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JEWISH AGENCY PROTESTS U.N. ACTION ON BRITISH REQUEST TO HALT "ILLEGAL" IMMIGRATION

LAKE SUCCESS, June 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency today protested to the United Nations against the action of Secretary-General Trygve Lie in transmitting to member states of the U.N. a British request that they curb "illegal immigration" to Palestine, and particularly against his asking that he be informed of any action taken by them in response to the request.

Pointing out that the United Nations is not committed to the Palestine immigration policy of the British Government and, therefore, can take no action on this score, the Jewish Agency said that the British note and the ensuing step taken by the U.N. Secretary-General would appear to be "altogether out of order."

"The Secretary-General," the protest stated, "by asking the member nations to inform him as to the action taken by them in pursuance of the British note, has improperly identified the United Nations with the policy of Great Britain on Jewish immigration as arbitrarily determined by Great Britain alone."

The Agency pointed out that Mr. Lie was not bound to accept the British unilateral interpretation of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly last month, appealing for peace in Palestine during the period in which the U.N. inquiry committee will conduct its probe. It recalled that there was nothing in the resolution which empowered the Secretary-General to take any action as to its implementation, or to ask an accounting from member states as to their compliance with the request of the British Government.

Agency Requests U.N. to Circulate Its Protest Among Member Nations

"In doing so," the Agency states, "it is submitted that he has gone outside and beyond the scope of his functions. It is with deep regret that we find ourselves constrained to protest the action of the Secretary-General." It asked Mr. Lie to circulate its protest among all the member nations of the U.N. and said that it was forwarding a copy to the inquiry committee, since "the action of the Secretary-General introduces new and prejudicial factors into the situation."

Commenting on the request of the British Government, the Agency note points out that the resolution adopted by the General Assembly "was intended to refer to violence or the threat of violence" in Palestine pending the report of the U.N. inquiry committee. "By no stretch of the imagination can it properly be interpreted as calling for cooperation by the United Nations in the campaign being waged by the British Government against the immigration of Jews into Palestine outside the quotas prescribed by the Palestine Government," the Agency stated.

"Indeed, at no time in the course of the discussion at the U.N. Assembly did the British delegation ask for the inclusion in the proposed resolution of any clause designed to prevent such 'illegal' immigration," the note continued. "Nor by a single word was it suggested that the so-called peace resolution was directed at the continuance of such immigration, the legality of which in the face of Britain's illegal policy under the 1939 White Paper the Jewish Agency has repeatedly asserted. Had the

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British Government sought to do so, its action would undoubtedly have been challenged on the ground that it was bringing into issue the very matter for which the special committee of the United Nations was being appointed."

Says British Could Have Sought Action on Migration During Assembly Session

The Jewish Agency emphasized that if the British Government desired action on the part of the United Nations with regard to "illegal immigration," it could and should have sought such action in the course of the 18-day session of the Assembly.

"The failure of the British delegation to bring up the problem openly before the United Nations was undoubtedly because the British were uncertain of the possible reaction of other delegations," the Agency charged. "Now that those delegations have left for their homes, however, by a forced interpretation of a resolution directed to another end, Great Britain seeks to obtain by subterfuge what she could not achieve by open discussion. This can only be described as a devious and improper stratagem to which it is regrettable that the Secretariat has given its support."

Mr. Lie refused to make any comment on the Agency note.

PALESTINE ARAB HIGHER EXECUTIVE CALLS STRIKE TO MARK OPENING OF INQUIRY HEARINGS

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- A one-day country-wide strike has been called by the Palestine Arab Higher Executive for June 10, to coincide with the opening of hearings by the U.N. inquiry committee. The Executive has indicated that it will boycott the hearings.

James B. Alexander, chief administrative officer of the inquiry committee, and 33 other members of the technical and secretarial staff arrived here today by plane. Alexander declared that the eleven members of the commission and their deputies are expected to land Saturday. Moshe Shertok, head of the Washington office of the Jewish Agency, arrived on the same plane.

(It was announced at Lake Success today that most of the committee members, accompanied by representatives of the press, will leave La Guardia Field tomorrow morning on a British Overseas Airways Corporation plane for London. The BOAC craft will remain in England until June 13, when it will leave for Lydda airport in Palestine. A Trans-World Airline plane will leave New York on the 13th with the remainder of the committee, and proceed directly to Lydda, via Rome and Cairo.)

TWO BRITISH POLICEMEN KIDNAPPED IN PALESTINE; TAKEN FROM SWIMMING POOL AT RAMATH GAN

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- Two British policemen were today kidnapped from a swimming pool in Ramath Gan, near Tel Aviv, by a group of about a dozen extremists. Two British soldiers who were present at the time were not molested.

