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FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE DISCLOSES 4,500 EXODUS REFUGEES EN ROUTE TO RIVIERA PORT

PARIS, July 21. (JTA) -- The French Foreign Office announced tonight that the 4,500 visaless Jews who arrived in Palestine on the Exodus are being taken to the Riviera port of Ville Franche sur Mer.

The announcement, which dispelled the fog of rumors which has surrounded the whereabouts of the refugees since they left Haifa Saturday morning ostensibly bound for Cyprus, said that they would be held in France until arrangements could be made to send them to Colombia for which they had visas.

However, a spokesman for the Ministry of the Interior said that the government viewed the matter "most seriously" and will not make any decision on the disposition of the refugees until tomorrow. He told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent that "the decision will be in accordance with the interests of France as well as humanitarian principles."

British Say Deportation is "Normal International Procedure"

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- The British Foreign Office confirmed tonight that the Exodus refugees were being returned to France.

A brief announcement said that "this action was taken in accordance with normal international procedure and with the agreement of the French Government." It added that the deportees were travelling in three ships, each of which had a greater capacity than the Exodus, which, the statement said, was unfit to carry such a large number.

A Colonial Office spokesman had disclosed the destination of the refugees earlier in the day in conversations with Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and a member of the Jewish Agency executive, who called at the Colonial Office to protest the secrecy which has shrouded the whereabouts of the deportees.

Brodetsky formally voiced the Agency's protests against "this change in policy," declaring that it meant sending back to despair thousands of survivors of German massacres. He also pointed out that it would heighten tension in Palestine.

The Colonial Office spokesman said he had no information as to what would be done with the refugees when they reached France.

TWO BLOCKADE RUNNERS REPORTED OFF EGYPTIAN COAST; HAVE 4,000 VISALESS JEWS ABOARD

CAIRO, July 21. (JTA) -- Two ships carrying 4,000 visaless Jews were reported today to be off the Egyptian coast.

Patrol planes radioed the vessels warning them not to enter Egyptian waters.

is believed that the ships are headed for Palestine, but were diverted to Egyptian waters while attempting to evade British naval patrols.

Refugee Vessel Evades Italian Police Patrols

ROME, July 21. (JTA) -- Italian police naval patrols fired on a motor launch which put out from the southern port of La Spezia Saturday night carrying the baggage of refugees bound for Palestine, but the launch escaped outside of Italian territorial waters. It is assumed that it made contact with a blockade runner anchored off shore.

PALESTINE GOVT. DEFENDS ASSAULT ON VISALESS JEWS; AGENCY SAYS IMMIGRATION WILL GO ON

JERUSALEM, July 21. (JTA) -- Stung by criticism of its rough handling of the Exodus refugees and their subsequent deportation, the Palestine Government today lashed out at the organizers of illegal immigration.

In a letter to the Jewish Agency, Chief Secretary Sir Henry L. Gurney described the Agency's charge that the government had displayed an "utter disregard for human life and freedom" as "untrue and tendentious." He praised the conduct of the Royal Navy men and said that responsibility for the violence lay with those who "incited" the refugees to resistance.

However, rumors emanating from high government circles tonight said that High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham had been opposed to returning the Exodus passengers to France, which was ordered by Foreign Minister Bevin. He is reported to feel so strongly on the issue that he is contemplating resigning.

In a statement issued tonight the Agency said that efforts of Jews to reach Palestine will continue. "No amount of repression can stifle the urge of Jews to freedom in their own country," it added. The statement called on "liberty-loving Frenchmen and Englishmen" to protest the "transport of these helpless people thousands of miles from Palestine."

JERUSALEM PLACED UNDER CURFEW; HAGANAH JOINS BATTLE FOR FIRST TIME IN A YEAR

JERUSALEM, July 21. (JTA) -- A dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed on the Jewish quarters of Jerusalem today following yesterday's series of attacks on police stations and armored cars in the city during which at least ten soldiers and policemen were wounded. The government announced that the country-wide casualty toll during the week-end was three killed, including one Jew, and 23 injured, of whom five were Jews.

