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STATE DEPT. ADVOCATES ADMISSION OF 400,000 DP'S AT HOUSE HEARING ON STRATTON BILL

WASHINGTON, June 6. (JTA) -- Assistant Secretary of State John Hildring, testifying today in behalf of the State Department before the House Sub-Committee on Immigration, advocated the admission to this country of 400,000 displaced persons within the next four years and emphasized that the United States should take the lead in solving the DP problem. He spoke in support of the Stratton Bill now before Congress.

The Government of the United States, Hildring declared, will not lessen its efforts "to obtain a just solution of the Palestine problem which may enable a large number of displaced Jews to enter the Holy Land." He added that this government will also continue its efforts to secure resettlement of as many displaced persons as possible in Europe and Latin America. "But," he pointed out, "we cannot pursue these efforts with any degree of success if we ourselves are not willing to help relieve ourselves of our own problem."

Hildring said that since the U.S. has the largest number of displaced persons in the American zones of Germany and Austria, "this country must set the example and would then find little difficulty in getting other countries to do something." Rep. Chelf, Democrat, of Kentucky, asked sharply: "And by the same token get Britain to do something about Palestine?" After some hesitation, Hildring replied that he thought it would have considerable effect on the solution of the Palestine problem.

Rep. Emanuel Celler asked Hildring if American policy will insist upon fulfillment of the terms of the Balfour Declaration and the terms of the Palestine Mandate. Hildring answered that the Palestine question is a most involved one, and that before discussing it, he would wish to consult with the State Department officers specifically concerned with it.

Displaced Persons Will Make Good Citizens, Hildring Says

In a carefully reasoned and presented statement, Hildring answered numerous charges that displaced persons would not make desirable citizens. He particularly stressed, from his long experience with the problem as Director of the Civil Affairs Division of the War Department, and as Assistant Secretary of State, his unequivocal conviction that DP's "are made of the stuff of which good American citizens are made."

He said that the U.S. had miscalculated the willingness of the displaced persons to return to their homelands after the war, and pointed to the "cataclysmic extermination of six million Jews." The DP's, he declared are "stunned by the insidious results of some of Hitler's indoctrination in the countries where they formerly lived."

Hildring assailed the "misinformation" circulated regarding the alleged unwillingness of the displaced persons to work. He declared that, on the contrary, "they have established a remarkable record for themselves in their attitude toward

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ork." He emphasized that it was "natural" for DP's expecting to leave Germany not to adapt themselves immediately to employment, or to expect that their former oppressors should perform much of the menial work they had done.

Rep. Fellows, chairman of the sub-committee, asked Hilldring about the number of displaced persons who could pass the immigration law screening requirements. Hilldring said he could not estimate the number, but pointed out that for two years the displaced persons have been under "constant observation" of American authorities who had an excellent opportunity to watch them under "unnatural and very trying circumstances," and that their conduct gives "as good a guarantee as is humanly possible to get."

Explains Why Displaced Jews Refuse to Work Under Germans

Hilldring emphasized that "because the Jews were singled out by the Nazis for particularly brutal treatment, it is understandable that they have no wish to work for or under the Germans." He added that, as in the case of other DP's, "some Jews are now less averse to taking temporary jobs in the German economy."

Declaring that the responsibility for a solution of the DP problem "now rests squarely with the Congress," Hilldring urged passage of the Stratton Bill, "as a step toward the most preferable solution, that of resettlement. As alternatives he listed forcible repatriation, abandonment to the German economy, or indefinite maintenance in camps, but emphasized that the State Department wholeheartedly endorses the aims of the Stratton Bill.

Rep. Noah M. Mason, Republican, of Illinois, supported the bill because of the reduced cost to the U.S. of caring for displaced persons, and because, he told the committee, "it will bring into this country the kind of people, by and large, that we need as citizens." He said that the bill is a temporary measure and sets no precedent for further immigration. He attacked President Truman's executive order of December, 1945, giving priority to DP immigrants as circumventing the immigration law in preventing the entrance of regular applicants with families already here.

Leader of "Patriotic" Societies Calls for Suspension of All Immigration

Captain John B. Trevor, president of the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, lengthily attacked the Bill on the grounds that it "would accentuate and gravely embitter internal racial dissension," and called for suspension of all immigration into the U.S.

