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LAST MINUTE NEWS

NEW REFUGEE SHIP SIGHTED OFF PALESTINE; HAGANAH WARNS OF COUNTRY-WIDE MARTIAL LAW

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA) -- A refugee vessel with 400 Jews aboard was sighted off the Palestine coast late tonight and four British destroyers went out to intercept her, the Haganah radio reported.

The broadcast said that the name of the ship was "Shivat Zion," (Return to Zion). It added, without explanation, that the Haganah had found new means of fighting the "illegal White Paper immigration law."

The underground radio warned that the government was preparing to place the whole country under martial law, adding that "no measures will suppress the Jewish spirit and the fight for a Jewish state will continue."

Jerusalem was rocked by new explosions shortly before midnight when a military truck convoying a Hadassah ambulance carrying a pregnant woman hit a landmine on the outskirts of the city and a bomb exploded near a home for the aged at the entrance to the city. Three soldiers were injured when the truck blew up. Bombs also exploded in Haifa, but details were not available.

The Sternists announced that they had been responsible for the attacks in Jerusalem, Haifa and Benyamina since the return of the Exodus, and said that they would be "ruthlessly continued."

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JEWISH REPRESENTATIVES STRUNG ALONG FRENCH MEDITERRANEAN COAST AWAITING DEPORTEES

NICE, France, July 24. (JTA) -- Six representatives of French Jewish organizations were deployed along a 200-mile stretch of the French Mediterranean coast tonight awaiting the arrival of the three British transports carrying 4,500 deportees from Palestine. The six, who are located in Ville Franche, Nice, Juan les Pins, Toulon, Marseille, and Cette, are in constant contact with Paris, but no one seems to know where the deportation ships will put in.

Jewish leaders here are greatly heartened by the French Government's decision not to compel the deportees to land and the promise of food for them. Local authorities, who have not yet received any instructions from Paris concerning the ships, have promised full cooperation with Jewish organizations and will keep them informed of developments. The local Jewish community is having some difficulty in persuading youth groups not to call demonstrations before a final Franco-British decision is reached.

Ramadier Says Refugees Will Be Allowed to Settle In France Provisionally

PARIS, July 24. (JTA) -- Premier Paul Ramadier reaffirmed today that France will accept the Exodus deportees and said that they will be allowed to settle in France provisionally and will be cared for and even given suitable employment, if they so desire. He stressed that the decision as to their ultimate fate rested with the refugees and no effort would be made to force them to take up residence in France.

The Premier said that the captain of the Exodus violated maritime law in sailing from Cette. He added that there was no specific agreement between Britain and France on refugees, but only regular international agreements on navigation and transit certificates.

Ramadier said, in reply to a question, that the whole problem of displaced persons, not only Jewish refugees, should be discussed by the United Nations and some decision taken. "It is truly lamentable that these displaced persons who for the most part had been interned seven years in Nazi camps should be still seeking a refuge," the Premier declared.

Meanwhile, it was learned here that French police have ordered the captains of the freighters Northland and Pahduca, now in Bayonne harbor, not to take any passengers aboard. The vessels have been under French police and British naval surveillance since bunks were installed early this month.

DEPORTEES MAY BE TAKEN TO BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY IF THEY BALK AT DISEMBARKING

LONDON, July 24. (JTA) -- Amid rumors that the 4,500 Exodus refugees would be taken to the British zone of Germany or a British colonial possession if they refused to disembark in France, representatives of the Jewish Agency today called on the Colonial Office for the third time this week to protest against the deportation of the visaless Jews and demand their return to Palestine.

The Agency representatives -- Prof. Selig Brodetsky and S.Z. Shragai -- were

d that under no circumstances would the refugees be returned to Palestine or even
n to Cyprus, since illegal immigration could no longer go unpunished. They
ed Ivor Thomas, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonial Office, that
re would be "international repercussions" if the deportees were forcibly disem-
ked.

