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NEW BLOCKADE RUNNER SIGHTED OFF PALESTINE; REPORTED CARRYING 450 VISALESS JEWS

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- British reconnaissance planes this morning sighted a small vessel reportedly carrying visaless Jewish immigrants, it was learned here today.

The ship, believed to be named the Yehuda Halevi, was first sighted some 200 miles off the Palestine coast. It is understood that she is carrying 450 passengers. Naval vessels have put out of Haifa to intercept her.

The trial of five Jews charged with participation in the Acre prison break on May 4 resumed today with the prosecution continuing its case. A pair of blood stained trousers, several Sten guns and a number of landmines, allegedly taken from the prisoners, were introduced as evidence.

The Stern Group has demanded that the government reveal the whereabouts of a Jew named Robowitz who, it alleged, was kidnapped three weeks ago by a number of men representing themselves as policemen. Otherwise, the Stern Group declared, it will accept as correct rumors to the effect that Robowitz was tortured and murdered by the police and will "avenge" him.

General Zionists, Mizrahi Protest Date, Site of Actions Committee Meeting

The Mizrahi, Poale Mizrahi and the General Zionists have voiced opposition to the Jewish Agency decision to hold a plenary session of the Zionist Actions Committee in Jerusalem June 15. Leaders of these parties have informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that if American members of the Action Committee and the Agency inform the Agency's Jerusalem section that they will not attend the meeting, Rabbi Judah Fishman, Mizrahi, and Dr. Itzhak Gruenbaum, General Zionist, will demand at Sunday's meeting of the Agency executive that the date be changed and that the meeting be held outside of Palestine.

Meanwhile, the Revisionists have protested the Agency's decision to give them only partial rights within the Zionist movement because "the dissolution of the (Revisionist) Organization has not received proper publicity." The Revisionists assert that this is merely a tactic to deny them representation before the Actions Committee meets. They maintain that the announcement of the disbandment of their organization was made public to the widest extent possible and that Goldie Meirson, political head of the Jerusalem section of the Agency, was satisfied that they had given the dissolution sufficient publicity.

It was learned today that Mrs. Meirson is flying tomorrow to London en route to Geneva and that she will return to Jerusalem before the U.N. inquiry committee starts its hearings there. Reports are circulating here that the government has ordered all its departments to hire only Arabs if extra personnel is needed to handle work in preparation for the inquiry committee's investigations.

WRITERS SHOCKED BY BEVIN'S DESCRIPTION OF PALESTINE ISSUE AS JEWISH-GENTILE WAR

MARGATE, England, May 30. (JTA) -- Most of the delegates attending the annual Labor Party conference here were "appalled" by Foreign Minister Bevin's remark yesterday that at the bottom of the Palestine problem was "a war between the Jews and Gentiles," Richard Crossman, leader of the Labor "rebel" MP's, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Crossman, who described Bevin's statement on Palestine as "a monumental piece of oratorical technique," said that the Foreign Minister had not answered the criticisms of the government's policy, nor had he said anything new. Crossman added that he had introduced a motion shelving a pro-Zionist resolution in order to avoid its overwhelming defeat.

The motion, which was introduced by Maurice Rosette, Labor Zionist delegate--he refused to withdraw it despite pleas by party leaders--called for relaxation of immigration regulations in Palestine during the period of the United Nations investigation and a return to the former pro-Zionist policy of the Labor Party.

In a moving address, which seemed to be well received by the conference, Rosette said: "Let my people go (into Palestine) not as hunted criminals, but as free men." He charged that it was "scandalous" that the liberated Jews are still in Germany, adding that their determination to leave that country was not "a sinister plot," but merely an urge to go where they could be happy and free. He concluded by citing the Soviet Union's new approach to the problem, and urged Britain to make a "statesmanlike gesture" by lifting the immigration bars.

Bevin, who discussed Palestine as part of a general foreign policy report, said that Britain could not pledge itself to accept any U.N. decision on Palestine, unless other nations also accept it. He said that Rosette had presented an "interesting picture," and that he (Bevin) had nothing to say against Jewish accomplishments in Palestine, but the issue was more fundamental. He reiterated his previous charge that he could have settled the problem with British Jews, but most Zionist policy is run from New York and he could not deal with American nationals.

The Foreign Minister said there was nothing in the Mandate or the Balfour Declaration to deprive the Arabs of their right to the land or to give the Jews the right to immigrate without interference. He stated that presenting the problem to the U.N. was the only way to make America and Russia present their own proposals and not merely denounce Britain. Bevin added that no other country would have stood what Britain has stood in the last few years and repeated that if it was only a question of finding homes for refugees, the problem could be settled.

