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IMMIGRATION OF VISALESS JEWS TO PALESTINE SUSPENDED; HAGANAH MAPS NEW PLANS

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- Immigration of visaless Jews to Palestine has been temporarily suspended and no blockade runners can be expected to arrive here in the near future, a Haganah spokesman revealed today.

He said that the stream of Palestine-bound refugees has been choked off at its source by the British blockade of ports of embarkation and the shortage of fuel for the immigrant ships. The Haganah is now working out new itineraries and devising new means for bringing in European Jews, and it is confident that a way will be found, the spokesman added.

The last refugee ship to arrive here was the Yehuda Halevi which docked at Haifa on May 31. It was the 35th Haganah-operated vessel to reach Palestine's shores since the autumn of 1945 when "illegal" immigration began. The ships carried well over 20,000 persons, nearly 15,000 of whom are still confined in camps on Cyprus.

JEWISH AGENCY WILL REJECT A U.N. PROPOSAL TO MAKE PALESTINE A BI-NATIONAL STATE

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency will reject any proposal by the United Nations for the establishment of Palestine as a bi-national state, Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, told a press conference today. He revealed that the Agency will emphasize to the U.N. inquiry committee the compelling need to establish a Jewish state.

The possibility that the Agency may suggest to the committee, which starts hearings here next week, that it make interim recommendations was also indicated by Shertok. He said that he was not aware of any conscious effort on the part of the Great Powers to agree on the Palestine question.

The Agency testimony before the committee will attack the British White Paper policy, its illegalities and iniquities, and will denounce its pernicious effects, Shertok declared. It will stress the need and the possibility for large-scale immigration and settlement of Jews in Palestine in the light of historic Jewish rights and burning actualities."

Asked whether the Agency will press for the creation of a Jewish state in the whole of Palestine, Shertok replied that the Agency "will say what the Jewish people are entitled to." A meeting of the Agency executive to draft the language of the presentation will be held on Friday, he added.

Dr. Weizmann Will Ask For A Jewish State in Part of Palestine

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who has been asked by the Jewish National Council to be its principal witness at the committee in behalf of Palestine Jewry, was reported today to have completed the draft of his testimony. He will criticize the British

administration for its inability to implement the terms of the Palestine Mandate and will declare that the establishment of a Jewish state in an adequate part of Palestine is the only practicable solution of the problem.

In the face of strong opposition from various groups which oppose the appearance of Dr. Weizmann as spokesman for the Council, he will testify in the name of the Council only if he is satisfied that a considerable part of Palestine Jewry and of the Zionist movement favor such a move. Otherwise, he has already made arrangements to invite the inquiry committee to his home in Rehovoth, where he will state his views privately.

The Council is still in favor of Dr. Weizmann's appearance, without conditions binding him to any specific political conclusions, because of his record as the long-time leader of the World Zionist movement and a participant in the drafting of the Balfour Declaration. Dr. Weizmann has not received any visitors during the last fortnight, and has been devoting all his time to preparation of his testimony.

The Agudas Israel today asked the Agency to demand of the inquiry committee the establishment of a "Torah regime" within a Jewish state. The Agency replied that it cannot commit itself to any such stand, since the constitution of the future Jewish state will depend entirely upon its parliament.

Higher Executive Places Inquiry Group "Out of Bounds" to Arabs

King Abdullah of Transjordan today urged the Arab states not to boycott the committee, but demanded that they "do not yield an inch of ground on the demand for Arab rights in Palestine. I believe the Arabs must back the United Nations for building peace in the world. The duty of Palestinian Arabs and other Arab states is to leave and not to sell even an inch of land to the Jews. Palestine will be saved and remain an Arab land," he declared.

Meanwhile, the Mufti-dominated Palestine Arab Higher Executive and the Arab League seem to have split on the question of the U.N. inquiry committee. The executive has announced that it will boycott the inquiry, and has called a strike for June 16 to mark the opening of hearings by the probers. The Arab League, however, has reserved its decision on appearance before the committee.

In a new move tonight, the Higher Executive placed the fact-finding committee "out of bounds" to all Arabs in Palestine. Announcing a seven-point plan to enforce a complete boycott, Jamal Hussein, vice-chairman, banned all Arabs, including journalists, from appearing before any of the committee's hearings. The embargo also applies to written testimony. No Arab may attend any social functions given for the committee.