A final government decision is expected to be taken tomorrow afternoon. Ear-
today a Foreign Office spokesman said that the deportation vessels were not ex-
ted to dock before the week-end.

(A report from Jerusalem tonight said that two immigrant ships carrying a
al of about 2,000 Jews are headed for Palestine, shadowed by British air and
val craft.)

,000 JAM NEW YORK RALLY PROTESTING SEIZURE AND DEPORTATION OF EXODUS REFUGEES

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA) -- Ten thousand persons jammed into Madison Square
rk here this afternoon to attend a rally called by the American Zionist Emergency
uncil to protest the British seizure of the Exodus, the killing and wounding of
mbers of its crew and passengers, and the deportation of the passengers to France.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the Emergency Council, condemned the
olicy of talk and delay of our own government" and asked "is there no Truman poli-
y for our people?" Speaking of the Exodus incident, he said that "Bevin's navy"
ttacked the ship and "Bevin's henchmen" boarded her. Referring to the 15-year-old
rphan killed during the battle on the refugee ship, he said: "Hitler killed his
ather and mother, Bevin killed him."

Praising the American Jews who manned the Haganah vessel, he called on "tens
f thousands of American boys to follow their example." He said that he would like
o "assure Bevin" that "former G.I.'s from Guadalcanal and Normandy will transport
our people to Palestine."

Silver Hails French Pledge Refugees Will Not Be Disembarked

Dr. Silver paid high tribute to France and the French people, lauding the
government for promising not to force the Jews to disembark, while offering them
every humanitarian courtesy. He asked the audience to stand in tribute to France,
while its national anthem, the Marseillaise, was played. When the recording ma-
chine broke down, Rabbi Silver led the 10,000 in singing the hymn.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, newly-elected president of the Zionist Organization, who
chaired the meeting, called on President Truman and Secretary of State George C.
Marshall "to intervene to stay the hand of the British Government." Asking "how
long will you keep silent?" he urged the U.S. to "call into play, throw into the
balance the prestige, the weight, the power, the influence and the moral authority
of this, the greatest democracy on earth."

Declaring that "one official gesture from the U.S. Government could end the
tragedy in Palestine," Rep. Emanuel Celler told the assemblage that the U.S. has not
played the role it should have. Our country has not acted," he added. "We do not
want promises. Russia has spoken up. The U.S. has seated itself like a huge figure
atop a mountain -- seen but not heard."

Leon Gellman, president of the Mizrachi Organization of America, said: "We
have not gathered here to protest. We have assembled here to proclaim to ourselves
and before all humanity that we will never yield up our Holy Land, that we are

ared to sacrifice everything for the rescue of our pitiful Jewish remnants and the recreation of Palestine as a Jewish Homeland."

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, president of Hadassah, who is leaving for Palestine by e tonight, said she would tell the Jews of Palestine of the militant support of rican Jewry. Asserting that "Britain has committed another act of international rchy," she charged that the Exodus Jews were "deported like sub-human chattels."

Picket Signs Hit British "Piracy," Score U.S. Inaction

Hundreds of men and women carried placards and picket sings reading: "British racy Captures Another Haganah Vessel;" "We Too Shall Fight On the Beaches;" "We pport Resistance by the Yishuv;" "When Will Truman Speak Up?" and "Jewish Heroes ."

By acclamation, a resolution was adopted expressing "indignation over the ts of lawlessness and barbarity committed by the government and armed forces of eat Britain." It also charged the British with violation of the terms of the lestine Mandate, the 1924 accord between the United States and Britain over Pales-ne, and the U.N. resolution calling on all governments and peoples to refrain from iolence or threat of violence during the deliberations of the U.N. Special Committe on Palestine. Finally, it condemned Britain for "attacking and seizing a refue ship on the high seas and killing and wounding innocent people."

