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106 EAST 41st STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.DISPLACED JEWS FACING CRISIS, AMERICAN JEWRY MUST REDUCE ITS AID, GEN. MCNARNEY SAYS

WERNERSVILLE, Pa., June 8. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism is still rife in some parts of Europe and the position of the surviving remnants of European Jewry is moving rapidly toward a crisis, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, former commander of the U.S. forces in Germany, declared today at an emergency conference of the United Jewish Appeal. Gen. McNarney's speech was read by Chaplain Herbert Friedman, who formerly served on the general's staff, because he was grounded in New York by bad weather.

Gen. McNarney expressed the hope that the U.N. "will achieve a just solution to the problem of Palestine" so that the wishes of the majority of the 250,000 Jews in the DP camps to emigrate there may be fulfilled. After reviewing the barely tolerable lot of the DP's and the approaching conclusion of UNRRA activities, McNarney called on American Jewry to take up some of the "slack" which will result from the I.R.O.'s inability to furnish as much assistance as did UNRRA and the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees.

Presenting a picture of the I.R.O.'s resources, he pointed out that it had available a budget of only \$150,000,000 "to cover the needs of more than a million DP's all over the world. The staff of the I.R.O. will number approximately 700 at the peak for the world. Compare this with the far larger sums which were available to UNRRA and to the staff of 5,000 in Germany alone which UNRRA commanded. Remember, too, that the I.R.O. will incorporate the activities of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees. This adds up to a very drastically reduced program of aid for the DP's in Germany," he said. "It means that a much greater responsibility will be placed on private agencies like the Joint Distribution Committee."

Army Will Maintain Its Aid Despite Increased Difficulties

Dwelling upon the role of the U.S. Army in assisting the Jews in Germany and Austria, he stated: "Army funds that can be used to help the DP's are not inexhaustible. Growing difficulties stand in the way of utilizing supplies which up to now have been taken from the German economy for assistance to DP's. I do not mean to say that the American Army intends to stop trying in every way possible to do what it can. On the contrary, we shall redouble our efforts to find ways and means of carrying on this desperately needed assistance. But we cannot do it alone."

He also pointed out that the caloric ration was recently reduced by some ten percent, bringing it down to "barely a subsistence level." Surplus Army and captured enemy equipment from which clothes were furnished, housekeeping and work equipment and medical supplies are practically exhausted, he reported. "All these are elementary needs. They must be maintained on at least their present level," Gen. McNarney asserted, adding, "if they are not, I think you know what is almost certain to happen, especially when the victims, through no fault of their own, have lived through years of horror and suffering, have seen their loved ones tortured and cremated, have seen their hopes for a new life after the war dashed to earth again and again."

In the face of this threatened breakdown of the already minimum aid furnished the DP's, American Jewry must redouble its efforts, he declared. "The problem calls

er Jewish statesmanship—American Jewish statesmanship, for you are the only Jewish community capable of action on the required scale. Through your campaign for \$70,000,000 you must take up as much as possible of the slack that will result from the reductions in aid I have already forecast," he stated. "You may not be able to replace entirely the help that will be missing, but you can keep your brothers in a state of at least tolerable living."

\$115,000,000 Raised To Date, Morgenthau Reports; Last Year's Total Exceeded

Reporting to the opening session of the emergency session, Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the U.J.A. campaign, told the 300 assembled Jewish leaders that the organization had raised \$115,000,000 to date—exceeding last year's total by \$10,000,000. This figure represents the "largest sum ever raised by any voluntary organization in the world in peace time," Morgenthau said, adding: "American Jews with the cooperation and encouragement of their Christian neighbors have extended themselves to the 'point of sacrifice' in meeting responsibilities neglected by intergovernmental forces."

He pointed out, however, that the \$115,000,000 achieved to date falls short of expectations. On the basis of the \$170,000,000 goal for 1947, the campaign should have reached \$127,000,000 by now, he said. He deplored the sharp reduction of the United Nations relief program with the liquidation of UNRRA, June 30.

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European director of the JDC, who arrived in the United States Friday from Paris to report on overseas condition, warned the conference that Europe's Jews, particularly the 250,000 DP's in Central Europe, are facing the "most critical period since liberation more than two years ago" as a result of UNRRA's liquidation, the refusal of the American Army to feed and shelter refugees fleeing to the American zones of Germany and Austria and crop failures in many parts of the continent. He urged American Jews to sustain the morale of the Jewish DP's as they wait for the United Nations commission's decision on Palestine, by providing through the U.J.A. adequate relief and a reconstruction program.

Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, reported that the overwhelming majority of Palestine Jews are "most vigorously opposed to terrorism, which they feel is doing as much injury to the cause of the redemption of Palestine as the punitive measures undertaken by the British Government." Pointing out that 12,000 homeless European Jews entered Palestine in the first five months of 1947, Kaplan predicted that the coming months will see "larger and larger numbers of Jewish refugees reaching Palestine regardless of governmental restrictions and hardships and dangers involved in making last voyage in search of peace and freedom."