IRGUN SAYS KIDNAPPED BRITISH POLICEMEN RELEASED FOR "TECHNICAL REASONS"; ATTACKS HAGANAH

JERUSALEM, June 11. (JTA) -- An Irgun Zvai Leumi broadcast tonight stated that the two British policemen abducted Tuesday from a swimming pool at Ramath Gan had been released for "purely technical reasons which will not reoccur." It attacked the Haganah for calling on the Yishuv to join in the hunt for the policemen who were found yesterday.

The trial of five youths charged with participation in the Acre prison break was today unexpectedly adjourned until Monday when the defense is to produce evidence that one defendant, Amnon Mikhailoff, is under 18.

A plane carrying eight Rumanian Jews to Palestine has been forced down in Turkish territory by Turk fighter planes, and its passengers arrested, it was reported today.

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HUNGARIAN JEWISH REHABILITATION FUND ESTABLISHMENT DELAYED BY FACTIONAL DISPUTES

BUDAPEST, June 11. (JTA) -- The final establishment of the Hungarian Jewish Rehabilitation Fund has been delayed by internal factional disputes within the Jewish community and by the recent change in the government.

Community-wide elections will be held in eight weeks. Meanwhile, the major campaigns are being waged by the Zionists and the so-called Unity Party, which seems to have a majority of the city's Jews on its side. The Unity Party declares that it is not opposed to Zionism, but that the interests of those Jews who do not desire to emigrate must be protected by a group other than the Zionists.

30 ROMANIAN JEWS WHO APPLIED FOR U.S. IMMIGRATION BEFORE WAR APPEAL FOR VISA PRIORITY

BUCHAREST, June 11. (JTA) -- Two hundred and fifty Rumanian Jews who registered for immigration to the United States before the war broke out have addressed a joint appeal to the American mission here, the State Department and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt asking that they be given priority in the allocation of visas. Many of them are former inmates of concentration camps or were deportees.

Large numbers of Jews from all parts of Transylvania this week attended the reopening of the Jewish synagogue in the town of Careii Mari, on the Rumanian-Hungarian border. The newly-appointed rabbi, Solomon Gross, is well known among former concentration camp prisoners because in the capacity of assistant cook in one of the major camps he regularly sneaked out large quantities of food to the undernourished Jewish inmates. The town's pre-war population of 2,500 has shrunk to 500.

ARMY ORDER CONSOLIDATING DP CAMPS EXPECTED TO HIT SMALL JEWISH INSTALLATIONS

MUNICH, June 11. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders here expressed concern today at the possible effect on Jewish DP installations of a new Army order providing for the closing of camps housing less than 500 persons and the transfer of their occupants to larger centers.

The order is believed aimed at United Nations DP's who refuse to return to their homelands, although most of their fellow-nationals have done so, leaving small groups in large camps. However, since it is a blanket order, it will also hit centers for Jewish children, kibbutzim, hachsharoth and other agricultural training centers.

SHANGHAI REFUGEES MUST HAVE S.A. VISAS AUTHENTICATED TO GET U.S. TRANSIT PERMITS

WASHINGTON, June 11. (JTA) -- Jewish refugees in Shanghai seeking U.S. transit visas to permit them to reach South American countries must now produce, in addition to a visa from their country of destination, a letter from an agency of that government attesting to the validity of their visas.

This procedure has been worked out by the State Department to eliminate difficulties arising from the refusal of the U.S. Consulate in Shanghai to issue transit visas for prospective emigrants, because the consulate questioned the validity of the South American visa held by the applicant.

ROMANIA GRANTS J.D.C. FOOD SHIPMENT FREE TRANSPORTATION IN RECOGNITION OF ITS SERVICES

BUCHAREST, June 11. (JTA) -- In appreciation of the Joint Distribution Committee's relief activities in the famine areas of Rumania, Chevu Stolca, general manager of the national railroad, has granted free transport for a shipment of 3,500 tons of corn which was sent from America by the J.D.C. Most of the food is destined for Jews in the drought area, but some of the cargo will be turned over to the government for distribution among non-Jews.

