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U.N. COMMITTEE URGED TO RECOMMEND LARGE-SCALE ADMISSION OF JEWS FROM EUROPE, ARAB LAND

JERUSALEM, July 9. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Jewish National Council of Palestine, representing the entire Jewish population of the country, today passionately appealed to the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine to recommend the immediate opening of the gates of Palestine to Jews not only from Europe but also from neighboring Arab countries.

Speaking for the Council at the fifth day of public hearings were Isaac Ben Zvi, president, David Remez, chairman of its executive, Dr. Abraham Katznelson and Dr. Mordecai Eliash, members of the executive. They emphasized that the Jewish National Council wholeheartedly supports the political line of the Jewish Agency as outlined before the U.N. committee by David Ben Gurion and Moshe Shertok.

Declaring that the Jews in Palestine "are ready to receive millions of their loved brethren from Europe," Ben Zvi also told UNSCOP that the position of Jews in the neighboring Arab countries is rapidly deteriorating politically, culturally and economically. "For the past twenty years," he declared, "the newly-established Arab states did not provide any chance for their non-Arab minorities, whether Assyrians, Kurds or Jews. The sole hope of the Jewish minority there is exodus."

Remez appealed to the committee not to postpone its decision "and not to bring despair into the hearts of the displaced Jews and us." He asked that it should not recommend "a solution of the Palestine issue which is not a solution" nor guardianship. "We have arrived at a point where the building of the country, as well as our relations with the Arabs depend upon ourselves," he said.

Palestine Emergency Regulations Criticized; Terrorism Branded as "Cancer"

Dr. Eliash, testifying on the legal aspects of the Palestine problem, denounced the Emergency Defense Regulations. He asserted that under them a Jew may be sentenced to eight years imprisonment and a fine of \$4,000 for harboring an "illegal" immigrant, even if the refugee is his brother or the sole surviving member of his family. He labelled terrorism a cancerous growth on the Jewish community. "We wish to eradicate this cancer," he said, "but we cannot under such conditions cooperate with the administration."

Guatemalan delegate Dr. Jorge Garcia Granados questioned Eliash on a number of points of Palestine law and legal procedure. He asked him to explain how Palestinian laws are made. The legal expert replied that they are promulgated by an Order-in-Council and may not be questioned by the citizens.

When Granados asked him to explain how this procedure compares with lawmaking in other lands, Sandstrom broke in to halt the questioning as irrelevant. A short clash developed, the first open one between the two committee members. Granados

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argued that in committee meetings the delegates had adopted a "reserved" attitude toward legal problems prevailing in Palestine. He insisted that he wanted Eliash's expert testimony and that anything pertaining to Palestine and the Mandate is relevant. Eliash yielded the point, but Eliash refused to compare Palestinian legislation with any other, including British laws, on the grounds that he was not an expert on international law.

Two Million Jews Seek to Enter Palestine, Kaplan Tells Committee

More than two million Jews are now seeking entrance to Palestine, Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Agency executive, told UNSCOP today, answering questions on various economic aspects of the country.

"Two years ago," Kaplan said, "Eerl Harrison, who was sent by President Truman to investigate the conditions of displaced persons in Europe, reported that about a million Jews would seek to enter Palestine. Today the number is probably more than two million; the number of the displaced Jews has been reduced, but the number of 'infiltrates' has increased since then."

Replying to a question as to how prospective Jewish immigrants would be selected, and whether the Agency is taking into account the education, ability to work, past sufferings of the DP's and other psychological factors when selecting immigrants, Kaplan said that all such factors were weighed. He added that "agricultural training, human rehabilitation and the success of bringing children back to their childhood" were the major factors taken into consideration.

Jews Produce 50 Percent of Their Foodstuffs, Expert Testifies

David Horowitz, head of the economic department of the Agency, replying to questions from UNSCOP members, revealed that fifteen percent of the food used by Jews in Palestine is bought from the Arabs, fifty percent is produced by the Jews themselves, and the remaining thirty-five percent is imported against equivalent exports. He also cited in detail the manner in which Jewish capital is poured into the Arab economy "so that we not only help the Arab sectors here, but provide capitalization for the development of neighboring Arab countries."