Rep. Celler challenged Trevor, before he began his prepared testimony, by asking him if the American Coalition was not named in a Federal Grand Jury indictment of 26 alleged seditionists which charged conspiracy to impair the loyalty of the armed forces. Trevor denied that the Coalition was involved, and said that his organization was used by those under indictment. He said the Stratton Bill would permit the executive branch of the government "to favor the entry of would-be immigrants of some races and adversely discriminate against potential immigrants of other races."

Rep. Gossett, of Texas, asked Trevor "isn't this supposed to be an Anglo-Saxon country?" and then remarked that he was not referring to New York City, which he said is foreign, and where "they don't speak English." Second-generation Americans, Gossett said, are more devoted to American traditions than first-generation ones.

The Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, said that the displaced persons problem is not that of any one racial or religious group. Their fate, he declared, "rests heavily on the Christian conscience," and of "all the tragic victims of World War II there are none who have a greater claim on our sympathy and help than the DP's."

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U.N. INQUIRY COMMITTEE ADOPTS FOUR-PART WORK PROGRAM FOR HEARINGS IN PALESTINE

LAKE SUCCESS, June 6. (JTA) -- The United Nations Palestine Committee today wound up the New York phase of its inquiry at a closed meeting at which a four-part plan of operation in Palestine was adopted. Its first hearing in Jerusalem will be held on June 15.

Firstly, the commission will ask the Palestine Government to submit a memorandum on its operations. Then it will call upon the Jewish Agency and the Palestine Arab Higher Committee to submit preliminary testimony, after which the probers will go into the country and study Arab and Jewish communities. Finally, the commission will return to its Jerusalem headquarters where it will hear testimony from all other sources.

At today's meeting, the committee left open the question of establishing contact with the Palestine underground and whether to visit DP camps. Since May 15 the committee has received 20,728 letters from inmates of Jewish DP camps in the American zone of Germany, all petitioning the U.N. to facilitate their immigration to Palestine. It also received a cabled invitation from the Central Jewish Committee of Germany to visit the camps and enable the Jews to present their views and "their aspirations" directly to the committee.

U.N. TRANSMITS BRITISH REQUEST TO MEMBER NATIONS TO HALT "ILLEGAL" PALESTINE MIGRATION

LAKE SUCCESS, June 6. (JTA) -- All member states of the United Nations have been asked by Secretary-General Trygve Lie "to give consideration" to a British request that they discourage "illegal" immigration of Jews to Palestine through their territories and ports.

In a communication addressed to the 55 members of the United Nations, which was made public today, Mr. Lie referred to the resolution on Palestine adopted May 15 by the special session of the U.N. General Assembly, calling upon all governments and peoples to refrain from any action which might create an atmosphere prejudicial to an early settlement of the Palestine question.

Reference to the resolution was also made in a letter from the British Government to the United Nations, transmitted by Mr. Lie. The letter pointed out that "it appears to His Majesty's Government that one of the most important ways in which members of the United Nations can assist towards a peaceful solution of the Palestine problem is by doing all in their power to discourage illegal immigration while the question remains sub judice."

Emphasizing that during the last six months approximately 15,000 Jewish "illegal" immigrants from various European ports were intercepted in Palestine waters and diverted to camps in Cyprus, the British letter requested the United Nations "to appeal to all member states to take the strictest precautions, in so far as they are concerned, to prevent the transit through their territory and the departure from their ports of Jews attempting to enter Palestine illegally."

U.S. GROUPS THINK TRUMAN STATEMENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DIRECTED PRIMARILY TOWARDS BRITAIN

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Emergency Council, in a statement expressing its agreement with President Truman's appeal to U.S. citizens not to exacerbate the tense situation in Palestine, today suggested that "it would have been most helpful if the President were also to call upon the Mandatory Government to cease these illegal acts which are at the very root of the disturbances." The American League for a Free Palestine, through its president ex-Senator Guy M. Gillette, also welcomed the President's statement, but declared that to its knowledge American citizens were not provoking the violence in Palestine, which was caused by British policy.

WIRE LETTER BOMBS RECEIVED BY BRITONS; POLICE QUESTION STERNIST CLAIM OF RESPONSIBILITY

LONDON, June 6. (JTA)--Scotland Yard reported today that nine more "letter bombs" have been intercepted, bringing to 20 the total of explosive envelopes sent so far to present and former members of the government and military leaders, including Prime Minister Attlee, former Premier Winston Churchill, Foreign Minister Bevin and Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison.