This morning three attacks were made on the Haifa radar station as the Haganah joined the battle in its first open action since last year. The Haganah operations reflect the rising wave of indignation among Palestine Jewry at the killing of three persons aboard the blockade runner Exodus and the deportation of 4,500 passengers to France.

The attacks in the pre-dawn hours culminated in the destruction of the wireless installations at the station which is at Ahuza, south of the city. The first two raids, about an hour apart, were diversionary actions directed at a nearby signal detachment camp of the Sixth Airborne Division by about 15 members of the resistance movement using machine guns, small arms and hand grenades. One Jew, Moshe Airkin, died in a government hospital in Haifa from wounds received in the operation.

The final raid, which put the electronic lookout post out of commission, was carried out by about 50 men. Before attacking, Haganah raiders strewed the area with land mines. After the blast, a pitched battle developed in a nearby wood.

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ore the Jews could disengage and retreat. Four supernumerary policemen were wounded by bullets, one Arab was seriously injured when he stepped on a mine and four Hah men are reported to have been injured slightly.

At noon today an oil pipeline was blasted and damaged outside of the settlement Kfar Yehoshua, between Haifa and Affula. Eight Jews were subsequently detained questioning. Among them was a party of four who were found with a pistol and digging implements in their possession. The Irgun announced its responsibility for reaching the pipeline, asserting that its members had mined it in four places. In fa itself a military jeep was blown up by a landmine. Two British soldiers were ously injured.

The city of Nathanya today completed its first week under martial law. "Operation Tiger," which has not turned up the two sergeants whose kidnapping was responsible for the imposition of military control, nor terrorists, nor illegal arms, has succeeded in rendering 60 percent of the 15,000 Jews in the town unemployed. It is imated that local industry has suffered losses amounting to about \$500,000.

Tomorrow the government is holding a memorial ceremony in honor of the 88 persons killed in the blasting of the King David Hotel last year. In its invitation government personnel to attend the meeting, the Palestine Information Office refers the explosion as "the most dastardly of outrages perpetrated by Jewish terrorists Palestine."

LEBANON GRANTS VISA TO J.T.A. CORRESPONDENT; ACTION COMES AFTER U.N. PROTEST

JERUSALEM, July 21. (JTA) -- Bowing to pressure from United Nations headquarters and to intervention from other sources, the Lebanese Government today withdrew its ban on the admission of Gerold Frank, Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent accompanying the United Nations Commission of Inquiry on Palestine.

Frank was informed by the Lebanese Consulate here that a visa would be issued to him on application, five days after all other correspondents accredited to the commission had received theirs and after the Beirut sessions of the commission had already commenced.

Frank, alone of all the correspondents accredited to the commission, had been barred from the Lebanon because of dissatisfaction in official circles there with articles he had written about that country a year ago. A Lebanese official informed a representative of the commission that his government considered Frank a "dangerous man."

INDIAN MEMBER OF UNSCOP SAYS GROUP'S DECISION WILL GO FIRST TO SECURITY COUNCIL

SOFAR, The Lebanon, July 21. (JTA) -- Sir Abdur Rahman, Indian representative on the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, after a visit to Damascus where he saw President Shukri al-Kuwatly, today told an Arabic press conference that when the members of the Committee completed their report, it would be given to the U.N. Security Council for its opinion, and not until then submitted to the U.N. General Assembly.

This is possibly an indication that Palestine is considered a "strategic area" by some members of UNSCOP, under Article 83 of the U.N. Charter. It may also indicate that in view of the unique situation in Palestine, a new form other than trusteeship may be devised for the transitional period.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT FIRES FOOD OFFICIAL WHO ATTRIBUTED LONDON BLACK MARKET TO JEWS

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- Food Minister John Strachey announced today that Brigadier V.T.R. Ford, food controller in Nottingham, has been dismissed for a statement to visiting German journalists in which he blamed Jews for the existence of the black market.