Karel Lisicky, Czechoslovak member of the inquiry committee, who for the first time took an active part in the questioning, asserted that the Jews were constantly stressing that they were bearing the greatest burden of taxation from which the Arabs chiefly benefited. "I think it is time once and for all," he said, "that you end this line of argument, because it is a principle in all countries of the world that the rich pay the greater part of the taxes."

Dr. Fritz Bernstein, head of the industrial department of the Agency, pointed out that Palestine was an exceptional case because of the problem of colonization involved. He challenged the committee members to examine the taxes paid by the all-Arab town of Nablus, where there are rich Arabs, with the taxes paid by any small Jewish village whose inhabitants are poor. He added that the Jewish costs of colonization were less here than anywhere else where colonization was under way.

The most exciting moments of the morning's session came with the appearance of black skull-capped Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, Mizrahi leader, who was attacked with a barrage of intricate theological questions by Indian delegate Sir Abdur Rahman. The rapid fire exchange went somewhat as follows:

Rahman: "What were the boundaries of the land promised by God to the Jews?"

Fishman: "From Egypt to the Euphrates." Rahman: "That includes Egypt?" Fishman: "No."

Rahman: "And Syria and Lebanon?" Fishman: "No." Rahman: "Iraq?" Fishman: "No."
 Rahman: "India?" Fishman: "No." Rahman: "Transjordan?" Fishman: "No."

Indian Delegate Asks Fishman When Will Messiah Come

The Indian drew a breath and then continued: "When was this promise made?" Fishman: "God promised it to Abraham 4,000 years ago." Rahman: "When was it confirmed?" Fishman: "It was confirmed to Moses." Rahman: "Did not God promise the land to Ishmael?" Fishman: "No, only to the descendants of Isaac. He gave Ishmael another land." Rahman: "Will the Jews get the land before or after the Messiah comes?" Fishman: "The Jews will return to the land and when all the Jews are settled in Palestine, the Messiah will come." Rahman: "How long after the settlement will he come?" Fishman: "I cannot tell. That is known only to a few."

At this point Rahman entered into a discussion with Rabbi Fishman over Jews who had been converted to Christianity. When, in answer to one of his questions, Rabbi Fishman replied that he considered every Jew a Jew regardless of conversion, the Indian turned to him sharply and rapped out excitedly: "Then all Christians and Moslems are still Jews?" Chairman Sandstroem broke in and said with a smile: "If there are no more questions we shall dismiss Rabbi Fishman."

While the testimony was being taken, an Agency spokesman expressed great concern over UNSCOP's decision yesterday not to visit the Jewish detention camps on Cyprus, particularly since that decision was taken at the same time that UNSCOP had voted to renew its appeal to the Arab Higher Committee for Palestine to appear before it. The spokesman added: "We think it therefore most imperative for UNSCOP members to visit those displaced persons on Cyprus in order to attain a full understanding of that vital problem."

Meanwhile, it is learned from reliable sources that Egypt and Lebanon have decided to accept the UNSCOP invitation, addressed to the seven Arab states, to present their views to the inquiry body. Egypt's acceptance is said to have been accompanied by an invitation to UNSCOP to visit Cairo.

PALESTINE RABBIS APPEAL TO HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SPARE LIVES OF THREE CONDEMNED JEWS

JERUSALEM, July 9. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbis Isaac Herzog and Ben Zion Usiel and Tel Aviv Mayor Israel Rokaah today appealed to Palestine High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham and military commander Lt. Gen. Gordon H.A. MacMillan for clemency for the three Jewish youths condemned to die for participating in the Acre jail break.

Meanwhile, Asher Levitsky, an attorney representing the families of the condemned men, appealed to Cunningham for commutation of the sentence. Making a special plea for Edith Weiss, who journeyed from Czechoslovakia to be with her brother Jacob, Levitsky pointed out that Weiss had served the Allied cause well in the war when, as partisan, he placed his life in jeopardy to rescue Allied war prisoners. Levitsky also made a formal plea to Gen. MacMillan asking for a stay of execution pending Cunningham's action on the case.

The Irgun said tonight that "if a criminal hand is raised against our three prisoners of war we shall make our arrows red with the blood of the hangmen." In a statement issued to the press it appealed to the United Nations Special Committee for Palestine "to fulfill its duty and prevent the murder" of the three men.

