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PALESTINE LABOR MANIFESTO CALLS FOR FIGHT ON EXTREMISTS; RELEASE OF MAYORS DEMANDED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A manifesto calling upon the Jews of Palestine "to isolate" the extremist groups was issued here today jointly by all labor organizations in the country, following proclamation by the Jewish National Assembly of a three-hour general strike in protest against the mass arrests this week of three Jewish mayors and a number of leaders of the Zionist-Revisionist Party and other groups.

The immediate release of the arrested Jewish mayors, as well as of other selected Jewish officials, was demanded today by all speakers at the extraordinary session of the Jewish National Assembly. They also agreed on the demand voiced at the session by David Remez, Histadruth leader, that all Jewish groups in the country increase the tempo of the drive against the extremists.

Principal speaker at the Assembly was Goldie Meirson, acting head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, who, shortly before the session, was summoned to appear before the Palestine Acting Chief Secretary to discuss the situation in the country. It is understood that Mrs. Meirson told the official that the entire responsibility for the present situation rests with the government. She emphasized that the arrest of the Jewish mayors who were in the front line of the anti-terrorist campaign, the brutal treatment of the Exodus refugees, the anti-Jewish riots in England and in Palestine have only intensified Jewish resentment, strengthening the dissidents.

Addressing the Assembly, Mrs. Meirson called upon the Jews in the country to "unite and face both the external and internal assaults." Palestine Jewry, she said, will not surrender to either of them. Other speakers stressed that the government will not succeed in breaking the resistance of Palestine Jewry by arresting Jewish leaders.

Haganah Expects More Mass Arrests of Jewish Leaders

Haganah circles today expressed the belief that the current arrests are only the first step in a campaign to arrest leaders of all Jewish groups in Palestine. A statement issued by the Haganah tonight emphasized that despite the mass arrests, the organization will continue its fight against the dissident groups and will at the same time press its campaign to bring in visaless Jewish immigrants.

The Haganah announcement was made following the issuance of the labor manifesto. The groups which signed the document are: the Mapai, Palestine Labor Party; the left-wing Hashomer Hatzair; Tenua L'Achduth Avoda, the opposition within the Histadruth; Haoved Hazioni, the labor wing of the General Zionist Party; Haoved Hadati, the Orthodox Laborites; and the labor section of the Agudas Israel.

Asserting that the dissident groups "undermine peace, unity and freedom, as well as the Jewish community's productive and fighting potential," the document declares: "Wanton violence, extortion, robbery and murder, whether directed at Jews or non-Jews, transgress the Commandment against killing and abuse both the Jewish human

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moral values, crippling the community's resistance to the White Paper." It concludes with a call to the Jewish population to drive the dissidents out of "our camp" and make their activity impossible.

Extremists Blast Train; Derail 12 Oil Cars

The extremists struck at the Palestine rail system early this morning blowing some 250 yards of track and derailing 12 oil cars in a freight train. The blast, which caused no casualties, occurred outside of Ras el Ain, north of Tel Aviv. A hand grenade was thrown at a car in which the Bethlehem district commissioner was riding, but no casualties resulted. A staff car and a field ambulance were landmined near Hadera and Pardes Hanna, injuring two officers and two soldiers.

What was described as a "walking arsenal" was discovered tonight when police stopped two persons disguised as Arabs and leading a camel on the outskirts of Jaffa. Further investigation revealed that the camel was loaded with two landmines and a large quantity of explosives and ammunition. One of the extremists was arrested, but the other escaped. The Stern Group today warned the citrus growers to arrange for enough trucks and trucks to transport their products to the ports because "not a single train will operate."

Military Announces No Troops Involved in Tel Aviv Riots; Police Mum

British military headquarters today announced that on the basis of "exhaustive inquiries" it was established that no British troops were involved in the Tel Aviv riots last week, in which five Jews were killed and a number wounded. Results of a similar inquiry by the Palestine police headquarters have not been announced.