Speakers at the demonstration included Paul L. Goldman, general secretary of he United Zionist Labor Party, David Wertheim,of Poale Zion, and Meir Grossman, resident of the United Zionists-Revisionists of America. A telegram from Frank urton, member of the Anglo-American inquiry committee on Palestine, terming the xodus incident a "breach and a repudiation of the Balfour Declaration," was also ead.

Memorial services were held for the three Jews killed on the Exodus, including illiam Bernstein, American mate of the blockade runner. Present at the meeting ere Morris Bernstein, his brother, and Sidney Marks, brother of the captain of the xodus, who was arrested by the British authorities in Haifa.

10 NATIONS REPLY TO U.N. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON STEPS TO HALT JEWISH MIGRATION

LAKE SUCCESS, July 24. (JTA) -- The U.N. Secretariat announced today that 10 ore governments have replied to Secretary-General Trygve Lie's letter of May 29, requesting information concerning steps that have been taken to halt "illegal" Jewish immigration to Palestine.

Most of the replies cited the various legal and other measures taken by the various governments to curb Jewish migration, but the Argentine reply said only that it had "never interfered with the internal problems of Palestine."

The government of Honduras revealed that, in response to a request from the British minister there, it had notified its consul in New York to cancel the papers of ships flying the Honduran flag which transport Jews between Marseilles and Palestine. It added that it "does not object to the interception on the high seas by the British authorities of any vessel flying the Honduran flag which is suspected of carrying illegal traffic of Jewish immigrants."

The other governments that gave assurances that they would cooperate to halt Jewish immigration were Australia, Belgium, Greece, New Zealand, Union of South Afri-a and Venezuela. France said that it has taken up the matter directly with the Bri-ish Government.

OLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR IN FRANCE ASSERTS EXODUS VISAS WERE FORGED, LATER DESTROYED

BOGOTA, Colombia, July 24. (JTA) -- The Colombian Foreign Ministry has received a cable from its ambassador in Paris stating that the Colombian visas reportedly held by the Exodus immigrants were forged and were subsequently destroyed, preenting further investigation, it was announced here today.

It was also revealed that the consul at Marseilles reported that he had issued only 60 visas this year. Dr. Camilo Cortes Zapata, chief of the Bureau of oreigners in the police force, stated that only 100 Jewish immigrants arrived in he country since January.

YPRUS INTERNEES STAGE SIT-DOWN STRIKE WHEN TAKEN FROM VESSELS HEADED FOR PALESTINE

HAIFA, July 24. (JTA) -- Five hundred and fifty visaless Jewish immigrants oday staged a sit-down strike at Famagusta, Cyprus, after they were herded off two essels which were to have taken them back to Palestine to await their release under he monthly immigration quota, it was reported here in dispatches from the island.

The refugees had embarked aboard the Empire Rest and the Empire Comfort, when he authorities decided to take them off and search the vessels, apparently fearing hat bombs had been placed on them. The authorities, late today, had made no announcement of the finding of explosives aboard the ships.

The situation in the internment camps became extremely tense today when the migrants were returned. Members of camp committees said that they would not be esponsible for developments if the Jews were held up more than 24 hours. The announcement of the delay in sailing said that it would be effective "until further otice."

British naval quarters in Haifa announced that the Empire Lifeguard, sunk yesterday by an explosion shortly after it disembarked 300 visaless Jews returning from yprus, was raised after two hours. However, news photographers have not been permitted to view the vessel.

WO JEWS KILLED IN REPULSING ARAB ATTACK ON PALESTINIAN TOWN;NEW RAIDS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA) -- Two Jews were killed at Magdiel,northeast of el Aviv, today when the village was attacked by a gang of armed Arabs.

The Arabs, numbering about 20 and clad in military uniforms topped with steel helmets, were repulsed by the Jews who hastily manned fortified positions immediately after the first exchange of fire. The Arabs were armed with submachine uns and Sten guns.

The Jewish dead were Gedalia Bernstein, 56, a watchman, and Mordechai Zukerman, 36. The number of casualties among the attackers is unknown.