The Stern Gang, which last night announced in a communique issued in Tel Aviv, that its European representatives were responsible for mailing the bombs, asserted that several had exploded, injuring the addressees, but Scotland Yard was keeping the news secret. However, Yard spokesman denied the claim.

The spokesman said that an exhaustive investigation into the origin of the letters was being conducted in Italy, around Turin and Milan, and despite the Sternist claim of responsibility, the police have no evidence as yet linking them with the bombs. He recalled that the Sternists asserted that they were responsible for an explosion in the Colonies Club here several months ago, but the Yard still lists the blast as an accident. The spokesman expressed confidence that no terrorist agents were in England.

It is understood that Scotland Yard has called in Richard Catling, assistant chief of the Criminal Investigation Department in Palestine, who is now on leave here, to assist them. Catling, who is allegedly on the Stern Group's "public enemy" list, is reputedly an expert on terrorist activities.

Although most of the explosive-laden letters went to persons directly or indirectly connected with the Palestine issue, some were addressed to members of the government with no connection with Palestine affairs. It is thought that the terrorists were aiming at all top policy-making officials.

BEN GURION SAYS SOVIET PLEDGE WITH REGARD TO PALESTINE AT U.N. CAN BE TRUSTED

LONDON, June 6. (JTA)--The Jewish Agency today disclosed that David Ben-Gurion has cabled to the London Times emphasizing that he has complete faith in the pledge with regard to Palestine made by Soviet representative Andrei Gromyko at the recent session of the United Nations. Gromyko advocated the partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states, failing the creation of a bi-national state.

The cable was precipitated by a published report from the Times Jerusalem correspondent asserting that Ben Gurion, speaking before the Jewish National Assembly last month, had said that the Jewish Agency cannot have any confidence in Russia, because the Soviet Government has often broken its pledges. In his cable to the London paper, Ben Gurion not only protested against this report as being "completely untrue," but declared that quite to the contrary, he told the Assembly that Russia's word can be trusted.

EGYPT REPORTED OFFERING HAVEN TO ALL ARAB POLITICAL REFUGEES; BID SENT TO RASHID ALI

JERUSALEM, June 6. (JTA)--The Arab papers today carry a dispatch from Cairo, asserting that Egypt is taking steps to concentrate all Arab political refugees in that country. Secret orders have allegedly gone out to frontier guards to admit every "Arab fighter." The government is reportedly considering extending an invitation to Rashid Ali el Gailani, leader of the pro-Nazi 1941 revolt in Iraq, during which more than 500 Jews were killed. Gailani is now in Saudi Arabia.

According to Cairo reports on the meeting of Arab Foreign Ministers there, no decision was taken yesterday on the question of non-participation in the investigation of the U.N. inquiry committee. Arab sources here believe that the Arab League will probably send a spokesman to the hearings.

U.S. OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES TRANSFER SOME ARYANIZED PROPERTY IN AUSTRIA TO GOVERNMENT

VIENNA, June 6. (JTA) -- U.S. occupation authorities in Austria have turned over to the Austrian Government former German property in the U.S. zone, including holdings acquired by Nazis from Jews through forced sale or duress and property seized from United Nations nationals through "aryanization."

The transfer of the property was announced today by Chancellor Leopold Figl. It was also revealed that the Austrian Cabinet has adopted a measure allowing persons who were stripped of property rights for racial or political reasons to apply for restitution until Dec. 31, 1947. Those now living abroad may file their claims with the Ministry of Property Custody here.

RUMANIAN JEWISH GROUPS SET UP MACHINERY TO SPEED ACQUISITION OF CITIZENSHIP

BUCHAREST, June 6. (JTA) -- A conference of Rumanian Jewish organizations was held here yesterday to set up legal machinery to assist Jews eligible for citizenship under the newly-promulgated law which grants citizenship to all persons living in what was Rumanian territory in 1920 and all deportees and repatriates from the USSR.

Anticipating a flood of applications, the conference decided to establish a network of legal advisory bureaus in Jewish communities throughout the country. It will also submit to the government suggestions concerning the procedure and execution of the various provisions of the law.

RUMANIAN JEWS EN ROUTE TO U.S. ZONE OF AUSTRIA HALTED IN HUNGARIAN TOWN

BUDAPEST, June 6. (JTA) -- A group of Rumanian Jews who crossed into Hungary en route to the U.S. zone of Austria have been halted at the Transylvanian town of Rakos, the Budapest daily Hirlap reported today.