Lt. Gen. Gordon Macmillan, British commander in Palestine, today flew to Egypt to participate in a conference of high-ranking British military officers called by the Chief of the Imperial Staff Field Marshal Montgomery. He will present a first-hand report on the situation in Palestine. Rumors that the number of British troops in Palestine may be reduced by 50,000 within the next few months have been circulating widely, but it is pointed out that such a move would necessitate a change in the British political and military policies in Palestine.

The government today made a new concession to the Jewish community when it announced the granting of certificates outside of the regular quotas to 485 orphans in Cyprus. Five hundred extra certificates had previously been allocated to the Jewish Aliyah movement.

The Palestine Government today promulgated a bill which would regulate the prospecting and mining of radio-active minerals in the country. Minerals which would be affected include pitchblende, uraninite, ulrichite, broggerite and cleveite.

Jewish Agency in U.S. Sends Message of Sympathy to Detained Leaders

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A message of sympathy for Jewish leaders detained without charges by the British authorities in Palestine was cabled today by the American section of the Jewish Agency to the Jewish National Council in Jerusalem.

"This arbitrary and unwarranted action on the part of the British Palestine authorities seems calculated only to intensify bitterness and resentment and constitutes a new manifestation of Britain's lawless regime in Palestine," the message read.

BRITISH PRISON SHIPS READY TO LEAVE FRANCE DURING WEEK-END WITH EXODUS REFUGEES

MARSEILLES, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A French official delegation will board the three British transports on which the 4,500 Exodus refugees are imprisoned sometime tomorrow Saturday and will offer the Jews a final opportunity to disembark in France, British sources said here tonight.

The alternative which the French delegation will present to the Jews, according to the same sources, is transportation to a far-off place where conditions will not be pleasant nor from which there will be any hope of reaching Palestine. The French will also hold out to the Jews priority on the Palestine immigration quota, if they disembark.

The British Government has not yet reached a decision on the destination of the visaless immigrants nor on a sailing date, the sources said, adding that plans are still not been made for taking on food. Meanwhile, the Runnymede Park which revealed here yesterday, returned to Port de Bouc, and the Empire Rival is already en route to that port after being loaded with fuel this morning. The Ocean Vigor, which already has a large supply of coal, is expected here for more, leading to speculation that the convoy will leave on a long voyage.

Observers here believe that the prolonged coaling operation, plus the warning by the French, who are known to be reluctant to apply pressure on the DP's, is part of the "war of nerves" to break the sit-down strike. However, Zionist circles assert that the refugees will maintain their morale and will continue to resist all efforts to force them to land.

Meanwhile, 410 Jews have arrived from the Belsen camp in the British zone of Germany with Palestine immigration certificates. About 150 of them will sail tomorrow on the Kedmah, first ship of the projected Jewish marine fleet, while the remainder will be split up among several other vessels due to sail for Palestine within the next week.

World Zionist Executive Asks Refugees to Remain Aboard Vessels

Emphasizing that he was speaking on behalf of the World Zionist Executive, Dr. Moshe Sneh, member of the Jewish Agency executive, who is visiting here, today called on the refugees to remain aboard the ships.

"Do not lose courage," his message in Yiddish said. "Do not fear any threats of deportation." Dr. Sneh cited the fate of the Jews on the Atlantic, who were deported to the island of Mauritius, but were later transferred to Palestine, although the British had warned them that they would never be admitted.

"You, too, will reach Palestine," Sneh's message read. "The Jewish people will not rest until you are in Palestine, just as the Jews on Mauritius are there and the Jews on Cyprus are coming there. No matter where you will be detained or to where you will be diverted, be strong and resolute. Be strong and well - be strengthened, for we will meet in the liberated Palestine."

Foreign Office Says Jews Will Not Be Shipped To Kenya

LONDON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Reports that the 4,500 Jews from the Exodus 1947, who are marooned on three British deportation vessels in the French harbor of Port de Bouc, will be transhipped during the week-end to Kenya, were denied here today by a spokesman of the Foreign Office.

He also ruled out the possibility that the refugees' destination was any British possession in the Mediterranean and said that he hoped the immigrants would reconsider their position and agree to land in France.