Delegates Call For Renewed Effort; Hail Support of Non-Jews

In response to the critical situation outlined by McNarney, Morgenthau and various experts from Europe and Palestine, the delegates adopted a resolution calling for renewed effort to assure attainment of the \$170,000,000 goal. Another resolution asserted that Jewish communities throughout the country were encouraged by the formation of 300 local Christian committees and a national Christian Committee for the U.J.A. as "strengthening the bonds between Americans of all faiths." President Truman, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, and other government and military leaders were praised for their sympathetic support of the U.J.A. campaign.

Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of Greater New York United Jewish Appeal, announced that to meet the emergency situation 11,000 volunteer workers have been summoned to launch an intensive effort to raise \$65,000,000 for the New York drive.

U.N. INQUIRY COMMITTEE SURPRISED AT BRITISH NOTE ASKING HALTING OF PALESTINE IMMIGRATION

LAKE SUCCESS, June 8. (JTA) — Some members of the U.N. inquiry committee on Palestine have expressed surprise at the release, on the eve of the committee's departure for the Holy Land, of a British note through the U.N. to its member states asking them to prevent the "illegal" immigration of Jews to Palestine. The problem may be discussed at tomorrow's meeting of the committee which was originally scheduled to discuss purely technical problems of its itinerary.

During the week-end, the Jewish Agency issued a statement attacking the British action. "No Jew who enters Palestine today enters Palestine illegally," it declared. "It is illegal to keep them out of Palestine. In asking the member states of the United Nations to block the transit of Jews through their territory and their departure for Palestine, the United Kingdom is asking the United Nations to sanction and to cooperate in an illegal act," the statement said.

"The British restrictions which bar Jews from Palestine were never approved by the League of Nations," it continued. "On the contrary, the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League held these restrictions to be a violation of British obligations under the Palestine Mandate and leading statesmen of both Great Britain and the United States have repeatedly condemned them.

"It is the United Kingdom, which seeks to trap Jews as prisoners in countries which are nothing more than vast graveyards for their dead, which is the prime disturber of the peace in Palestine. It is incredible that the United Kingdom, unabashed, should ask the member states of the U.N. to act as accessories to her illegal and inhumane conduct," the Agency declared. "While the subject of Palestine is sub judice, Great Britain should, in all conscience, return to the Mandate, which specifically charges her with the duty of facilitating Jewish immigration and which remains in force until another international body has declared otherwise," it concluded.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM ASKS U.N. TO PROTECT JEWS AGAINST "JEWISH NATIONALISM"

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) — The American Council for Judaism today requested the United Nations, in deciding Palestine's future, to protect Jews of the world against Jewish nationalism and its invasion of their status "as free and equal citizens of the lands of their birth or adoption." This will be achieved, the Council maintained, only if the U.N. insures "a clear and complete severance between the political structure developed in Palestine and the national rights, obligations, responsibilities and relationship of the citizens of many countries who are Jews by religion."

In a memorandum signed by Lessing J. Rosenwald, president, the Council warned that unless such specific safeguards against Jewish nationalism are provided, "millions of Jews will suffer irreparable harm by virtue of a confused status as to their exclusive national relationship to the various countries of which they are, and desire to remain, citizens." The failure to institute and maintain precise safeguards, the Council contended, "has created a duality of relationships that already has done severe hurt to Jews the world over and has made more difficult the normal task of integration of all people in the lands in which they are citizens."

It also asserted that proposals to establish a Jewish State are a "threat to the peace and security of Palestine and its surrounding area" and "harmful to the Jews in Palestine and to Jews elsewhere throughout the world," and opposed the establishment

of a Jewish State in Palestine or anywhere else. The Council requested the Palestine inquiry committee to determine at the outset the authority of the Jewish Agency to speak for all Jews of the world.

The memorandum declared that the Balfour Declaration supported the concept of equality of national interests and loyalty of Jews by references to a "national home" in relation to "the Jewish people." It contended that the very establishment of a Jewish Agency for Palestine, described by the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine as "a state within a state," is an extension of the imposition of a duality of national relationships, and said the Agency fosters the "pernicious idea that it is an authorized body in behalf of the Jews of the world."

JEWISH AGENCY PRESSING CHARGES AGAINST 30 NAZI WAR CRIMINALS BEFORE U.N. COMMISSION

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- At the request of the Jewish Agency Polish authorities have brought war crimes charges against 30 former Nazi officials, it was revealed here during the week-end by Col. Marian Muszkat, head of the Polish delegation on the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

This is the first instance of the Agency's bringing charges against war criminals. Because it has no status as a government, it requested the Polish Government to present the cases. Depositions against the Nazis were gathered by the Agency's legal department from recent immigrants to Palestine.