He said that he had been denounced as anti-Semitic and attacked for not accepting the recommendations of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry, but he declared, addressing himself to Crossman, who was a member of the commission, the U.S. had accepted only one point of the recommendation. He concluded with an appeal that the conference take no vote on Rosette's resolution, saying that it would be better if that were done.

DISPLACED JEWS OF GERMANY ASK U.N. INQUIRY COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE FOR HEARING

MUNICH, May 30. (JTA) -- The Jewish Central Committee of Germany today voted to petition the United Nations inquiry committee on Palestine to come to Germany to hold public hearings during the course of its investigations.

A cable which was sent to the commission pointed out that the displaced Jews were directly affected, since the majority of them desire to immigrate to Palestine. It urged that the probers "enable the DP's to present directly the views and aspirations of the surviving remnants of liberated Jewry."

REFUGEE INTERNEES HAVE DP STATUS UNDER I.R.O. CHARTER; MAY PROTEST BRITISH ACTIONS

LONDON, May 30. (JTA) -- The more than 10,000 Jewish refugees interned on Cyprus by the British Government are considered displaced persons within the definition of DP's in the charter of the International Refugee Organization and may appeal to the IRO against any action of the British authorities, Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, said here yesterday.

Sir Herbert also said that "infiltrates" from Eastern Europe become "displaced persons" upon entering Germany or other western countries and are entitled to the same assistance given other DP's. His statement implied that UNRRA's practice of withholding assistance from infiltrates into the British zone and the British Army's refusal to grant them DP rations were illegal.

Reviewing the activities of the IGCR since its establishment, in the fields of relief, legal protection of refugees and migration and resettlement, Sir Herbert lauded the "efficient work" of the voluntary organizations, through which IGCR aid has been extended. Among various resettlement projects under way, he said, was the admission into Canada of five to six thousand relatives of residents, most of whom are Jewish.

Addressing the opening meeting today of the final session of the IGCR, which comes out of existence on June 30, when the IRO takes over its functions and those of UNRRA, Sir Herbert said that his committee had failed so far to make available to the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee the \$22,500,000 earmarked by the Allied Reparations Conference in Paris last year, because the funds had not been placed at the Committee's disposal. The reparations are to come from Nazi assets held by Sweden and Switzerland.

He announced, however, that a staff was being gathered to evaluate the non-monetary gold stocks in Germany recovered from the Nazis, which are also to be used for refugee relief. The gold will be available as soon as the evaluation is finished.

The meeting recessed until Monday, when it is expected to wind up IGCR affairs by approving a resolution transferring its functions to the IRO.

AMERICAN RELIEF LEADERS ARRIVE IN POLAND; VISIT LOWER SILESIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

WARSAW, May 30. (JTA) -- Moses A. Leavitt and Dr. Joseph C. Schwartz, executive vice-chairmen and European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, respectively, have arrived in Poland where they are now visiting Jewish communities in Lower Silesia.

The Polish press reports that Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the American Federation for Polish Jews, has sent \$1,000 for the relief of flood victims. Kimierz Businek, Minister for Social Welfare, sent a message of thanks to the Federation.

The Polish Government will sponsor a bill placing under government protection Jewish cemeteries and other places connected with the memory of the more than 3,000, - 000 Polish Jews who died under the Nazi regime. A special council including Jews will be set up to administer these sites. The action followed a meeting between Jewish representatives and Minister of Culture Stanislaw Dybowski on problems involved in protecting Jewish cemeteries and museums.

DEMAND SUSPENSION OF RUMANIAN PAPER WHICH PRINTED ANTI-SEMITIC ARTICLE

BUCHAREST, May 30. (JTA) -- A demand for the suspension of the Rumanian daily newspaper Viata Banateana for publishing an anti-Semitic article has been made by the Jewish Democratic Committee in the city of Timisoara.

The article alleged that the chief reason for a recrudescence of corruption among local officials is the "Jewish practice" of offering bribes to officials when applying for aid. The authorities are questioning both the editors and the author of the article.

DISPLACED JEW KILLED NEAR MILAN CAMP; JEWISH AUTHORITIES DEMAND ITALIANS TAKE ACTION

ROME, May 30. (JTA) -- The body of a displaced Jew residing at the Adriatico camp in Milan has been found near the camp.

It is believed that he was a victim of a band of DP's which has been terrorizing the area, stealing visa affidavits and other valuables from DP's under threats of killing them if they do not submit. Jewish authorities have demanded that the Italian Government and UNRRA take action against the 30 members of the gang, who are alleged to be displaced Rumanian Jews.

1,600 NAZI WAR CRIMINALS HELD IN POLISH JAILS AWAITING TRIAL BY PEOPLES COURTS

WARSAW, MAY 30. (JTA) -- There are some 1,600 German war criminals in Polish jails awaiting trial before Peoples Courts, it was learned here today.

