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U.N. SECRETARIAT TRANSMITS PLEA TO BRITAIN TO SPARE LIVES OF DOOMED IRGUNISTS

LAKE SUCCESS, June 23. (JTA) -- U.N. Secretary General Trygve Lie announced today that he would transmit to the British Government the request of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine on behalf of the three Irgunists sentenced to death last week for participation in the Acre prison break.

A resolution expressing the U.N. committee's fear that execution of the youths would adversely affect its work was adopted yesterday in Jerusalem and sent to Lie for forwarding to London.

Although the text of Lie's note to the British Government was not available early yesterday evening, it was learned from official sources that it did not contain a request that the government inform him of what action it would take on UNSCOP's plea. When he recently forwarded to all U.N. members a British note requesting action on illegal immigration to Palestine, the Secretary-General asked that the recipients notify him concerning what steps they planned to take.

Palestine Govt. Rebukes U.N. Body; Says Death Sentences "Sub Judice"

JERUSALEM, June 23. (JTA) -- Chief Secretary Sir Henry L. Gurney of the Palestine Government today delivered a public rebuke to the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, without waiting for receipt of the resolution adopted yesterday by UNSCOP.

In a letter to the commission's secretary, Gurney said that since the death sentences of the three Jewish youths have not yet been confirmed, and since without confirmation they have no legal effect, "the matter is therefore sub judice and in these circumstances it is necessary to avoid public comment."

Sir Henry declared that the fact that the sentences were announced the same day UNSCOP opened its sessions here was purely coincidental and "there would not be any truth" in other interpretations. He is reported to have added that recent death sentences have had a salutary effect on the security situation here.

Emil Sandstroem, chairman of UNSCOP, discussed commutation of the sentences with Gurney on Saturday, after which he summoned the first of five closed meetings the probers held on the issue. It is learned that the vote for the resolution, which instructed U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie to take up the matter with London, was nine to one, with one abstention.

During the discussion some of the members pointed out that it was on the basis of the General Assembly's "truce" resolution of May 15 that Britain appealed to all U.N. members to halt illegal immigration to Palestine. If Britain's action was justified, then the committee had the right to intervene in the case of three Irgunists, which also threatened continued peace, they argued. One delegate even requested that UNSCOP should interview representatives of the Irgun and the Stern Group.

Sandstroem, accompanied by Czech delegate Karel Lisicky, Uruguayan delegate Prof. Enrique Rodriguez Fabregat and U.N. Assistant Secretary-General Victor Hoo,

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today visited Dr. Chaim Weizmann at his home in Rehovoth and questioned the venerable Zionist leader concerning colonization and economic problems. Later, they were shown around the Sieff and Weizmann Institutes, and were noticeably impressed by the high level of agricultural and scientific experimentation.

It is learned that Dr. Weizmann is slated to testify at a public hearing of UNSCOP some time between July 5 and 10. The committee is scheduled to leave Palestine on July 20.

BRITISH WIDEN SEARCH FOR ESCAPED OFFICER CHARGED WITH MURDERING PALESTINE YOUTH

JERUSALEM, June 23. (JTA) -- Five high-ranking British police officers left today for Baghdad following a report that Maj. Roy Farran, who escaped from a Jerusalem detention barracks last week, had fled to Iraq.

Meanwhile, intensive searches are being continued in Palestine. Major H.H. Ferguson, who commanded the barracks from which Farran escaped, has been placed under house arrest for not ordering an immediate search when he was informed of the escape of the former commando officer and acting assistant superintendent of police, who is charged with directing and participating in the abduction and probable murder of 17-year-old Alexander Rubovitz, alleged Sternist.

Police squads today questioned a group of Bedouins who were camped last month at Wadi Kelt, midway between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea, to whom Farran is rumored to have turned over Rubovitz' body for burial, after the youth died from mistreatment at the hands of Farran.

As the authorities probe deeper into the Farran case, they are uncovering more information concerning the fascist "British Military Organization," a Mosleyite outfit which has apparently secured a strong foothold in the Palestine police and military forces. The group distributes anti-Jewish leaflets and pamphlets and has threatened to blow up the offices of the Jewish Agency and the Palestine Post. It is believed to be responsible for the blasting of the Agency's information office several months ago. Some of its leaflets have urged troops to take individual action against the Jews, particularly terrorists.

Britain Will Recall Army Officers Loaned to Palestine Police

LONDON, June 23. (JTA) -- The Colonial Office said today that although it could not confirm reports that the Palestine police is to be purged, it is expected here that as a result of the Farran incident the Palestine Government will return to the Army all officers borrowed for special duty with the police.

