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LAST MINUTE NEWS

FOUR JEWS KILLED, MANY INJURED WHEN BRITISH POLICE RIOT IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, July 31. (JTA) -- Four Jews, including one woman, were killed and many persons wounded when plainclothes police rioted in Tel Aviv tonight as an aftermath to the discovery this morning of the bodies of two British non-commissioned officers hanged by the Irgun.

The four deaths occurred when the police fired into a bus passing along Hlonby Road, in the center of the city. Thirteen other passengers were wounded. Other Jews were badly beaten by roving police squads, and four were hospitalized.

In another incident an armored car occupied by 12 policemen pulled up outside the Ginati Cafe in the center of the city and the occupants dashed into the restaurant, shooting wildly and smashing windows and furniture. A clash occurred when patrons of the cafe fought off the policemen's attempt to kidnap Jewish youth. Four Jews were injured, one seriously, and one policeman was hurt. The raid occurred before the bus was fired upon.

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NATHANYA JEWS FLEE CITY; FEAR REPRISALS BY SOLDIERS FOR HANGING OF BRITISH SERGEANTS

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- Nathanya was a dead city today as apprehensive residents moved to Tel Aviv or neighboring settlements, fearing retaliation by British troops for the hanging by the Irgun of the two sergeants whose bodies were discovered this morning in an orange grove three miles from Nathanya. Earlier, the local district commissioner had said that "there will be no reprisals or military law."

High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham called Mrs. Goldie Meirson, political chief of the Agency here, to urgent talks at Government House, during which it is reported he demanded complete cooperation of the Jewish community in ferreting out the persons responsible for the hanging and threatened severe measures. At the same time, the Tel Aviv district commissioner summoned Mayor Israel Rokach to his office, and the Jerusalem district commissioner called on Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog.

A spokesman for the Agency appealed to the government not to take steps which would plunge the country into "additional suffering and misery, which could only serve to aid and comfort those irresponsible criminals who committed this outrage."

Hanging of Britons Condemned by Jewish Agency, Vaad Leumi

Jewish institutions and spokesmen, including the Agency and the Jewish National Council, issued strong statements condemning in uncompromising terms the "execution" of the two Britons. Laborite circles demanded that the Haganah immediately launch a full-scale campaign against the extremists, who announced that every reprisal taken by the government would be met by further attacks. "The situation today is so grave that we will attack day and night," the Irgun warned this afternoon.

Meanwhile, troops poured into the Nathanya areas, every foot of which is being combed. Mayor Oved Ben Ami expressed the sorrow and indignation of the city's population to the British commander, who replied that he did not hold the residents responsible for the outrage, but considered the perpetrators of the crime to be "murderers."

Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, in an exclusive statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said that "the Yishuv has heard with the utmost indignation the news of the abominable murder of two innocent people committed despite the strong warning issued by the Council. The mark of Cain has been engraved upon the murderers' forehead by this act."

A joint Agency-Council statement said: "We have no words to express execration of the dastardly murder of two innocent men by a band of criminals impervious to the voice of conscience, who have arrogated to themselves the power to decide matters of life and death. We call on the Yishuv and the whole Jewish people to stand on our side, fighting the ghastly evil which has befallen us until its complete

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eradication. We express our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of the innocent victims and beg them and their people not to identify the Jewish people, engaged in an effort to rebuild a national life, with the perpetrators of this foul murder."

Police Raid Histadruth Headquarters; Extremists Attack Police

The horror felt here was heightened by the Irgun's booby-trapping the bodies, resulting in the corpses being blasted to pieces and the injury of an officer leading the first official party to arrive on the scene. The bodies were discovered early this morning by Jewish supernumerary police -- who reportedly had been sent out by Ben Ami after he had been informed that a Haganah patrol had discovered the dead sergeants during the night. The Haganah had been searching for the soldiers since Tuesday.

Police using mine detectors searched Histadruth headquarters in Jerusalem today, but found nothing. Official communiques issued tonight disclosed that a freight train was derailed by a mine near Benyamina, injuring the fireman, and a policeman was wounded when a six-man patrol was attacked by nine extremists, who fled with the police weapons, after leaving a bandage for his comrades to treat the wounded constable.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PLAN IMMEDIATE MARTIAL LAW IN PALESTINE, MINISTER INDICATES

LONDON, July 31. (JTA) -- Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones today indicated in Commons that the British Government had no plans for the immediate imposition of martial law in Palestine in retaliation for the hanging of two British sergeants by the Irgun.