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ISH DP CAMP IN AUSTRIA RETURNS TO NORMAL AS ARMY AND REFUGEES SETTLE DISPUTE

MUNICH, July 9. (JTA) -- The dispute between the U.S. Army in Austria and the 800 displaced Jews at the Franz Joseph camp, near Salzburg, has been settled and the Army is once again supplying food and utilities to the refugees, it was learned today.

The Jews, who refused to transfer from the sub-standard camp to the Riedenberg camp because they believed that if they moved in they would overcrowd the center and be living under worse conditions than before, have been given the right to move to another camp in Austria. Maj. Abraham Hyman, legal aide to Rabbi Philip Bernstein, advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. Army, is now in the process of ironing out the rest of the difficulties.

It was reported today that a denazification court in the south Bavarian town of Traunstein has sentenced Dr. Johannes Stark to four years imprisonment at hard labor as a "major offender." Stark, 73, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, was one of Germany's first atomic scientists. A friend of Hitler since 1923, he was also a pamphleteer advancing pseudo-scientific evidence to support the Nazis' anti-Semitism and their doctrines.

ARMY ISSUES ORDER TO HALT INDISCRIMINATE ARRESTS OF DP'S BY U.S. SOLDIERS IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, July 9. (JTA) -- In an apparent attempt to halt the indiscriminate arrests of DP's by American troops searching for stolen goods, American headquarters here has advised all field units that the DP's are entitled to possess various items including specific American supplies and American money.

The announcement inferentially took cognizance of the complaints of a number of relief authorities that the soldiers arrested DP's even when the goods in question were legally acquired. The orders forbade arrests unless illegal possessions could be proved or unless the amount possessed was far more than was needed for one DP or his family. In cases of doubt the troops are advised to consult the camp director and if they seize any goods they are to give an official receipt for it.

NEW SWEDISH IMMIGRATION ORDER ADMITTING SKILLED WORKERS EXPECTED TO AID JEWISH REFUGEES

STOCKHOLM, July 9. (JTA) -- The immigration of displaced Jews to Sweden is expected to be facilitated under a recently announced order permitting the entrance of skilled DP's from Central Europe.

Swedish authorities have announced that they will give priority to skilled technicians needed in the country, regardless of race or religion. Priority within this category will be given to persons having relatives in Sweden. Neither affidavits nor a specific amount of cash will be needed.

SWISS COURT REJECTS APPEAL OF NAZI SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR INSTIGATING MURDER OF JEWS

GENEVA, July 9. (JTA) -- The Lausanne Higher Criminal Court today rejected an appeal against a 20-year sentence imposed on Philippe Lugin for having instigated the murder of Arthur Bloch, a Swiss Jewish cattle dealer, April 16, 1942.

Bloch was killed and his body hacked to pieces by members of a Swiss Nazi organization who "wanted to kill a Jew." When the police sought to arrest Lugin, head of the organization and known as the "Swiss Streicher," for inciting the murder, he fled to the German consulate at Lausanne which protected him and aided him to escape to Germany. After the fall of the Hitler regime French military police captured him and returned him to Switzerland to stand trial.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR TESTIFIES IN SUPPORT OF BILL TO ADMIT 400,000 DP'S

WASHINGTON, July 9. (JTA) -- Assistant Secretary of Labor Philip Hannah, testifying today before the House Sub-Committee on Immigration in favor of the Stratton Bill to admit 400,000 DP's to the U.S. within the next four years, said that there is no factual basis for the view that the immigration contemplated by this bill would hamper or injure the economic well-being of our country."

The entry of 400,000 persons over a four-year period, the Labor Department official said, will have "no significant effect on the labor market of the United States. The number of workers in this group annually would be but one-tenth of one percent of our total labor force."

He suggested that the bill contain a provision for the special care and education of displaced children who would be brought to this country, "to compensate for privations suffered during their formative years and to help them become good citizens." He emphasized the fact that the Stratton Bill "does not in any sense constitute a reversal of our present immigration policy."

Monsignor John O'Grady, representing the War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Services, said he thought that the solution of the displaced persons problem in Europe was equally as important as economic reconstruction and should be solved as part of the whole program of European rehabilitation.

MAN WHO KILLED MEMBER OF GESTAPO IN UNRRA CAMP ACQUITTED BY ITALY'S HIGHEST COURT

ROME, July 9. (JTA) -- Leib Aronowitz who killed a member of the Gestapo in an UNRRA camp last year was today acquitted by the Italian Supreme Tribunal.