Among the criminals are: Gen. Jurgen Stroop, who commanded the Nazi troops in the battle of the Warsaw ghetto, and who has already been sentenced to death by an American military court for ordering the murder of American airmen; Albert Foerster, former gauleiter of Danzig, who is charged with the murder of hundreds of Jews in the Oswiecim death camp; and Joseph Buehler, assistant to Hans Frank, ex-Protector of Poland, who was hanged following his conviction at the Nuremberg trial.

Delegates representing 12,000 Jewish survivors of Warsaw held a two-day conference here during which they decided to publish a volume dedicated to the victims of Nazism. It was revealed that the survivors are scattered throughout 40 Polish cities and towns, mostly in Lower Silesia and Ledz. They also voted to send thanks to overseas groups of Polish Jews for the aid sent them during recent years. A similar parley of delegates of 1,000 survivors of Lublin's pre-war Jewish population of 35,000 was held in Wroclaw (Breslau.)

HONORARY SOCIETY EXPELS SCULPTOR FOR USING ITS NAME IN ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- William Hunt Diederich, internationally known sculptor, has been expelled from the National Institute of Arts and Letters for mailing anti-Semitic literature under the organization's name.

Diederich, who was present during the meeting on his expulsion, the first in the Institute's history, did not deny the charges, but criticized the group for "turning him in" to the Federal Government.

60 DISPLACED JEWISH CHILDREN ARRIVE IN SCOTLAND; MOST ARE WAR ORPHANS

LONDON, May 30. (JTA) -- Sixty Jewish displaced children from various countries of Europe have arrived in Leith, Scotland, under the auspices of the Chief Rabbi's Religious Emergency Council. The children, most of whom are war orphans, range in age between six and seventeen, and include 18 Yeshivah students.

J.D.C. ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS \$58,516,000 SPENT DURING YEAR FOR RELIEF TO JEWS ABROAD

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee last year provided aid to nearly 1,000,000 distressed Jews in Europe, Asia and Africa, and spent \$58,516,000 in relief, resettlement and reconstruction activities, comprising the most extensive aid program ever undertaken by a completely voluntary, non-governmental relief organization, it is revealed in the 1946 annual report of the organization, which will appear tomorrow.

The work of the J.D.C. is hailed by Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of War, and Dean Acheson, Under-Secretary of State, in messages appearing in the report. A supplement to the report covering the first five months of 1947 discloses that this year's appropriations are running ahead of last year's record as the JDC increases and expands each phase of its program. Through May of this year the Committee has appropriated \$36,000,000 as against \$22,000,000 for the same period last year.

Edward M.M. Warburg, JDC chairman, declared in a foreword to the report that "the spirit and the sense of purpose of the Jewish survivors themselves" is the most important aspect of the current European scene. "Without this heroic spirit our accomplishments would be meaningless," Mr. Warburg writes, "for the Jews of Europe have taken our dollars and made them live."

In a review of the JDC's activities during the year, Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman, states that 1946 opened with "the vast majority of the Jewish survivors of Europe cold, hungry, homeless, destitute, despondent and sick. By the year's end," Mr. Leavitt's report continues, "it could be seen that in its major objectives--relieving suffering and keeping the 1,500,000 survivors alive--the JDC efforts had achieved success. The Jews who were hanging so grimly on to life at the start of 1946 still live today and are beginning to revive."

Provided 55,000,000 Pounds of Supplies

Among the JDC programs that have helped Europe's Jews survive the post-war period, Mr. Leavitt reported, were the committee's huge supply program, which provided Europe's Jewish men, women and children with more than 55,000,000 pounds of food, clothing, medicines and other supplies last year, and aid in the rebuilding of Jewish communal life on the continent, including support to more than 750 communities and local organizations. In addition, the JDC in 1946 carried out the largest child-care operations in its history, aiding 110,000 Jewish children.

In its extensive medical care and health program, designed to meet the health needs of a Jewish population ravaged by years of torture and systematic starvation, the JDC last year gave support to 155 hospitals, clinics, dispensaries, tuberculosis sanatoria, convalescent homes and similar institutions. Educational programs carried out by the JDC helped nearly 60,000 Jewish children and young people continue their education, the report discloses.

The major disappointment in 1946 was caused by the reluctance of governments to grant substantial immigration opportunities to the homeless and uprooted Jews in the displaced persons' camps, Mr. Leavitt points out, noting that "the large-scale migration of displaced Jews from Europe which was confidently expected to take place during this period did not come to pass."

At the same time, the full number of displaced persons who might have found new homes in the U.S. under President Truman's directive did not reach these shores. Under available migration opportunities, the JDC last year helped approximately 27,000 Jews to leave Europe, Shanghai and other areas to find haven in Palestine, and it financed emigration to Palestine for 15,000 Jews under the existing certificate system.