In response to a demand by Vice-Admiral Ernest A. Taylor, Conservative, that martial law be clamped down, Creech-Jones said that strong security measures had already been taken. Earlier, he told a shocked House that "in the long history of Palestine there is scarcely a more dastardly act" than the "executions." He said he hoped that they would "stir the Jewish community of Palestine to root out the evil from its midst."

Col. Oliver Stanley, former Colonial Minister, speaking for the Conservative opposition, demanded a full dress debate on measures taken to combat activities in Palestine. He was joined by former Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison promised to try to arrange such a debate next week.

Maurice Edelman, Laborite, urged the government to institute "unrelenting" measures to bring to justice the persons responsible for the deed. Laborites Barnett Janmer and Samuel Silverman, speaking for themselves and in behalf of the Jewish Agency in London and the Zionist Federation of Britain, expressed "horror," "shame" and "humiliation."

Jewish organizations here were unanimous in their condemnation. The Agency published the text of a statement issued by its headquarters in Jerusalem and the Jewish National Council blasting the "executions." The Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Anglo-Jewish Association, the Anglo-Jewish Fellowship, the British Association of Jewish ex-Servicemen and Women and Acting Chief Rabbi Harris M. Lazarus all denounced the action publicly. The executive of the Agudas Israel organization called on the Palestine Chief Rabbinate to excommunicate "the murderers and their associates."

BRITISH CABINET REPORTED READY TO SEND EXODUS DEPORTEES TO TROPICAL COLONY

LONDON, July 31. (JTA) -- The British Cabinet has decided to transport to a British tropical colony the 4,500 Jewish refugees refusing to disembark in France from three British deportation ships, it was reported here today, following an afternoon Cabinet meeting.

The report said that if the refugees persisted in their refusal to leave the deportation transports, they would either be taken directly to a new place of internment, or perhaps held in the British zone of Germany temporarily until accommodations could be prepared at their ultimate destination. Under no circumstances would they be returned to Palestine or sent to Cyprus, informed quarters said.

A Foreign Office spokesman said last night that "where the refugees are now is the nearest point to Palestine they can hope to get." He pointed out that transfer to any place of internment will inevitably involve physical hardships, which could be avoided if they agreed to land in France and wait for a U.N. decision.

(The French National Assembly today unanimously passed a resolution approving the government's humanitarian treatment of the refugees and urging it to press Britain for a speedy solution "according to the dictates of humanity.")

(Premier Paul Ramadier told the Assembly that "in collaboration with our British friends all measures in conformity with the principles of humanity have been taken." The newspaper Figaro, which frequently reflects the views of Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, said today that Anglo-French relations had not been so tense since 1945 when British troops marched into Syria.)

British At Port De Bouc Still Hope Refugees Will Land

PORT DE BOUC, July 31. (JTA) -- Although they have given up hope of using force to disembark the refugees who are on a sit-down strike on three deportation vessels, British officials here apparently still believe that there is hope that the visiless Jews will leave the ships, a British source indicated today.

This source said that the refugees could be disembarked with the help of the French Government, and added that at any rate no action would be taken until current Anglo-French discussions had ended. He declared that there were no immediate plans for moving the ships.

Jewish sources expressed doubt that the refugees could be persuaded to land here, but pointed out that the British decision to leave the ships at anchor for some days was apparently a maneuver aimed at "frying them out." Conditions aboard the ships, which were bad to begin with, have not been improved by the passengers' subjection to three days of blazing, broiling sun. Up to now, however, only about 40 to 50 have agreed to land, and most of these were ill.

Eye-witness accounts of the situation aboard ship were obtained today. One report was by a 22-year-old American from the Bronx, who is one of the estimated 15 crew members of the Exodus who mingled with the refugees when they were being transhipped at Haifa. The youth, who wore dark glasses and refused to give his name, displayed three head wounds he had suffered during the clash with a British boarding party.