The terrorists, armed with tommy guns, held up about 150 Jews who were swimming or sunbathing and carried off the two Britons, one of whom was slugged when he resisted. Two of the gang stood on guard outside the pool during the abduction. Several smoke bombs were set off to cover their successful escape in a waiting automobile.

Several hours before the kidnapping the Haganah appealed to the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Sternists not to "create an atmosphere which might prejudice the Jewish case before the United Nations Palestine Committee."

Earlier, British troops searching the Jewish section of Givat Shaul, on the outskirts of Jerusalem, found ten sticks of explosives. More than 150 soldiers took part in the house-to-house search.

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DRAFTING BODY ON HUMAN RIGHTS GETS BRITISH AND U.N. PROPOSALS; U.S. HAS NO DRAFT

LAKE SUCCESS, June 9. (JTA) -- The Drafting Committee on an International Bill of Rights met here today to begin blueprinting a document to outlaw violations of human rights throughout the civilized world.

The committee has before it a draft drawn up by the U.N. secretariat and one prepared by the British delegation. The first is a compilation of rights enunciated in the constitutions of the U.N. member states, plus proposals from individuals, organizations and members of the Human Rights Commission. The second is a comprehensive proposal which stresses that the "safeguards of human rights" have priority over "the just claims of states." It also emphasizes means of implementing these rights through recourse to various international tribunals.

The U.S. delegation does not plan to put forward a draft of its own at this time, or in the immediate future, a spokesman told the JTA, since it believes the proposal of the U.N. secretariat will make an adequate working paper, particularly with the companion British draft.

RUMANIAN JEWS CHARGE HOSTILE ELEMENTS SABOTAGING TRIAL OF PERPETRATORS OF JASSY POGROM

BUCEAREST, June 9. (JTA) -- A charge that "hostile elements" are attempting to sabotage the government's decision to bring the perpetrators of the Jassy pogrom of 1941 to trial was made today by the Jewish Community Council.

In a special announcement the Council pointed to the fact that the trial has been postponed for almost three years and the perpetrators of the massacre are still at large. It urged the government to put an end to "these disgraceful maneuvers" and bring the Jassy criminals before a war crimes court.

(A report from Istanbul said that several officials of the former pro-Nazi government had fled Rumania in a plane which also carried Gen. Gheorge Stavrescu, one-time inspector-general of Rumanian artillery, who was implicated in the Jassy pogrom.)

12,000 JEWS LEFT POLAND LEGALLY SINCE LIBERATION; 2,000 APPLY FOR READMISSION

WARSAW, June 9. (JTA) -- Nearly 12,000 Jews have emigrated from Poland legally since the liberation of the country, Gen. Viktor Grosz, Foreign Office spokesman, revealed today at a press conference.

He said that 8,777 had left up to Dec., 1946, and that an additional 3,194 emigrated between January and the end of May, 1947. He also announced that between 1,500 and 2,000 Jews had applied for readmission to Poland at embassies in Rome, Paris, Prague and Berlin.

1,200 JEWISH REFUGEES REPORTED TO HAVE CROSSED INTO AUSTRIA WITHIN RECENT WEEKS

VIENNA, June 9. (JTA) -- Twelve-hundred Jewish refugees crossed into Austria in recent weeks, according to Minister of the Interior Oskar Helmer. The Minister alleged that the refugees, most of whom are from Rumania, were forced across the border from Hungary, to which they had fled, by Hungarian frontier police.

Helmer said that about 60,000 Jewish refugees have crossed into Austria since the capitulation of the Germans. The Minister's figures were given in an interview with the British-controlled Weltpresse.

BAVARIAN COMMISSIONER FOR PERSECUTEES WARNS AGAINST REBIRTH OF NAZISM IN GERMANY

MUNICH, June 9. (JTA) -- "Neo-fascism and anti-Semitism are daily growing more dangerous in Bavaria," Dr. Philip S. Auerbach, Bavarian Commissioner for Political and Religious Persecutees, warned here last night at a meeting of the American Veterans Committee.

He censured both the military government and the Bavarian authorities for failing to arrest the growth of the new Nazism, charging that most of the members of the Bavarian Government are prepared to rehire known Nazis the minute the denazification courts clear them. "The Nazi spirit is more deeply rooted than the Allies realize," Dr. Auerbach declared, citing the existence of one poster which he saw in a Bavarian town and which read: "Hitler Lives, He Will Return."

The morale of the Jewish displaced persons "has dropped 3,000 percent" in the past year because nothing has been done to solve their problems, Carl Atkin, retiring adviser on Jewish affairs to the UNRRA administration in the U.S. zone of Germany, said here yesterday just prior to leaving for the U.S. Since the failure of the British Government to follow the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, the DP's have lost faith in all future committees and investigations, he added.