It was reported here today that the Bolzano police yesterday apprehended another group of 105 Jewish refugees who crossed the border from Austria. A number of the Jews have become ill as a result of walking several days in a driving rain. One woman was seriously injured by a fall in the mountains. The group included a number of babies.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE OFFICIALS SAIL FOR EUROPE TO AID IN COMMUNITY WORK

NEW YORK, July 9. (JTA) -- Three representatives of the American Jewish Committee sailed today for Europe to plan reconstructive aid for the Jews there through the newly established Paris office of the AJC and to advise European Jewish communities in matters pertaining to civil rights, cultural reconstruction and combatting anti-Semitism. The three who sailed are Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president, Dr. Joel D. Wolfsohn, who will head European operations of the AJC, and Dr. Samuel S. Flowerman, associate director of the AJC Department of Scientific Research.

Dr. Slawson, in a statement issued before his departure said: "Dr. Joel D. Wolfsohn is leaving for Europe to inaugurate the American Jewish Committee's program of aid in helping to normalize Jewish community life on the Continent, in North Africa and the Middle East. I am accompanying him in order to help assess the nature and magnitude of our common task. In inaugurating its expanded program for aid to the Jews of the old world, in strengthening their civic rights and their community organizations, the American Jewish Committee is impelled by its realization that civil rights and human welfare are one and indivisible and that threats to them anywhere constitute a universal human danger."

NET CABINET DECIDES TO RESUME SETTLEMENT OF JEWS FROM UKRAINE IN BIROBIDJAN

NEW YORK, July 9. (JTA) -- The Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union has instructed the Ukrainian Government to make provisions to facilitate the sending of Jewish families to Birobidjan, Jewish autonomous region, the American Birobidjan Committee reported today.

Temporary housing has already been established to receive the new families. Permanent homes can be found by the industries in which they will be employed, the report said. It added that some 500 families, mostly evacuees from areas overrun by the Nazis, have arrived in Birobidjan during recent weeks.

RABBI BRICKNER AWARDED MEDAL OF HONOR FOR SERVICES TO UNITED NATIONS DURING WARTIME

WASHINGTON, July 9. (JTA) -- Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner of Cleveland, administrative chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board's war-time Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities, was today awarded the Medal of Merit by Secretary of War Robert Patterson at a ceremony in his office.

The decoration, the highest civilian award conferred by the President, was given to Rabbi Brickner for his "outstanding services" to the United Nations. The citation credited Rabbi Brickner with "an inestimable contribution to a better understanding between Jewish civilian natives in the various countries which he visited and the military personnel of the United Nations." He toured five war fronts on four continents as a representative of the American Jewish community.

SELIGMAN TAKES ISSUE WITH CANADIAN ZIONISTS ON SPONSORSHIP OF ASIRAI ZION FUND TOUR

NEW YORK, July 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Max Seligman, Palestinian lawyer here on a mission for the Asirai Zion Fund, today issued a statement denying charges made by the United Zionist Council of Canada that during his fund-raising tour in Canada he claimed that he was authorized by the Palestine Chief Rabbinate to speak on its behalf.

"I have always made it perfectly clear that my tour was being conducted on behalf of the Asirai Zion Fund, and that that Fund had the support of the Chief Rabbinate and Mayor Rokach," Dr. Seligman said. He insisted that the majority of the Jewish prisoners and detainees did not receive ample care from the Jewish National Council in Palestine and that the families of men deported to Eritrea or Kenya have never received any support from the Council, but have been maintained solely by the Asirai Zion Committee.

AMERICAN STUDENTS SAIL FOR PALESTINE TO ATTEND HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, July 9. (JTA) -- Thirteen Americans today sailed for Palestine to attend the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

An additional 50 students are scheduled to sail for Palestine within the next two months. There are now about 100 Americans enrolled at the University, over one-half of whom are studying under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

PALESTINIAN DOCUMENTARY FILM ON YOUTH IMMIGRATION EXHIBITED AT FILM FESTIVAL

GENEVA, July 9. (JTA) -- A Palestinian documentary film is currently being shown at the Second International Film Festival at Locarno. Entitled "They Live Again," the movie describes child and youth immigration to Palestine.