A Colonial Office spokesman said that the results of the current inquiry into the Farran affair are not known, but so far no evidence implicating regular police officers has been uncovered, although a thorough investigation has just been made into the background of all policemen. None were found to have any connection with fascist or anti-Semitic groups, the spokesman stated. Nothing is known here of a reported anti-terrorist column among the police, he added.

FRENCH POLICE REPORTED SEEKING EXTRADITION FROM BELGIUM OF GIRL RESISTANCE LEADER

PARIS, June 23. (JTA) -- French police were today reported to have asked Belgium to extradite to France Elizabeth Lazarus, 21-year-old veteran of the Resistance, who is allegedly implicated in the sending of letter bombs to prominent Britons. According to the reports, the extradition plea was based not on dispatch of the letter bombs, but on alleged violation of a French law prohibiting the illegal possession of explosives.

BOMB FOUND IN ROME SYNAGOGUE; ITALIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION SET UP WITH 10,000 MEMBERS

ROME, June 23. (JTA) -- An unexploded bomb was discovered yesterday in Rome's principal synagogue. It is rumored that it was placed there by anti-Zionist Arabs working with Italian fascists. A so-called Arab Defense Committee was recently set up here to combat Zionist activities.

An Italian Zionist Federation was established here yesterday at a meeting presided over by Aryeh Stern, the Jewish Agency representative in Italy. It includes all Zionist groups, both Italian and refugee, and will have a total membership of about 10,000.

DP LEADERS IN GERMANY MEETING TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS ARISING FROM UNRRA LIQUIDATION

MUNICH, June 23. (JTA) -- Members of the council of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in Germany opened a two-day conference today at Borchteegaden to discuss the increased responsibilities which the Committee will have to assume with the liquidation of UNRRA next week, and the failure of the IRO to get into operation.

About 2,000 displaced Jews yesterday attended the dedication of a monument on the site of the Pocking Camp to the thousands of Jews who perished there during the Nazi regime. The camp is located about 40 miles from Munich. The monument is a simple marker in the center of the former camp area.

ONLY PRESENCE OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN GERMANY PREVENTS POGROMS, GEORGE BACKER SAYS

PARIS, June 23. (JTA) -- If it were not for the presence of American troops in Germany pogroms would be a common occurrence, particularly in Bavaria, George Backer, president of the World ORT Union, declared here before departing for London.

He stressed that if the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine fails to find a concrete solution, the situation in the DP camps may become explosive because the DP's cannot and will not return to their former homes. Backer added this winter may well be another "hunger winter," and what is now a trickle of refugees from Hungary and Rumania may soon become a new exodus of Jews.

He pointed out that the International Refugee Organization, which is the immediate hope of the DP's, scarcely offers a concrete solution because of its inadequate budget. He reported that the ORT will spend \$2,150,000 this year in training 20,000 Jews in Germany, Austria and Italy and will also provide vocational education for Jews in ten other European countries and in several South American countries.

FRENCH HIGH COURT DROPS CHARGES AGAINST FORMER VICHY COMMISSIONER FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS

PARIS, June 23. (JTA) -- Proceedings against Charles du Patier de Clam, Commissioner for Jewish Affairs in the Vichy Government, have been dropped following a decision of a High Court investigating commission that there was insufficient evidence for prosecution.

The commission, however, ordered that the public prosecutor prepare for the trials of two other Vichy officials. One is Louis Darquier de Pellepoix, also a former Commissioner for Jewish Affairs, who was indicted for treason in Dec., 1945, but who fled the country. The second is Xavier Vallat, one-time Secretary of State in the same ministry, who is also charged with treason as well as with demoralizing the nation with a view toward weakening its defenses. The latter is a capital offense.

RUMANIAN GOVT. INVESTIGATING CHARGES IMPLICATING FORMER PREMIER IN JASSY POGROM

BUCHAREST, June 23. (JTA) -- The Rumanian War Ministry has ordered an investigation into charges by Gen. George Stavrescu, one of the defendants in the Jassy massacre trials, that Gen. Constantin Sanatescu, first Premier of Rumania following the liberation, was implicated in the pogrom.

According to the newspaper Romania Liberal, Stavrescu, who will be tried again on the same charge, claims that he received orders for the pogrom from the headquarters of the Third Rumanian Army, which was commanded at the time by Sanatescu. The charges have created a sensation here because Sanatescu, who was a leader of the forces which seized power following the collapse of the Antonescu pro-Nazi Government, was considered a leader of the democratic forces.

BRITISH MAGISTRATE REFUSES TO DROP CHARGES AGAINST JEWS WHO BROKE UP FASCIST MEETING

LONDON, June 23. (JTA) -- Although a Scotland Yard inspector testified that the British League of Ex-Servicemen is a front for Mosleyites, a local magistrate today refused to drop charges against seven Jewish veterans arrested for breaking up a public meeting of the League in the Jewish-populated East End, and sentenced them to twelve months on probation.