Extremist raids on the British continued today as sirens wailed in Jerusalem. n exchange of gunfire occurred in one of the "protected" zones in the Rehavia quarter. Late this evening shooting was heard in the city, but no details were immediately available.

The railway system was attacked twice during the night. In the first bombing section of track was torn up south of Gaza. A second mine was discovered between

yamina and Zichron Yaacov and was exploded by British engineer troops who could not ntle it. A rail bridge was partially destroyed in this action.

Three soldiers were wounded last night when a truck was blasted in a military park in the Mount Carmel section of Haifa. It was announced that a British sol- r injured Tuesday in an explosion near Ramana died today.

Police searching a Tel Aviv plant today discovered a huge arms cache. Remov- a large marble slab on which was fixed a telephone switchboard, they discovered teel door behind it, which opened up on a room full of weapons. The police had n searching the plant for the past few days.

Troops Enter Agency Precincts For First Time In A Year

Last night, for the first time in a year British troops entered the courtyard the Jewish Agency and examined automobiles parked there and checked the identity the chauffeurs.

For the third time within the past week, thieves held up a diamond polishing tory, escaping with some $12,000 in gems.

A coastal patrol apprehended 66 Jewish youths, including three girls, in two ll boats. They were detained as suspected immigrants. Later, it was established t they are members of the Hapoel sports organization.

GE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND TRACT IN PALESTINE NAMED IN HONOR OF ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

JERUSALEM, July 24. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 acres of Jewish National Fund land e today named "Chevel Goldstein" in honor of Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of United Palestine Appeal in the United States.

At a dedication ceremony presided over by Rabbi Meir Berlin, Mizrachi leader, Goldstein, who is now visiting Palestine, was presented with an engraved scroll rking the giving of his name to the large tract, which is situated between Gaza l Lachish. Two settlements have already been established on the site and others ll soon be founded.

Addressing the ceremony, Dr. Goldstein proposed a "five-year plan" for the wish people during which 1,000,000 dunams of land would be purchased here and 000,000 immigrants resettled. Discussing events of the past week, he said that f the Mandatory thinks by sending back ships it will deter future attempts by Jews enter their national home, it is miscalculating the driving force of the Jewish ll to live."

He said that the U.P.A. expects to transmit $50,000,000 to Palestine this year d also will send men "to participate in the restoration of the Jewish state."

LESTINE ARAB ADMITS IN CAIRO COURT THAT HE CAME TO EGYPT TO PURCHASE ARMS

CAIRO, July 24. (JTA) -- A Palestine Arab, Mohammed Yunis, charged with dope uggling, admitted in a Cairo court today that he was in Egypt to purchase arms for abs in Palestine.

Police on the Palestine-Egypt border were reinforced recently as a result of creased attempts by Arabs to smuggle arms into Palestine.

ITISH DP CHIEF IN GERMANY BARRED BY CABINET FROM ADDRESSING JEWISH CONFERENCE

LEMGO, Germeny, July 24. (JTA) -- Brigadier A. G. Kenchington, chief of the division of the British Control Commission in Germany, today revealed that he d been forbidden by the British Cabinet to address the second conference of the ntral Committee of Liberated Jews in the British Zone, which concluded today in d Harzberg.

Brigadier Kenchington told a group of Jewish voluntary relief workers who lled on him at his headquarters here that he had been ordered not to attend the nference, after he had already decided to attend, on the grounds that the British overnment refused to recognize the Committee, because it represents both DP Jews ving in camps and Jews residing in German communities. The government believes at the Committee should speak for only the DP's.

The relief officials pointed out to Kenchington that the two groups had de-ded to unite six weeks ago because they were persecuted equally. They also cited e decision of the International Refugee Organization to treat as "refugees" both P's and native German Jews. The British official replied that the decision was not is and "only Atlee himself can change it."