He said that during the 11-day voyage from Haifa to Port du Bouc the refugees' daily diet consisted of breakfast, which was hot tea, without sugar, and a supply of hard biscuits which had to last for all three meals; lunch, composed of hot

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rice with dried milk; and a bowl of soup for dinner. During the first few days of the trip the soup contained meat. After that it was meatless.

Only One Doctor for 1,500 Deportees

There was only one doctor on board his ship -- the Ocean Vigour -- for 1,500 persons. The British soldiers were tough at the beginning, but softened up after several days, expressing sympathy with the refugees and criticism of the government which had given them the job of policing deportees. The two British troop commanders were kind and prevented any incidents.

One of the commanders, a Major Ellis, was quoted by the crew member as revealing that he had received orders from a Col. Gregson, who was in command of the entire convoy, to use tear gas and water hoses to force the refugees out of the hold, if they refused to disembark.

The American related that five days out of Haifa the refugees realized that they were not being taken to Cyprus, as they had been told in leaflets distributed to them by the troops. They guessed that they were either being sent back to France or to North Africa. A meeting was then held and they decided to offer passive resistance if an attempt was made to force them to disembark. Even the sick said they would not leave, but they were persuaded by the others who said they must regain their health before going to Palestine.

Another account was given later in a memorandum sent from the Empire Rival and signed by a Jewish doctor and three members of the ship committee. It was countersigned by a Major G.P. Elliot, commander of the troops on the Empire Rival. The memo said: "Inhuman conditions prevail for 1,256 people, including 500 children who are living in extremely overcrowded conditions in a state of constant hunger." It added that they were forced to sleep on the deck or the floors of the hold and that sanitation facilities were so bad that they feared wide-spread illness. The memo appealed for dispatch of a Red Cross ship.

Laura Margolis, JDC director in France, who today assumed supervision of food distribution to the ships, said that many of the women are in the ninth month of pregnancy, but were refusing to come ashore. She stated that their health was endangered by the almost complete lack of milk. The stomachs of most of the deportees are so bad that they now find difficulty in eating the food being sent out to them, she disclosed.

American Jewish Committee Asks Bevin to Admit Refugees to Palestine

NEW YORK, July 31. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today cabled an appeal to British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin urging him to admit to Palestine the 4,500 Jewish refugees from the "Exodus 1947." The Committee also addressed a telegram to President Truman asking the United States Government "to use its good offices."

The American Council for Judaism voiced its appreciation today to the government of France for offering a haven to the 4,500 refugees and expressed the hope that "your government's beneficent offer will be an example for other of the United Nations." The sentiments of the Council were transmitted to the French Government in a telegram to the French ambassador to the United States.

U.N. COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE APPOINTS GROUP TO VISIT CAMPS FOR DISPLACED JEWS

GENEVA, July 31. (JTA) --The United Nations Committee on Palestine today appointed a ten-man subcommittee to visit displaced persons camps. The itinerary will be worked out tomorrow. The inspection is expected to take only five days, during which the group will visit camps in the British and American zones of Germany and Austria. The camps in Italy will probably not be visited.

(Reuters reported today that the main task of the sub-committee will be "to discover whether pressure to emigrate to Palestine originates in the DP camps themselves or is the result of outside propaganda." The members of the sub-committee will concentrate more on the moral and political attitude of the displaced persons than on camp conditions, the report said.)

Heading the sub-committee is John D.L. Hood of Australia. The other members are Dr. George Granados, of Guatemala, Prof. Enrique Fabregat, and the alternates of Sweden, India, Czechoslovakia, Canada, Iran, The Netherlands, and Yugoslavia.

A resolution calling for emergency interim action on the Palestine problem was circulated today among members of UNSCOP by Prof. Fabregat. The draft resolution called for the immediate entry into Palestine of Jewish children now held at Cyprus, in DP camps on the Continent, on refugee ships now on the seas; secondly, for entry into Palestine of the children's parents on provisional certificates; and, thirdly, that those parents and their children be placed under the care of the Jewish Agency. A vote on the resolution was postponed until UNSCOP convenes to consider interim proposals on Palestine.