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DR. WISE ASKS U.N. COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND JEWISH COMMONWEALTH IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the World Jewish Congress, today declared creation of a democratic Jewish commonwealth in Palestine was the only solution to the Jewish problem and the only way to avoid a repetition of the catastrophes that have periodically befallen the Jewish people.

In a letter to Dr. Victor Hoo, secretary of the United Nations Palestine Inquiry Commission, on the eve of the departure for Palestine of the last members of the commission, Dr. Wise submitted the views on the Palestine problem of the World Jewish Congress. "The only hope of reviving the life and culture of the Jewish people lies in the establishment of a fully self-governing Jewish homeland, recognized as such throughout the world--that is, a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine," he said.

"Only by restoring the land of Israel to the people of Israel will the nations undo history's great wrong to the Jews and together with the Jewish people solve at long last the Jewish problem," Dr. Wise continued. He emphasized that the crux of the problem was the homelessness of the Jewish people and their lack of national status in a world where national status determined the rights and liberties of nations.

SPONSORS OF FEPC BILL FIGHT MOVE TO STRIP IT OF PENALTY PROVISIONS AS HEARINGS OPEN

WASHINGTON, June 11. (JTA) -- A Senate Labor and Public Welfare Sub-Committee, which opened hearings today on a bill to bar discrimination in employment, introduced by Sen. Irving M. Ives, was told by Sen. Ives and Sen. Dennis Chavez, a co-sponsor, that FEPC legislation without enforcement provisions would be ineffectual. Their statements came after indications that there will be attempts to modify the measure to strip it of all penalty provisions.

Rabbi William F. Rosenblum of New York, president of the Synagogue Council of America, supported the bill "as an American citizen interested in the welfare of all Americans and especially in preserving those institutions that are vital to our democracy." Answering Sen. Ellender, Rabbi Rosenblum said that, taking the country as a whole, race, national origin and religion, in that order, determine discrimination.

"There are some parts of the nation which are more liberal than others," he continued, "but there still persist in industry, as well as in education, particularly in many areas of employment, practices which make it impossible for people of certain religious and racial groups to receive fair and equal consideration when applying for jobs."

The Rev. Edward Cardinal, director of the Shiel School of Social Studies in Chicago, under prolonged and sharp questioning by Sen. Ellender, said that the educational system cannot be relied upon to answer the problem of discrimination "as long as we have the quota system in our universities." Ellender confirmed that he had received letters from "many Jews" in Louisiana asking that he intercede with some schools in my state to permit them entry." He professed lack of knowledge about establishment of quotas in colleges, but granted that "the situation as respects (quotas for) the Jews is correct."

Father Cardinal read a statement prepared by Bishop Shiel of Chicago, the largest Roman Catholic archdiocese in the world, expressing full support for the FEPC bill.

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ISSUES DRAFT OF GENOCIDE RESOLUTION TO PREVENT MURDER OF RACIAL, RELIGIOUS GROUPS

LAKE SUCCESS, June 11. (JTA) -- The first United Nations draft of an international convention to outlaw genocide was issued here yesterday. The draft lists as its purpose the prevention of the destruction of racial, national, linguistic, religious and political groups.

The three types of genocide defined are: physical genocide, killing or putting in such condition that death or loss of life is inevitable--imprisonment in concentration camps, starvation and medical experiments on human subjects; biological genocide, consisting of actions tending to prevent life and to kill a human group through delayed action--sterilization, breaking up families, obstructing marriages; and cultural genocide, the destruction of specific characteristics of a group or obliteration of its spiritual life and culture.

Included in the last category are such acts as: stealing children for purposes of imposing on them the racial or natural character of another group; systematic and forceful removal of persons representing the culture of the group; systematic destruction of works of art, museums, libraries, churches and historical documents. Prohibition of the use of the native tongue even in private relations. It is believed that a human group can be destroyed not only physically, but also by removing the essential formulations of its spiritual life, the draft states.

The draft convention also declares that public propaganda which leads to or justifies genocide is a crime for which not only private individuals would be punishable, but also statesmen and public officials. They could not plead innocence on the grounds that they acted according to their own laws. It recommends that each signatory party should include in its criminal code special provisions for punishment of genocide.

