOS IN POLAND SENTENCED TO DEATH BY WARSAW COURT

WARSAW, May 27. (JTA) -- Arthur Desch, a member of the Gestapo in Poland, participated in the liquidation of Jewish ghettos in Warsaw and Zhiradow, was sentenced to death today by the Warsaw District Court.

Konrad Lehr, another Gestapo member, was sentenced to life imprisonment for participating in anti-Jewish persecutions in Palenitz, near Warsaw.

LEADER OF JEWISH CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN SLOVAKIA SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

PRAGUE, May 27. (JTA) -- Imrich Vasina, a former commander of Jewish concentration camps in Bratislava and in Sered, Slovakia, was sentenced today to thirty years imprisonment by the National Court in Bratislava.

Thousands of Czechs and Jews from all parts of Czechoslovakia made a pilgrimage this week to Terezin, the fortress town which was converted by the Nazis into a concentration camp for Jews, to attend services in memory of the more than 20,000 persons who died there. Chief Rabbi Gottschall of Prague conducted the service for the Jewish victims on the site of the former crematorium. Speakers included Vaclav Benes, Minister of the Interior, Joza David, Speaker of the Czechoslovakian parliament, and other statesmen.

Two thousand Czechs who were prisoners in the Oswiecim death camp will return here next month to participate in memorial services for the 4,000,000 persons who were murdered at the camp. The museum which is to be erected on the site of Oswiecim will contain a special Czechoslovak section, the establishment of which will be aided by the Prague Jewish Museum.

GERMAN OFFICIALS FLOUTING U.S. RULES ON ALLOCATION OF HOMES, BUSINESSES TO PERSECUTEES

MUNICH, May 27. (JTA) -- Although official U.S. military government policy is to give persecutees preference in obtaining homes and businesses, the German-controlled and German-staffed bureaus handling such matters frequently flout the regulations leaving the persecutee with little recourse, according to information obtained here today.

A spokesman for the MG's and Property Control Branch admitted that German agencies often fail to carry out the directives handed down to them. "But you must remember," he continued, "that official American policy has constantly been the steady return of power to German governments."

The effect of placing control in the hands of the Germans, he added, is "that if a German housing agency or another bureau fails to grant housing priority to persecutees, as provided by the Military Government, the persecutee must appeal first through several German departments and then finally to the Military Government. Naturally, this is a long and often costly process!"

Clarifying recently publicized directives, the spokesman pointed out that while one of them orders the return of property to "cleared Nazis," it does not necessarily mean that the former Nazis also obtain occupancy. Housing priority categories still exist, with persecutees topping the list and cleared Nazis at the bottom. Therefore, the Nazis may collect rent, but may not live in the house, according to the law. However, it is at this point that the German agency makes the decisions and where the violations occur. The same ruling applies to business, which even cleared Germans, are not supposed to be allowed to run.

The spokesman stressed the shortage of American personnel, with the resulting dependency on the Germans, plus the constantly increasing powers being given the Germans.

FEDERAL HOUSING HEAD BACKS STRATTON BILL; SAYS DP'S WILL NOT AFFECT HOUSING SITUATION

WASHINGTON, May 27. (JTA) -- Raymond M. Foley, national Housing Administrator, has added his name to the growing list of Administration officials who endorse the Stratton Bill to admit 400,000 DP's within the next four years, it was learned today.

Foley, who expressed his support of the measure in a letter to Rep. William C. Stratton, its sponsor, pointed out that the 100,000 who would arrive annually would not require many extra housing units and would not appreciably affect the current housing problem. This statement is particularly significant in the light of opposition by such groups as the American Legion and the Daughters of the American Revolution, who assert that the admission of DP's would interfere with adequate housing for American veterans.

The letter is understood to point out that among the factors which will affect the refugees' need for housing will be their age, marital status, size of family and whether they expect to settle in rural or urban areas. According to UNRRA figures it is estimated that the maximum number of married couples in each 100,000 refugees would be only 33,500, Foley said. Census Bureau figures based on a survey taken in June, 1946, set the number of married veterans actively seeking homes at 2,200,000.

B'NAI B'RITH SURVEY SHOWS DECLINE IN PERCENTAGE OF JEWISH STUDENTS IN U.S. COLLEGES

WASHINGTON, May 27. (JTA) -- Jewish students constitute 8.2 percent of the total enrollment in colleges and universities of the United States and Canada, according to preliminary findings of the Decennial Census of Jewish College students, Leon Obermayer, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service Commission, announced today.

The percentage is based on enrollment data of 1,565 schools out of 1,720, which makes the census 91 percent complete. Additional returns are now being received, though they are expected to have a negligible effect on tabulations already made.

A similar census taken by the B'nai B'rith Hillel research bureau in 1935 indicated the Jewish proportion to be 8.8 percent in 1,511 schools out of 1,645 in the United States and Canada. The 1935 survey was 92 percent complete.

The decline in the proportion of Jewish students from 8.8 percent to 8.2 means that there are today about 7,500 fewer Jewish students than if the proportion had remained entirely stable. The decline is probably due to the effect of the G.I. Bill of Rights in stimulating enrollment of non-Jewish students to a greater degree than Jewish students.

Preliminary figures of the 1946 census indicate no change in the breakdown by sex among Jewish students, though the change has been substantial in the total enrollment. In 1935, 66.4 percent of Jewish students were men and 33.6 women. Figures for 1946 are 66.5 percent and 33.5 percent.

JEWISH EDUCATION GROUP PRESENTS "BROTHERHOOD AWARD" TO BARUCH FOR HIS PEACE EFFORTS

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Bernard Baruch was today presented with the annual Brotherhood Award of the Fraternal League of the Jewish Education Committee of New York for the "most significant contribution to the promotion of human brotherhood." The award was given to Mr. Baruch for his efforts in furthering world peace. The presentation of the scroll was made in Mr. Baruch's office by a delegation headed by State Supreme Court Justice Edgar J. Nathan, Jr.

Former recipients of the League's award are the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dr. Arthur H. Compton, University of Chicago physicist; Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy and former UNRRA Director General Herbert H. Lehman. The Fraternal League was formed to stimulate functioning organizations to disseminate Jewish education through their membership and in the community at large. Affiliated with the League are over 3,000 organizations and societies in New York, including the B'nai B'rith, Independent Order B'rith Abraham, Free Sons of Israel, Workmen's Circle, and the Jewish National Worker's Alliance.

JEWISH MUSIC COUNCIL SETS DATE FOR 1948 MUSIC FESTIVAL; SPONSORED BY J.W.B.

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish Music Festival, arranged by the National Jewish Music Council under the sponsorship of the National Jewish Welfare Board, will be celebrated in 1948 from Jan. 24 through Feb. 22, according to an announcement today by Mrs. Frank Cohen, Council chairman.

ITZHAK SPIEGLMAN, NOTED PALESTINIAN JOURNALIST, DIES AT 54 IN TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, May 27. (JTA) -- Itzhak Spiegelman, noted Jewish journalist and a member of the staff of Davar, largest Palestine newspaper, since its inception, died in Tel Aviv yesterday of a heart attack. He was 54 years old.