ANTI-SEMITISM IS MOUNTING IN RUMANIA, JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS REPORT TO U.N. COMMITTEE

GENEVA, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The United Nations Special Committee on Palestine is informed today that the Jews in Rumania are living in fear of mounting anti-semitism in the country, that thousands of them exist solely on relief which they receive from the Joint Distribution Committee, and that a large number of Rumanian Jews consider emigration to Palestine as the only solution to their problem.

The information was contained in a joint memorandum sent to UNSCOP by the Jewish Party of Rumania, the Zionist Organization of Rumania, the Union of Rumanian Jews and the Rumanian section of the World Jewish Congress. The memorandum emphasized that an anti-Semitic atmosphere still exists in Rumania, despite the government's attempts to eradicate it.

The memorandum asked UNSCOP to give a hearing to a delegation of Rumanian Jews. It urged the abrogation of the British White Paper, restricting Jewish immigration to Palestine, and the establishment of a Jewish state there. A similar request was made in a memorandum submitted to the committee by the headquarters of the World Jewish Congress, over the signatures of Dr. Stephen S. Wise, A.L. Easterman and Maurice Perlewoig.

The sub-committee of UNSCOP which has been appointed to investigate conditions of the displaced Jews in the camps will start its work by visiting various camps in the Munich area Saturday and Sunday. The members will leave Munich Sunday afternoon, arriving in Vienna Sunday night, and remaining there until Tuesday noon, devoting that time to examining the situation of the Jews in camps in and around the Austrian capital, in nearby assembly centers, and studying the problem posed by the thousands of Jews moving from Eastern Europe into the United States zone in Austria.

The same afternoon the subcommittee will leave Vienna for Berlin, and leave there Wednesday afternoon for Hanover, visiting Bergen-Belsen on Thursday and boarding plane for Geneva that evening.

U.S. COMMANDER IN MEDITERRANEAN DENIES NAVY IS SEARCHING FOR REFUGEE SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Admiral Richard L. Connolly, Commander of the American fleet in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, denied at a press conference here that American ships were searching for, or intercepting, refugee vessels.

Asked whether, in view of the Palestine situation, the United States had done anything to help Britain intercept the refugee ships, Connolly replied that there is no foundation to recent reports that U.S. ships were engaging in search operations. He was further asked whether, if United States fleet units saw refugee ships, they would inform the British. "I would see no reason for our passing information like that on to the British," Connolly replied. "We are not engaged in those activities anyway."

CANADA FORMALLY RATIFIES I.R.O. CONSTITUTION; AGENCY NOW HAS 68 PERCENT OF BUDGET

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Canada today formally ratified the constitution of the International Refugee Organization with the deposit of an official instrument with Benjamin Cohen, Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Canada's contribution is 3.50 percent of the \$151,060,500 first-year operational budget of the I.R.O. The ratification brings the percentage subscribed by eight unreserved signatures to 68.76 percent. The I.R.O. will, by the provisions of its constitution, come into existence when at least 15 states have subscribed, without reservation, 75 percent of the budget.

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U.S. ARMY WILL CONTINUE SUPPORTING JEWISH DP'S IN AUSTRIA; DP'S HOLD CONFERENCE

SALZBURG, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The American Army will continue supporting displaced Jews in its zone of Austria, Col. S. Long, a representative of the Army's DP section, told delegates from all Jewish DP camps in the U.S. zone of Austria, at a two-day conference held here under the auspices of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews.

Judge Louis E. Levinthal, recently-appointed advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. Army in Europe, delivered a message of cheer on behalf of American Jewry. Other speakers included Nachum Levin, representing the Jewish National Council of Palestine; Dr. Jehuda Gaulan, for the Jewish Agency; and a Chaplain Lifshitz of the U.S. Army headquarters in Austria. Members of the new central committee were elected.

CZECHOSLOVAK JEWS PROTEST GOVERNMENT OBSTACLES IN RESTITUTION OF JEWISH PROPERTY

PRAGUE, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Central Jewish bodies in Bohemia-Moravia and Slovakia have submitted a joint protest to the government against a number of government policies detrimental to Jewish economic interests. They also protested against the increase of anti-Semitism in Slovakia.