Chairman Says UNSCOP Will Not Act on Exodus Incident

At a press conference this afternoon, UNSCOP Chairman Emil Sandstroem, declared that "what we have seen in Palestine urges upon us the need for a speedy solution. In response to a question whether the committee would take action if the Palestine situation became much worse, he said that it would "depend upon what happens," adding that the delegates are keeping in touch with the situation there through the Palestine press, the Jewish Agency and British liaison officials. He emphasized that the commission's general problem is the future of Palestine, therefore it is taking no action in individual cases such as that of the Exodus refugees.

He outlined a three-stage working plan to be used by the body in drafting its report. Firstly, it will conduct a discussion of the historical and factual background of the problem. Secondly, the delegates will attempt to analyze a possible solution. Finally, UNSCOP will outline the implementation of its proposed solution. He added that the report would contain recommendations for implementation. Sandstroem told the press conference that he could see no need for further Palestine commissions.

Touching on the Palestine Arab boycott of the committee, he said that the members were satisfied that they had received most of the details of the Arab case, citing private conversations with leading Arabs and the testimony of the Arab states in Lebanon and Transjordan. This testimony, he continued, "to a certain extent constituted for the pleading of the (Palestine) Arab Higher Committee." He said that UNSCOP had not yet invited Arab liaison officials, but the Arabs might send such representatives on their own initiative.

In response to a final question, he said that it was impossible at this time to comment on the possibility of a unanimous report issuing from the committee.

U.S. VIEWS ON PALESTINE WILL BE STATED AT U.N. ASSEMBLY ONLY, MARSHALL REITERATES

WASHINGTON, July 31. (JTA) -- The United States Government will not state its policy on Palestine until the United Nations General Assembly takes up the Palestine problem at its September session, Secretary of State George C. Marshall reiterated today.

The statement was made in a communication addressed to Rep. Jacob K. Javits, Republican of New York, who with 29 other members of Congress wrote to the Secretary of State asking clarification of the views of the U.S. Government on Palestine. The text reads:

"I have received your letter of July 15, 1947, addressed jointly to me and to Senator Austin by you and a number of your Congressional colleagues with regard to the consideration which is now being given to the question of Palestine by a special committee of the United Nations.

"According to our information, the special committee recently completed the hearing of testimony in Palestine and other countries of the Near East and is assembling in Switzerland for the purpose of considering the results of its inquiry and preparing its report to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

"It is the Department's opinion that until such time as the special committee has completed its task and this Government has had an opportunity to study the contents of the special committee's report, no statement should be made by this Government with respect to its views regarding the future status and government of Palestine.

"In reply to the numbered questions in your letter of July 15, it would not accordingly appear desirable for the United States representative to the United Nations to appear before the special committee; nor would it appear desirable for this Government to make any statement of policy through the United States representative at this time with respect to Palestine.

"The Palestine problem, in the opinion of the Department of State, is one of continuing concern to this Government and the views of the Government will be put forward when the General Assembly considers the problem."

Congressman Criticizes State Department's "Neutrality"

Rep. Javits, in a statement accompanying the release of the Marshall letter, criticized the State Department's "neutral" reply. "This is the time for action, not neutrality," he said. "When the Committee has already made its recommendations a fine statement of policy by the United States, will hardly improve an unsatisfactory solution."

Javits said that in failing to inform the U.N. Special Committee "that we are willing to join in implementing a solution," the United States is losing "an unparalleled opportunity to get the historic United States policy on Palestine realized. The State Department's refusal to announce this to the special committee leaves the special committee operating in the dark as to the practicability of carrying out any recommendations it makes, whether for partition, for free Jewish immigration or for another interim administration in Palestine to replace the British."

GESTAPO OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF 10,000 POLISH JEWS SENTENCED TO HANG

WARSAW, July 31. (JTA) -- Edward Shutt, former high Gestapo official, responsible for the liquidation of the Chelm and Krasnik ghettos where some 10,000 Jews were murdered, was today sentenced to be hanged by a Lublin court.

U.S. ARMY QUELLS ANTI-SEMITIC DEMONSTRATION IN MOVIE IN BAVARIAN TOWN

MUNICH, July 31. (JTA) -- U.S. Army troops were called in to quell an anti-Semitic disturbance which broke out in a movie in Garmish-Partenkirchen, south of here in the Bavarian Alps, the German press reports today.