The paper says that the refugees are housed in an assembly hall on the grounds of the Jewish cemetery at Rakos and are being fed twice daily by JEC representatives. However, there are no sleeping accommodations and the Jews are sleeping on the bare floor.

NAZI "LIQUIDATOR" OF JEWISH GHETTO IN BARANOWICZ SENTENCED TO DEATH IN POLAND

WARSAW, June 6. (JTA) -- Joseph Gorniewicz, Nazi officer who "liquidated" the ghetto in Baranowicz by directing the mass-execution of thousands of Jews, was today sentenced to death by hanging in a Polish court in Wroclaw.

It was officially announced here today that the body of Arthur Greizer, Nazi leader in Lodz who was hanged last month, was cremated in a crematorium which he had built for the mass extermination of Jews.

JEWISH ADVISER TO UNRRA CHIEF IN U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY RESIGNS; SUCCESSOR BEING SOUGHT

MUNICH, June 6. (JTA) -- Carl Atkin, adviser on Jewish affairs to Paul Edwards, UNRRA chief in the U.S. zone of Germany, has resigned, it was learned today, just prior to Atkins' departure for the United States.

Edwards is reported to be conferring with Rabbi Philip Bernstein, Jewish adviser to the U.S. military forces in Germany, on the appointment of a successor to Atkins. He is scheduled to fly to the U.S. soon, where he will also seek advice concerning a new appointee.

U.N. GROUP CONVENING AT LAKE SUCCESS ON MONDAY TO DRAFT INTERNATIONAL BILL OF RIGHTS

LAKE SUCCESS, June 6. (JTA) -- Members of the drafting committee of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights will begin meeting here on Monday, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, head of the Commission, to prepare a preliminary draft of an International Bill of Rights.

The Economic and Social Council in a resolution adopted March 28 decided that the draft prepared by the committee should be submitted to the second session of the Commission on Human Rights, which is tentatively scheduled for the end of August and the beginning of September, either in Geneva or at Lake Success.

The draft, as developed by the Commission on Human Rights, will then be submitted to all member states of the United Nations for their observations and proposals and these will be considered as a basis for a re-draft, if necessary, by the drafting committee. The resulting draft will again be referred to the Commission on Human Rights and, subsequently, to the Economic and Social Council which will recommend an International Bill of Human Rights to the General Assembly in 1948.

800 DP IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK; 90 ORPHANED CHILDREN AMONG PASSENGERS

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- More than 800 displaced persons including 90 war orphans arrived here today aboard the Marine Marlin from Germany. Representatives of the United Service For New Americans, which supplied corporate affidavits for 156 of the DPs, and of the HIAS were on the pier to greet the immigrants. Reception care for the Jewish children among the orphans will also be provided by USNA.

TRUMAN GREETES N.Y. ORTHODOX CONGREGATION ON 90TH YEAR; ORIGINAL SYNAGOGUE STILL IN USE

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- An orthodox congregation which was chartered by an act of the New York State Legislature 90 years ago - June 7, 1857 - was greeted today by President Truman on the occasion of its 90th anniversary, which will be marked on Sunday.

Congregation Talmud Torah Adareth El, which has occupied the same site since its establishment, received the land on which its synagogue is built from a Christian donor. Located at 133 East 29th Street, it has served the religious and spiritual needs of the Jewish community in the east midtown section without a break for 90 years.

Its charter provides that the synagogue must remain Orthodox as long as 12 members of the congregation insist on it. The ceremonies on Sunday will also mark the conclusion of the modernization of the physical structure of the synagogue, which has been altered so as to enable it to render more effective service to the community.

AMERICAN RELIEF LEADERS ATTEND SERVICE FOR J.D.C. AIDES WHO DIED IN PLANE CRASH

PRAGUE, June 6. (JTA) -- Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, his predecessor in that post, today attended the dedication of tombstones over the graves of David Guzik and Gertrude Pinski, J.D.C. representatives who died in an airplane crash at the Prague airport last year.

Leavitt and Hyman eulogized the late J.D.C. aides who were returning to their posts in Czechoslovakia and Poland when their plane crashed. Other speakers at the ceremony included representatives of the J.D.C. staff in Warsaw and Prague and Zalman Rubashev, editor of the Palestine Hebrew daily Davar. Representatives of the U.S. and Polish embassies and of the local Jewish community council were present.

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