The memorandum, submitted by the Council of Jewish Communities of Bohemia and Moravia and the Association of Jewish Communities of Slovakia, also scores the obstacles placed in the path of the restitution of Jewish properties by various official bodies, asserting that it is no longer the work of minor officials alone which hinders Jewish economic recovery. Although some of the criticism of governmental action is directed at the national administration, the major target is the government of semi-autonomous Slovakia.

Among the measures singled out as detrimental to the Jews is the incorporation of heirless property in a general fund to reimburse persons whose currency holdings were blocked shortly after the liberation, rather than turning over such property to a Jewish rehabilitation fund. The memorandum also protests an emigration tax, which has been invoked against refugees who fled the country during the Nazi occupation.

ARREST GERMAN WOMAN WHO DENOUNCED JEWS TO GESTAPO AND CONFISCATED ART COLLECTIONS

FRANKFURT, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A German woman, Anni Ettle, who denounced many Jews to the Gestapo in order to confiscate their art collections has been arrested and will be tried by a German denazification court, it was reported here today. She will probably also be tried by a war crimes court for contributing toward the murder of the Jewish collectors.

The woman and her husband obtained a concession from the Gestapo to confiscate paintings, sculpture and other works of art owned by Frankfurt Jews, and as early as 1933 they drew up a list of the collections they wished to acquire. It is estimated that the Ettles amassed about \$2,000,000 worth of art pieces. In addition some 300 paintings are known to be missing from the collections confiscated by them.

Originally the husband received a seven-year sentence and the wife five years for concealment of assets. When investigators checked her "private" collection, they found that many paintings were stolen and hidden in out of the way caches. In an attempt to avoid prosecution she bribed several members of a military government staff with valuable paintings.

J.D.A. LEADERS WILL MEET IN CHICAGO TO REVIEW CURRENT STATUS OF ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A review of current anti-Semitic manifestations will highlight the next plenary session of the national executive committee of the Joint Defense Appeal, to be held in Chicago September 6 and 7, at the Blackstone Hotel, according to an announcement today by Donald Oberdorfer, chairman of the J.D.A. National Council.

The agenda for the meeting, which will bring together all 50 members of the committee from every part of the country, will also feature a complete mid-campaign report of the \$6,000,000 national drive for funds to finance the program of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in combatting bigotry.

A survey of the campaign will be made by the committee with a view to study the results to date and plan for a successful conclusion of the work started in the spring. While in session, the national committee leaders will initiate plans for the 1948 campaign.

High executive officials of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith will review the current status of anti-Semitism, describe new developments in agency programs and will lead a round-table discussion on phases of the program and methods followed by the two agencies for promoting better human relations in this country, today's announcement said.

CANADIAN ZIONIST LEADERS HESITATE TO CALL PROTEST MEETINGS AGAINST BRITAIN

MONTREAL, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The United Zionist Council, representing all Zionist sections in the Dominion of Canada, has so far found it expedient not to call for demonstrations or protest meetings against the new British policy in Palestine which culminated in the return of the Exodus 1947 to France and other incidents in Palestine.

"The terror in Palestine is considered a cancerous growth on the Jewish organism which every Jew wants eradicated," said S.J. Zacks, president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, after his return from a month's stay in the Jewish homeland. "But the lawlessness of the administration in Palestine is directly responsible for the lawlessness of the terrorist groups," he added.

Mr. Zacks declared that the Palestine Jewish community is neither desperate nor discouraged; on the contrary, new industries are being developed and the pulsating life of the country is immediately felt by the newcomer.

EIGHT-DAY FIRST WORLD CONGRESS FOR HEBREW EDUCATION CONCLUDES IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The first World Congress for Hebrew Education ended its eight-day sessions today with a resolution that "Jewish education in the Diaspora should be both Zionist and traditional in character." The delegates, representing educational institutions in many parts of the world, also decided to establish a world-wide organization for Hebrew education and set aside \$25,000 for an initial budget.