The demonstration occurred during a newsreel scene showing the recent dedication of a new synagogue in Munich. When the newsreel commentator stated that 6,000,000 Jews had been murdered by the Nazis, an unidentified member of the audience shouted: "That was far too little, there are still too many Jews."

BELGIUM SENTENCES THREE JEWS FOR BEATING BRITISH AGENT WHO DISRUPTED DP IMMIGRATION

BRUSSELS, July 31. (JTA) -- Three Jews have been sentenced to jail by a Belgian court following conviction on charges that they kidnapped and beat up a German Jew who served as a British "agent provocateur" in disrupting transports of displaced Jews seeking to reach Palestine.

The three, Saul Braun and the brothers Alexandre and Samuel Gourary, were arrested in a car with Henry Ross, also known as Heinrich Reinhold, who was hospitalized as a result of the beating. The prosecution was carried through although the victim and chief witness against the three fled from the hospital and refused to press charges and the documents pertaining to him "disappeared" from the official files.

Braun received a three-and-a-half year sentence and the Gourary brothers each received a two-and-a-half year term. The brothers both served in the Allied underground during the Nazi occupation.

PROSPECTS FOR QUADRIPARTITE RESTITUTION LAW IN GERMANY FADE AS BRITISH REVERSE STAND

BERLIN, July 31. (JTA) -- Prospects for four-power agreement on a restitution law which would be applied to all of Germany faded considerably today when the British representatives, at a meeting called to discuss formulation of a uniform law, opposed the American draft, which they had previously supported.

The British have been backing the American position that heirless Jewish property be turned over to a Jewish Rehabilitation Fund, as opposed to the Soviet-French position that such property go to whatever German governmental authority is set up. However, they now oppose the American stand, but do not support the Soviet-French position, leaving their own attitude a mystery.

The British reversal lessens the chances of agreement on at least a bi-zonal restitution measure, if the four-power talks fail, as seems likely. It is expected that official announcement of the failure of the talks will be made in about ten days and bi-zonal discussions will be initiated.

The American delegates are reportedly extremely pessimistic and inclined to believe that eventually they will have to promulgate in the American zone the measure adopted early this year by the four Minister-Presidents of the provinces in the U.S. zone.

NAZI WAR CRIMINAL CHARGED WITH MURDER OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS COMMITS SUICIDE

MUNICH, July 31. (JTA) -- Erich Hausmann, a Gestapo colonel charged with war crimes, hanged himself in a U.S. Army hospital here today. Earlier this month he and 11 other high Nazi officers were indicted for the murder of 118,000 Jews between June and October, 1941.

MORE JEWS FROM RUMANIA ARRIVE IN VIENNA; SITUATION TENSE BECAUSE OF LACK OF HOUSING

VIENNA, July 31. (JTA) -- Another 600 Jewish refugees from Rumania reached Vienna today, bringing the total number of Rumanian Jewish DP's in this city to 500. A number of them were taken to the Rothschild Hospital which has a maximum capacity of 1,000, but which now houses 3,000, sleeping on floors, in the courtyards and garden.

Earlier this week, some of the refugees broke down doors, smashed windows and assaulted a number of the center's administrative officials in protest against the intolerable conditions. Officials of the American Military Government, together with representatives of Jewish relief organizations, have been trying to improve the difficult position of the refugees, but to date no practical solution of their problem has been found.

The Joint Distribution Committee, in the meantime, has formally notified the Austrian Government that, except for the matter of feeding, it can assume no further responsibility for the Jewish refugees here. In a note, officials of the relief organization stressed the sanitary danger, increasing hourly, of this refugee concentration.

At the same time, Jewish circles here express sharp dissatisfaction over the British refusal, thus far without explanation, to turn over to them several empty barracks in the British zone in Vienna, commodious enough, they protest, to house several thousand of the refugees. They complain also that "racial German" refugees are promptly placed in camps by the British but no such aid is given the Jews. In addition, these Jewish community leaders here express fears that the Rumanian Jews will be forcibly repatriated.

The leaders are seeking to quiet the excited mass of refugees, but there is openly expressed alarm that street disorders may occur at any moment. The Austrian Government, which for its part complains that it is too poor to feed refugees who refuse employment, thus far has taken no police measures to relieve the increasingly tense situation.