Strachey told a cheering Commons that his inquiry had established that Ford had made statements attributed to him, and that although the minister accepted Ford's explanation that it was not his intention to "cast reflections on the Jewish race," in effect his statement could be construed as doing just that. He revealed that Ford had submitted his resignation as suggested by a board of inquiry and that he had accepted it.

Strachey refused to make public the findings of the board. In response to a question whether the German correspondents had been assured that the "heresies and rages of Goebbels and Goering" would not be tolerated in England, Strachey said his action was sufficient indication of that attitude.

JEWS IN BRITISH ZONE HOLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE DESPITE ABSENCE OF BRITISH OFFICIALS

MUNICH, July 21. (JTA) -- Despite an official boycott by British authorities, the second annual conference of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the British zone in Germany opened yesterday in Belsen with a demand that the gates of Palestine be opened to unrestricted Jewish immigration.

The first of three sessions, the meeting was radically different from similar gatherings held more often in the American zone in that not a single British military government or army official was present. It was learned that several guests received permits to enter the zone only after considerable difficulty, but it could not be determined why several British MP's who had planned to attend the conference cancelled their trips.

Chairman Joseph Rosensaft told the overflow audience of more than 2,000 that he "regretted" the British absence, but stressed that the Jews' determination to emigrate to Palestine was as strong as ever, "regardless of any decision."

HUNGARIAN JEWS SEND RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE TO U.N.; DEMAND JEWISH STATE, IMMIGRATION

BUDAPEST, July 21. (JTA) -- A seven-point resolution stating the position of Hungarian Jewry on the solution of the Palestine issue was adopted by an outdoor mass meeting here attended by thousands of persons. A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to the U.N. General Assembly and the Special Committee on Palestine.

The resolution urged the establishment of a Jewish state in accordance with the Balfour Declaration, the immediate opening of the gates of Palestine to Jews with priority to European and Cyprus DP's, abrogation of the White Paper and evacuation of British troops. It also asked the inquiry committee to bring in a report permitting the Jews to create their own state in Palestine, demanded justice for the long-suffering Jewish people and called on the Palestine Government to cease activities which hinder the development of the country and tend to obstruct the creation of a Jewish state.

FAILURE TO PASS STRATTON BILL WILL BAR LATIN-AMERICA TO DP'S, HIAS AIDES REPORT

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- Failure by Congress to pass the Stratton Bill, which would authorize the admission of 400,000 DP's into the United States, will almost certainly result in Latin-American countries refusing to liberalize their immigration laws, Dr. Henry Shoskes and Albert Harris, who have just completed a four-month tour of 20 Latin-American countries for HIAS, said here today.

The HIAS representatives told a press conference that under the best of circumstances, it is unlikely that more than 3,000 Jews will be allowed to enter Latin American countries next year and all of these will either be close relatives of resident citizens or skilled industrial workers.

Declaring that the purpose of their trip was to intercede with the Latin American governments to permit the immigration of more Jews from the DP camps, particularly close relatives and industrial workers, the delegates said that the various government officials with whom they conferred said that they were looking to the United States to set an example. HIAS offices, as well as the local Jewish communities, the delegates added, are well-equipped to assist any large number of immigrants who may reach Latin American countries.

Abe Grossman, HIAS director in Germany and Austria, disclosed that although several Latin-American countries, including Argentina, Brazil and Colombia, have missions in Europe to recruit potential immigrants from among the displaced persons, virtually no Jews have been selected, despite the fact that many Jews fall into the skilled technician and industrial worker categories, which are the most sought after.

Grossman disclosed that in the first six months of this year, the HIAS assisted more than 3,000 Jews to emigrate from Europe to the United States, Palestine and other countries, with slightly more than half of that number coming to this country under the Truman directive of 1945. He pointed out that under this directive only DP's who have resided continuously in the American zone before Dec. 22, 1945, may enter the United States, and Jews living in other zones, outside of a very few exceptions, are automatically barred from immigrating to this country.