Atkin said that his contract had been terminated by UNRRA, because the organization felt that its Jewish department was not accomplishing anything. Atkin criticized the refusal of the International Refugee Organization's Preparatory Commission to establish a special IRO Jewish department, as requested by Jewish organizations.

A three-day HIAS conference on emigration problems concluded here today. Delegates stressed that emigration can be handled most effectively on an individual basis rather than on a "mass, unorganized basis." They emphasized that immigrants must be selected on the basis of the skills and trades they have and on the basis of the needs of their new countries, otherwise serious economic problems will result. Lewis Weikrug, HIAS European director, and Abe Grossman, director for Germany and Austria, reported that between 15,000 and 18,000 Jews in the two countries have registered for emigration during the past six months.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT INVITES J.D.C. LEADER TO TOUR JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN COUNTRY

ROME, June 9. (JTA) -- The new Hungarian Government has invited Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, to visit Jewish communities in Hungary, he revealed here today.

A delegation representing the government will meet Mr. Leavitt at the Hungarian border and escort him to Budapest, in order to avoid transit difficulties, since Mr. Leavitt has not yet received a Soviet entrance permit. He is leaving for Hungary on Thursday.

Following a visit to the large Adriatico camp in Milan, Leavitt said that living conditions here are worse than in Germany, but the morale of the DP's seems to be higher. The JDC head conferred with representatives of the Jewish Refugee Committee, UNRRA and the Italian Government.

JEWISH REFUGEE IMMIGRANTS IN NORWAY WILL BE READY TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT SHORTLY

OSLO, June 9. (JTA) -- Three hundred and ninety-nine Jewish refugees who were admitted to Norway last month are nearing the completion of their orientation course in the Norwegian language and national customs, it was learned here. In a few weeks they will be permitted to accept employment outside their temporary camp. Many offers of employment have already been made to the camp authorities.

FRENCH-CANADIAN LEADERS IN QUEBEC SWINGING BEHIND CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM

MONTREAL, June 9. (JTA) — Most French-Canadian leaders and practically every French-Canadian newspaper in Quebec have swung into the campaign to condemn and up-root anti-Semitism in the province, the Canadian Jewish Congress has revealed.

One of the most important Catholic youth organizations in the country has sponsored a campaign of education to acquaint the Catholic French-Canadians with Jewish affairs and all Catholic seminaries in Quebec are offering lecture courses about the Jews of Canada. The major book distribution centers have been prevailed upon to eliminate anti-Jewish literature from their stock and frequent conferences are held between Jewish and Catholic leaders on problems of mutual interest, the Congress stated.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ASKS CONGRESSIONAL PROBE OF ANTI-SEMITIC FINANCIER

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today called on the House Committee on un-American Activities to investigate the activities of George W. Armstrong, wealthy oil operator and land-owner, who is preparing to launch a nationwide campaign against Jews and Negroes and establish a foundation for the purpose.

According to the Committee on Legal and Civic Affairs of the American Jewish Committee, Armstrong recently visited Chicago to consult with prominent lawyers about plans for the foundation's future. On March 10 of this year, Armstrong disclosed his plans to disseminate hatred and prejudice against Jews and Negroes on a scale never before attempted. He advocated repeal of sections of the 14th and 15th Amendments of the Constitution, "thereby limiting the franchise to the nation's white Americans." One of his publications, dedicated to Rep. John E. Rankin of Mississippi, contains rabble-rousing attacks on Jews and Negroes and runs the gamut of bigotry.

Armstrong, whose associates include other professional exponents of hatred, has long been known as a peddler of race prejudice. During the war he published hate literature clandestinely, according to the American Jewish Committee investigation. Now out in the open, he plans to flood the country with hundreds of thousands of slick and expensively printed pamphlets and leaflets.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIAN JEWRY TO TAKE COURT ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER

SYDNEY, Australia, June 9. (JTA) -- The Executive Council of Australian Jewry, central representative Jewish body, is preparing to take court action against a Sydney periodical, Smith's Weekly, for making anti-Semitic statements about Australian Jews, Saul Symonds, president of the Council, revealed here.

The publication attacked the Youth Aliyah movement, alleging that Australian Jews who supplied financial support for the immigration drive were "compelled" to contribute "heavy levies" to fight the British. It also advocated a government inquiry into the activities of organizations which raise funds in behalf of Palestine. Symonds denied the charges in a statement to the press.

A nation-wide three-day conference of the Zionist organization concluded here during the week-end with the adoption of resolutions supporting the Jewish Agency and the Palestine Jewish community. Anglican Bishop C.V. Pilcher sent a message of encouragement to the conference expressing the hope that a U.N. decision on Palestine will "inaugurate a new period for Judaism in its own homeland." Horace Newman was elected president of the organization.