Austrian Govt. Charged With Denying Food and Work To Displaced Jews

Serious charges have been lodged against the Austrian Government by Jewish quarters here concerning both the employment and feeding of Jewish DP's.

While "racial Germans," fleeing from Yugoslavia and from other nations to the East, receive jobs and food-ration cards, these quarters protest, the food supply for the Jewish DP's here is provided solely by the J.D.C.

Dr. Oskar Helmer, the Minister of the Interior, protests for his part that since July 1, which marked the end of UNRRA operations, the support of all DP's in Austria has been demanded of the Vienna Government. He complains that Austria is far too poor to support persons who do not work. Other Austrian officials told this correspondent that Jewish DP's regard Austria merely as a temporary refuge on their way to Palestine and, they say, healthy DP's refuse to work. At the same time, however, it is conceded that most Austrian peasants are unwilling to take on Jewish DP's as farm workers.

Spokesmen for relief groups complain, at the same time, that the Russian authorities do not permit the passage of Jews from the United States zone to Vienna for purposes of undergoing operations and obtaining hospital treatment. They add that requests to send Jews, in need of special care, to the British zone through the Russian sector have not been answered by the Soviet occupation officials.

REPORTS THAT AUSTRALIA DENIES JEWISH IMMIGRANTS LANDING PERMITS PROVEN UNFOUNDED

MELBOURNE, Australia, July 31. (JTA) -- Recent reports that the Australian Government has ceased issuing landing permits to Jewish immigrants have proven unfounded. Jewish immigrants who qualify under the various occupational requirements continue to arrive.

Saul Symonds, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jews, revealed that officials of the Immigration Office are going to various European centers to choose persons eligible for admission under the Australian laws.

There is a widespread reaction to Immigration Minister Arthur Calwell's recent agreement with the International Refugee Organization to admit 4,000 DP's this year and continue to accept them at the rate of 1,000 a month thereafter. On the whole the reaction is favorable with large sections of the press applauding the government's action.

Former UNRRA officials are almost unanimous in their support of the program. Indicative of their attitude is a statement by Robert Hodges, one-time director of supplies for DP's in Vienna, who declared that anyone opposing the entrance of the refugees is doing Australia a disservice.

The major opposition comes from some veterans' quarters, aided by a small section of the press. Ken Bolton, president of the Returned Serviceman's League, attacked the government's policy, asserting: "This is a business which should make every Australian hold his breath not only with indignation, but with fear of what Australia will eventually become." Last February Bolton charged the government was admitting too many Jewish refugees as immigrants.

ARGENTINE HOME SECRETARY VOICES OFFICIAL CONDEMNATION OF ANTI-SEMITIC TERRORISM

BUENOS AIRES, July 31. (JTA) -- Home Secretary Angel C. Borlenghi, receiving a Jewish delegation, voiced official condemnation of the anti-Semitic incidents here, the most recent of which was the bombing of the main Buenos Aires synagogue at dawn Saturday.

Police have not yet apprehended the terrorists, although the premises of the neo-fascist Alianza were raided yesterday. The Alianza has issued a statement denying responsibility for the blast, but it is viewed here as a tactical maneuver.

Influential sections of the Argentine press are demanding prompt police action to curb anti-Jewish terrorism, which has continued unmolested for almost a year. The leading daily La Prensa wonders editorially whether it is really impossible to find the persons responsible. The Yiddish daily Di Presse asks the authorities to act before the Jews find it necessary "to resort to self-defense."

CHICAGO COMMUNITY LEADERS LEAVE FOR PALESTINE AND EUROPE TO STUDY JEWISH NEEDS

CHICAGO, July 31. (JTA) -- A group of prominent Jewish leaders, headed by John L. Abelson, general chairman of the 1947 Chicago Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign, left last night by plane for Palestine and Europe to survey conditions there on behalf of Chicago Jewry in order to provide the community here with first hand information on various needs for relief and rehabilitation.

The delegation will remain in Palestine for more than a week. It will then travel to Italy, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Germany and other countries. Of the \$1,000,000 which the Jewish Welfare Fund will raise here this year, approximately \$500,000 will go to the United Jewish Appeal.

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