He also revealed that a section of the Belsen camp, which is occupied solely y Jews, will have to be vacated to make room for German refugees. When the Jewish pokesmen pointed out that such a move might result in incidents, Kenchington re-lied that no other space was available and that the Germans would be segregated.

The Central Committee conference closed this morning after adopting resolu-ions asking the British Government to recognize the Committee as the representative f all Jews in the British zone, urging the forthcoming Foreign Ministers confer-nce in London to provide Jewish DP's in Germany with full legal status, demanding n immediate property restitution law, condemning terrorism in Palestine, and voicing upport of the Jewish Agency. Joseph Rosensaft and Norbert Wolheim were re-elected hairman and vice-chairman of the Committee.

EWISH RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED OVER I.R.O.'S FINANCIAL INSTABILITY

LAUSANNE, July 24. (JTA) -- The International Refugee Organization's finan-ial instability is causing great concern among the representatives of Jewish volun-ary relief agencies attending the meeting of the I.R.O. Preparatory Commission ere. The organizations are encountering difficulty in adjusting their plans for iding the DP's in the light of the I.R.O.'s uncertain financial prospects.

Some representatives of Jewish organizations here have voiced complaints at he commission's practice of discussing important issues in camera. The U.S. dele-ation is considered chiefly responsible for the fact that major controversial issues re discussed privately. Most Jewish observers are agreed that the French delegates re the only ones constantly putting humanitarian considerations to the fore, but heir proposals are repeatedly defeated by a British-led bloc.

In the first open meeting in a week, it was announced yesterday that $3,000,000 in non-monetary gold seized from the Nazis has been turned over to the I.R.O. by merican authorities in Germany and Austria. The commission also announced the re-eipt of $12,500,000 from Sweden, realized from German assets frozen in Sweden. eanwhile, Switzerland has refused to make good a similar commitment until its claims n Germany are settled.

RUMAN SAYS HE CANNOT ACT TO ADMIT DP'S IN ABSENCE OF CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, July 24. (JTA) -- President Truman said today that in the absence f Congressional legislation to admit displaced persons, there was no action he could ke.

Asked at his press conference about the possibility of any Presidential action, e said that if there were any, he would have taken it long ago.

.D.C. AIDED 15,000 DISPLACED JEWS EMIGRATE DURING PAST SIX MONTHS, OFFICIAL REPORTS

MUNICH, July 24. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has aided some 15,000 uropean Jewish DP's seeking to emigrate during the past six months, Dr. Joseph C. chwartz, European director of the J.D.C., revealed here today. Dr. Schwartz arrived ere on a tour of the organization's activities in Germany.

He said that since May, 1946, when the J.D.C. emigration service in Europe began perations, some 40,000 Jews have received assistance in leaving for new homes. Of he 15,000, 10,000 have already reached their countries of resettlement and the emainder are awaiting transportation in "waiting areas" such as France. In addition, bout 60,000 persons are registered on J.D.C. rolls in 32 offices throughout Europe. pplications are being processed by a staff of 250, 80 percent of whom are former P's.

Since May, 1946, the organization has aided 5,479 Jews reach the United States nder President Truman's order facilitating refugee emigration. This figure epresents 37 percent of all persons to enter the U.S. during the period and is the reatest number to be aided by any of the voluntary relief agencies sponsoring migration to the U.S., Dr. Schwartz said.

In addition, he disclosed, 2,500 Jews have reached Palestine under Jewish gency auspices since January of this year, adding that the J.D.C. assisted in their ransportation.

Reviewing the general immigration situation, he pointed out that a number of ountries such as Norway recently indicated a willingness to accept refugees whose kills are needed. Norway has already received 400 of them. He added that the J.D.C. as undertaken to train and re-educate workers so as to make them eligible for migration as technicians and skilled workers.