The machinery for punishment and prevention would provide that every country can punish in its own courts a criminal guilty of genocide even if he has committed his crime abroad, regardless of his nationality. The draft convention also provides that for specific cases of greater importance or if a government is not willing to punish in its own territory criminals apprehended there, the case might be referred to an international court.

The draft points out that it would be up to the Security Council to decide about the creation of such a court. Moreover, by way of political action, the Security Council could intervene to stop any case of genocide wherever committed. Genocide, according to the draft convention, would not be considered a political crime and no asylum would be granted.

The draft convention was prepared in such a fashion as to permit the member governments to delete parts or make additions without destroying its main purpose and legal structure. It was prepared by the Secretariat.

WAR COLLEGE TO GET BARUCH BUST; SWOPE TO MAKE PRESENTATION AT CAPITAL CEREMONY

WASHINGTON, June 11. (JTA) -- A bust of Bernard Baruch, statesman and financier, will be presented to the National War College on Friday, the War Department announced today.

The bust, executed by Randolph Evans, will be presented to the college by Herbert Bayard Swope and will be received for the college by its commandant, Vice-Admiral H.W. Hill. It was made possible by contributions of former members of the War Industries Board, one of the agencies with which Baruch served during World War I. Baruch has lectured annually at the War College since the first World War.

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32 JEWS SAIL FROM EUROPE FOR TEN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES; AIDED BY J.D.C.

PARIS, June 11. (JTA) -- One hundred and thirty-two Jewish refugees sailed from Le Havre today to establish new homes in ten Latin American countries, under the Joint Distribution Committee emigration program.

Aboard one ship were 46 refugees en route to Colombia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Venezuela. A second vessel is carrying 86 Jewish survivors to Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay. The refugees will be met in Latin America by local Jewish committees formed with J.D.C. assistance.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS REUNITED 30,000 FAMILIES SINCE END OF WAR, REPORT STATES

LONDON, June 11. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress tracing office has reunited some 30,000 Jewish families since the liberation of Europe, it was reported here at the opening of a WJC exhibit entitled: "Uniting the Dispersed."

Minister of State Hector McNeil officially opened the exhibit. He praised the WJC activities, declaring that "no miracle was greater" than bringing together hundreds of thousands of people who had been torn away from their families by the war.

GREATER NEW YORK U.J.A. DECIDES TO REOPEN CAMPAIGN FOR SPECIAL TWO-WEEK PERIOD

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- The Greater New York United Jewish Appeal campaign for \$65,000,000 was formally reopened yesterday at an emergency luncheon meeting of 600 New York Jewish leaders.

Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the New York U.J.A., pointing out that the situation of the displaced Jews of Europe was rapidly approaching a crisis, announced that a special drive will be undertaken from June 10 to June 26 to raise "millions of additional dollars."

Mr. Warburg explained that the worsening situation in Europe is caused by UNRRA's liquidation at the end of this month, the International Refugee Organization's inability to assume its full relief burden for months, cuts in the U.S. Army's budget for occupation costs and the effect of European crop failures.

BERNARD BARUCH GETS JEWISH WAR VETERANS AWARD FOR "HUMANITARIAN SERVICES"

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- Bernard M. Baruch, former chairman of the American delegation to the United Nations Atomic Control Commission, was today presented with a bronze plaque and a medallion in recognition of his "humanitarian services." The presentation was made by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

ZOA LEADERS ASSERT ADMINISTRATION HAS RECEIVED COUNTRY-WIDE SUPPORT FROM DISTRICTS

NEW YORK, June 11. (JTA) -- In a counter-blast to the attack on the Silver-Neumann administration of the Zionist Organization of America, made last week by seven former presidents of the organization, the ZOA leadership today asserted that it has received overwhelming support from influential Zionist districts throughout the country.

The ZOA leaders said that among those expressing support of Dr. Silver's policy and endorsing Dr. Neumann for the presidency are the presidents of the Southwest, Southeast, New England, New Jersey, Brooklyn, Hartford and Detroit regions. They also said that the annual conferences of six regions, embracing 50,000 members, have endorsed the policies of the ZOA administration at meetings in the past few days.