Muszkat also revealed that the War Crimes Commission has listed on its docket the names of three Jews now living in Rio de Janeiro. He said that at the request of the Jewish community of the Brazilian city the Polish authorities collected evidence against Chaskila Rosenberg, Avrum Zajman and Leib Zajfman, who are charged with aiding the Gestapo and being responsible for the death of several thousand Polish Jews.

He expects that the three Jews will be brought to trial in Brazil. The movement for their trial is being led by Uszer Birnboim, who was chairman of a meeting in Rio de Janeiro last January at which the three Jewish collaborators were formally excommunicated.

71 JEWISH REFUGEES ARRESTED IN ITALY FOR CROSSING BORDER ILLEGALLY; MAY BE IMPRISONED

ROME, June 8. (JTA) -- Two groups of Jewish refugees, numbering 71, have been arrested by the Italian police and are in danger of being imprisoned on the Lipari Islands, near Naples, it was revealed here today.

The Jews are DP's who crossed the Austro-Italian border illegally on two separate occasions. The first group of 25 were arrested last week but subsequently released when they furnished documents stating that they were residents of Turin. However, when the second group was apprehended the police became suspicious and re-arrested the 25. Rafaelo Cantoni, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, has intervened in their behalf.

It was learned during the week-end that before the International Refugee Organization extends relief to refugees in this country every case will be investigated by an I.R.O. commission. New arrivals will be kept in a transit camp at Milan for three weeks where they will be photographed, given a complete medical check and provided with clothing and blankets before they are assigned to permanent camps.

ARAB BROADCAST ANSWERS TRUMAN REQUEST TO U.S. NOT TO INTERFERE IN PALESTINE AFFAIRS

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) — The Irgun tonight replied to President Truman's request to Americans to refrain from interfering in Palestinian affairs by declaring that "we do not need encouragement" from abroad.

In a broadcast on the "Voice of Fighting Zion" underground radio, the extremists asserted that their strength was to be found in the "soil of our homeland." The announcer chided the President, pointing out that he had several times asked that the British permit 100,000 Jews to enter Palestine but had received no reply.

The trial of five Jews charged with participating in the Acre prison break May 4 was set to close today with only two witnesses to be heard tomorrow. Meanwhile, a dispatch from Damascus reports that a Jew alleged to be a Sternist who escaped from Acre has been apprehended by the Syrian police.

PALESTINE GOVT. PREPARING "BLUE BOOK" ON ITS ACHIEVEMENTS FOR SUBMISSION TO U.N. PROBERS

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) — The Palestine Government is preparing a "Blue Book" outlining British administration in this country for submission to the U.N. inquiry committee, it was learned during the week-end. It will detail British achievements here and its security system, as well as other aspects of the administration.

The Jewish Agency, on its part, is preparing an exhibition of Jewish developments in the fields of agriculture and industry. Meanwhile, it is learned that Dr. Chaim Weizmann is planning to leave here in mid-July for France, from where he will proceed to Switzerland. It is reported that he may go to the U.S. in the fall, when the U.N. General Assembly is scheduled to convene and hear a report from the Palestine inquiry committee.

It was revealed that the Yugoslav Government is sending a special commission of five officials to Palestine to study the situation there. The commission's activities will be independent of the U.N. committee, of which Yugoslavia is a member. Vladimir Simic, Speaker of the Yugoslav Parliament, heads the body.

ARAB LEAGUE SPLIT ON ATTITUDE TOWARD U.N. INQUIRY COMMISSION; EGYPT OPPOSES BOYCOTT

CAIRO, June 8. (JTA) — The political committee of the Arab League, which has been meeting here, is unable to reach a decision on whether it will boycott the proceedings of the U.N. inquiry committee on Palestine, it was learned today. It is understood that the members of the League are split, with Iraq and Egypt attempting to head off a boycott.

A report from Jerusalem states that regardless of the League's decision, the Palestine Arab Higher Committee is determined to stay away from the proceedings of the U.N. body. It was also reported from Palestine that Husni Barazi, former Premier of Syria, has denounced the present Syrian Government's anti-Jewish position.

PALESTINE, BRITISH DELEGATES CLASH ON PALESTINE AT INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST CONFERENCE

ZURICH, June 8. (JTA) — The problem of Palestine was forcibly introduced at the International Socialist Conference here this week-end when Goldie Meirson, political chief of the Jerusalem section of the Jewish Agency, clashed with a delegate from the British Labor Party.

Mrs. Meirson demanded that the Palestine issue be debated by the full Socialist Congress, while Morgan Phillips, general secretary of the British Labor Party, attempted to gag a full discussion. A delegate from South Africa insisted that if Palestine is debated it be linked with the issue of displaced persons. The dispute will be settled at a later time.