"On the other hand," the J.D.C. leader continued, "many countries are shutting he door to Jewish emigrants. As a consequence, despite enormous effort by the .D.C. emigration service, we have been able to resettle but a small percentage of hose who wish to build new lives in other countries. Only large-scale immigration o Palestine and passage of the Stratton Bill to admit 400,000 DP's to the U.S. will elp solve the problem of 250,000 displaced Jews in the camps of Germany, Austria nd Italy," he concluded.

TWO ZIONIST AIDES EXPELLED FROM HUNGARY IN AFTERMATH TO COMMUNITY ELECTION CAMPAIGN

BUDAPEST, July 24. (JTA) -- Sandor Nathan, head of the Jewish Agency office ere, and Ferenc Jambor, Budapest representative of the Palestine Foundation Fund, ere expelled from Hungary today for what the government described as "undesirable ctivities."

It is understood that the expulsion order is a result of the active role played y both men in the current Jewish community election campaign. Both Nathan and ambor were active against assimilationist forces in the community.

N. STAFF BOYCOTTS HOUSING TO PROTEST MANAGEMENT REFUSAL TO WAIVE DISCRIMINATION

LAKE SUCCESS, July 24. (JTA) -- Members of the United Nations Secretariat aff today voted to boycott housing in Peter Cooper Village and the Fresh Meadow using project unless the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, owner of both units, ives its right to refuse U.N. tenants on racial grounds.

All but 50 of some 1,050 U.N. employees today approved a resolution condemn- g the Metropolitan's discriminatory practice and calling upon U.N. Secretary-Gen- al Trygve Lie to notify the member nations of their action. The resolution, opted at an outdoor meeting here, pointed out that the housing policy was in oppo- ition to the U.N. charter. At a press conference this morning, Acting Secretary- neral Adrian Pelt said he was awaiting the decision of the staff before making nal arrangements with the company.

At a meeting of the Economic and Social Council, Cuban representative Dr. illermo Belt called on the body to adjourn and observe the mass meeting. The Coun- l complied, after over-riding the objections of the U.S. delegate, who protested at the procedure would be "highly irregular."

IVERSITY CENTER TO TRAIN HUMAN RELATIONS LEADERS ESTABLISHED AT N.Y.U.

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA) -- A university center to train graduate students for man leadership and to act as a clinic for the study of intergroup social problems to be established this fall at the New York University School of Education, it s announced here today. To be known as the Center for Human Relations Studies, is sponsored jointly by N.Y.U. and the Bureau for Intercultural Education, and was tablished with a grant of $44,000 from the Bureau.

At a press conference Dean Ernest O. Melby, of the School of Education, and . William H. Kilpatrick, chairman of the Bureau's board of directors, outlined a ur-phase program for the center, which begins operations in September. The program ll consist of leadership training for undergraduates at the school and for students eking a doctorate or who have already achieved a doctorate degree and will be based research of specific problems using a diagnostic approach. In addition, consul- tion and field service will be maintained in areas where there are racial tensions d in conjunction with schools and educational departments of industry and labor ions, as well as the establishment of a public relations program designed to pre- re and disseminate information and techniques for combatting prejudice.

Dean Melby said that "our aim is to create a local, national and world center research, teaching and application of known techniques in bettering human rela- ions."

RMATION OF FIRST PALESTINE FILM COMPANY ANNOUNCED BY SOUTH AFRICAN FILM PRODUCER

NEW YORK, July 24. (JTA) -- The formation of the first permanent Palestinian lm corporation was announced here today by Norman Lourie, South African film pro- cer and Jewish leader, at a press conference. Mr. Lourie hailed the formation of lestine Films, Inc., as the beginning of a regular film industry in the country.

He also disclosed that the first film produced by P.F.I., "The House in the ert," the story of the settlement of Beth Haarava on the shores of the Dead Sea, been completed and that arrangements are being made to release it throughout the ited States beginning in September. He also announced that the playwright S.N. man will come to Palestine in October to begin work on a scenario for the company's ture production. Several short features have been scheduled for production ing with various aspects of life in Palestine.