Some 3,000 Jews holding Australian "landing permits" will probably never be able to use them because of three restrictions which must be complied with, Mr. Grossman asserted. These are: 1. The would-be immigrants may not sail in British vessels; 2. They may not sail from British or Dominion ports, and 3. The complement of any vessel carrying these passengers may not exceed 25 percent Jews. These permits will expire in November of this year.

BRITH SHOLOM PRESENTS STRATTON WITH 10,000-SIGNATURE PETITION SUPPORTING HIS BILL

WASHINGTON, July 21. (JTA) -- Officers of the Brith Sholom, national Jewish fraternal organization of 11,000 members, today presented to Rep. William G. Stratton, Illinois Republican, a 10,000 signature petition endorsing his bill to admit 400,000 displaced persons to this country.

Stratton told Frank A. Simons, grand master of Brith Sholom, Louis I. Gilgor, grand secretary, and I. Irving Tubis, counsel, all of Philadelphia, that he thought sentiment in the Congress was now favorable to passage of immigration legislation. There is general recognition of the problem that wasn't there when the session began," he said. He said he thought recent decisions of France and some South American countries to admit refugees might have been influenced by American interest in the immigration question.

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WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS URGES SAFEGUARDS FOR JEWS UNDER GERMAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today urged the United States Government to guarantee that strong and positive measures be taken to safeguard the interests of the Jews in the course of implementation of the new directive issued last week to Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U.S. commander in Germany, on the military government of that country.

In a letter to the State, War and Navy Departments, the W.J.C. declared that while the development of self-government in Germany is understandable as an aid to democratizing the country, "we must make certain that the government agencies are in the hands of those who believe in and practice democracy." It also called for more intensive indoctrination of American troops in Germany against anti-Semitism, transfer of heirless property to a Jewish rehabilitation fund and warned against "abandoning" the displaced Jews to German rule.

SOUTH AMERICAN JEWS CONTRIBUTED NEARLY \$1,000,000 TO J.D.C. ACTIVITIES IN 1946

BUENOS AIRES, July 21. (JTA) -- South American Jews contributed nearly \$1,000,000 for Joint Distribution Committee relief activities during 1946, it was revealed here by Jacob B. Lightman, J.D.C. representative. The Argentine and Brazilian Jewish communities raised some \$300,000 each and the Uruguayan Jews gave \$40,000. Many contributors were former refugees who have established themselves firmly within the Latin American economy.

(Joshua L. Goldberg, Assistant District Chaplain in the U.S. Navy, left today by plane from New York for South America to report to Jewish communities in Argentina, Brazil, and Chile on the J.D.C. overseas relief operations. He will give the communities he visits a detailed picture of the measures which the J.D.C. takes to aid Jewish workers become self-sufficient and to emigrate from Europe.)

SEVEN JEWISH PHYSICIANS FROM PALESTINE HONORED AT JEWISH AGENCY RECEPTION IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency here tonight tendered a reception to seven outstanding Jewish physicians from Palestine who are now in New York as delegates to the Fifth International Congress of Pediatrics.

Describing Palestine Jewry's comprehensive medical program, the delegates pointed out that these activities are for the most part conducted by Hadassah, Kupat Cholim, medical institution of Histadrut; Women's International Zionist Organization; and the municipality of Tel Aviv. Among the guests at the reception, which was attended by many delegates to the medical congress, was Dr. Helen Kagan, head of the Department of Pediatrics of the Bikur Cholim Hospital in Jerusalem.

WORLD CONFERENCE ON JEWISH EDUCATION TO BE HELD IN JERUSALEM BEGINNING JULY 29TH

JERUSALEM, July 21. (JTA) -- The World Conference on Jewish Education, which is being sponsored by the Hebrew University and the Jewish National Council, will be held here from July 29 to August 8, it was announced today. The Conference will be attended by delegates of educational institutions from many countries throughout the world.