The magistrate stated, however, that "if people come to an essentially Jewish district to talk anti-Semitism and stir up racial hatred, and incite, abuse and provoke the people there, they must take what's coming to them." He added that "I should support the police in any action they took to keep down such talk."

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY "SOUNDLY ESTABLISHED," ALPERT SAYS; ATTACKS RESIGNED DIRECTORS

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- S. Ralph Lazrus and Prof. Otto Nathan, who announced their resignation from the board of directors of the projected Brandeis University, during the week-end, today refused to comment on a statement by George Alpert, president of the board, charging them with having planned "to foist on the university a thoroughly unacceptable choice as President" and with attempting "to give the university a radical, political orientation."

Declaring that the statement contained "untrue allegations," Mr. Lazrus and Prof. Nathan declined to go into any further detail as to their reasons for severing connection with the projected university, or for Prof. Einstein's withdrawal of support from the institution's fund-raising foundation, which bore his name.

Mr. Alpert emphasized in his statement that "the university and the foundation are both soundly established." The academic plans of the university, he said, are making rapid strides under the direction of Prof. Max R. Grossman, who resigned recently from Boston University to assume the post of provost of Brandeis University. "Our fund-raising activities are flourishing as never before," he added. Miss Susan Brandeis, daughter of the late Supreme Court Justice for whom the university is named, issued a statement supporting Mr. Alpert.

FEDERATION FOR POLISH JEWS TO RAISE \$1,000,000 FOR SPECIAL COLONY IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- The Inter-American Conference of the World Federation for Polish Jews today voted to raise \$1,000,000 for the construction of a special colony in Palestine for Polish Jews.

The conference, attended by 400 delegates, was addressed today by Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbard, former Jewish member of the Polish Parliament in Poland and in exile; Mark Turkow, of Argentina, president of the combined South American Federations for Polish Jews; Leo Finkelstein, of Poland, secretary-general of the Association of Yiddish Writers in Poland, and Mendel Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund.

MAJOR JEWISH AGENCIES APPROVE CJFWF PLAN TO ESTABLISH INSTITUTE ON OVERSEAS STUDIES

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, the two major Jewish overseas relief agencies, have formally approved the plan of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to establish an Institute on Overseas Studies for the purpose of providing American Jewish communities with data essential for their guidance in determining long-range financial and functional responsibilities, it was revealed today by H.L. Lurie, executive director of the Council.

"Although the need for basic research and scientific planning had been recognized for some time, it is only now that a comprehensive program of studies can be organized," Mr. Lurie said. "It was not possible during and immediately after the war to obtain basic data for most of the European countries in view of the instability and disorganization which existed abroad. In this connection it is important to recall that representatives of American Jewish voluntary agencies were not able to gain access to the displaced persons camps in Germany until late in 1945. Even today, two years after the end of the war, there are important gaps in the information concerning some areas of Jewish population.

"There continues to be a very large measure of uncertainty concerning basic political and economic conditions in countries where Jews live. There is, nevertheless, a greater degree of stability today and the possibility at least of attempting some forecast and planning for the next few years. It will, of course, be important at all times to recognize that all planning must be done on the basis of certain assumptions which may seem reasonable today and yet may turn out to be completely erroneous in view of unforeseen developments in the future.

"The launching of the Institute has been preceded by careful planning, and is built on a sound realistic approach. As it takes up its work we have every reason to expect that it will make an outstanding contribution not only to the American Jewish community and to the welfare of Jews overseas, but to the meeting of human problems generally of which the Jewish needs form a very important part."

47TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA OPENS; DISCUSSES PALESTINE

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- The 47th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America opened here tonight with a discussion on Palestine. The parley of representatives of Conservative Judaism will last through Thursday.

The key to the Palestine situation lies in Washington, and the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine is not in a position to formulate essential proposals for the solution of the problem without some real knowledge of the intentions of the United States, it was emphasized by both Hayim Greenberg, member of the Jewish Agency executive, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, addressing the opening session.

Dr. Neumann asserted that President Truman, Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Senator Arthur M. Vandenberg "have it in their power to expedite a just and internationally acceptable solution." Mr. Greenberg called upon the President and Mr. Marshall "to come out with a clear, unequivocal statement of policy on Palestine, in the spirit of the many moral commitments already made by our government."

58TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS OPENS TODAY

MONTREAL, June 23. (JTA) -- The 58th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis will open here tomorrow evening with a presidential address by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. This will be the second time in its history that the conference has held its convention in Canada.

