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QUIET REIGNS IN JAFFA-TEL AVIV BORDER AREA; JEWS HALT ATTACK ON ARABS IN PETACH TIKVAH

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Today passed quietly in the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border area, with but one minor incident marring the undeclared truce which followed a week of hostilities between Jews and Arabs.

The one incident involved the beating of two Jews by a crowd of Arabs. Neither was seriously hurt. In Petach Tikvah a number of Jews prevented a group of Jewish boys from attacking several Arabs. The adults also beat the boys and sent them scurrying.

David Remez, chairman of the Jewish National Council, today called on the dissident groups to cease their activities and not hamper the Jewish community, if they had "a spark of responsibility left." At the same time, he warned the Jewish community that there might be "critical days ahead."

A special meeting of the heads of local councils of Jewish communities decided to consult with the Jewish National Council and other Jewish institutions as to what form a protest should take against the continued detention of three Jewish mayors arrested several weeks ago in a mass round-up of Jewish leaders. One proposal put before the body, but not acted upon, was for the heads of all councils to resign as a protest. It was reported at the meeting that the possibilities for a speedy release of the mayors were slim.

A spokesman for the Jewish Agency condemned attacks on Arabs in the streets of Tel Aviv. "There is no justification for such acts - such hooliganism will be stamped out," he told a press conference.

An unofficial tally of the casualties during the past week of hostilities reveals that 13 Jews were killed and 33 injured, while 21 Arabs died and 49 were wounded. The casualties resulting from extremist activities against the British amounted to 24 dead and 105 wounded.

Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, Fritz Bernstein, head of its industrial bureau, and Moshe Shapiro, of the immigration division, today left for Zurich, Switzerland, to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee.

USSR Vetoes Transjordan Application for Membership in U.N.

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union today vetoed Transjordan's application for membership in the United Nations. The negative vote was cast by Andrei Gromyko in the Security Council which must approve new members before the General Assembly votes upon them.

In explaining his vote, Gromyko declared that he doubted whether Transjordan was really independent and that the entire relationship between Britain and the Arab kingdom was "unclear" and represented a unilateral action on Britain's part. The final vote was nine to one, with Poland abstaining.

PLAN TO BRING 25,000 DP FAMILIES TO U.S. FOR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING UNDER DISCUSSION

NEW YORK, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Details of a plan to bring to the United States thousands of displaced persons from Europe and train them as industrial workers in Quoddy Village, Maine, for later immigration to permanent homes in Latin American countries, were revealed at a press conference here today by Frank Cohen, New York Jewish industrialist, who is the promoter of the plan.

The plan, Mr. Cohen said, provides for securing temporary U.S. visas for 25,000 DP families, of whom eighty-five percent will be Jews and fifteen percent Greeks and Czechs. It is planned to bring in 5,000 families this year at the rate of 1,000-per month and later accelerate the rate of immigration to bring in the remaining 20,000 families by June, 1948. Family units will consist of husbands, wives and their children only.

The displaced persons are to be selected on the basis of their willingness to settle in Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil, where they will obtain permanent residence and work in local industries under an arrangement reached by Mr. Cohen with the respective governments of these countries. They will enter the United States for a period of six to nine months, after which they will leave for South America.

"The criteria for selection of DP's shall be their desire and aptitude, their physical and mental fitness for a vocation in the South American countries, either as farmer, dairyman or cattle raiser, as mechanic, carpenter, plumber or printer, as nurse, doctor, pharmacist, as chemical, electrical or mechanical engineer, as worker in shoe, clothing, shirts, sweaters, hosiery and leather industries or as worker in fish and meat cannery, jam and candy industry," Mr. Cohen said, adding: "A task force of 500 families shall be admitted at once to prepare Quoddy for the first 1,000 families. It shall be set up as a skeleton unit which the future arrivals shall fill in."

Truman Offers His Support; State Department Will Grant Visas

A special meeting of President Truman and the Senators from Maine, who are sponsoring the project, was held in the White House and the President gave his approval and offered his support, Mr. Cohen reported. "The President agreed to issue a directive to urge and hasten the cooperation of all government departments and has designated an administrative secretary for this purpose," he said.

Mr. Cohen emphasized that "the State Department will furnish the visas for entrance either as transit, or for trainees" and will also give its active support before all other government departments. It has appointed a special deputy for this purpose, Mr. Cohen revealed.

Meetings have also been held with high officers of the Army which is to be responsible for the transferring of the displaced families. According to Mr. Cohen, arrangements are being made for the Secretary of War to instruct the occupation authorities to push the project. The Maritime Commission has been requested to make available shipping space, in addition to that which will be provided by Army transports.

Pointing out that the project does not involve the government in any way nor obligate it to support the DP's during their training period, and that refugees will be made to feel independent during their stay at Quoddy Village, Mr. Cohen said that the displaced families will be trained in 20 occupations in light and heavy industry and agriculture.

Mr. Cohen revealed that he had discussed the project with members of the cabinets of Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil. When they reach these countries, the

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placed families trained at Quoddy Village will have to apply for citizenship under national laws. While in Quoddy Village, the DP's will receive a weekly wage for their work. They will work five days a week on two five-hour shifts. The War Assets Administration is expected to furnish the plants with necessary equipment and machinery.

Mr. Cohen said that as soon as the War Assets Administration approves the transfer of Quoddy Village to the jurisdiction of the city of Eastport, Maine, all steps necessary to get the plan into operation will be undertaken.

WELLS DENIES CHARGES THAT AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION POLICY IS ANTI-JEWISH

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Australian Minister of Immigration Arthur A. Calwell, now in the United States seeking ships to transport new immigrants to Australia, told a press conference today that there is "nothing anti-Jewish" about Australia's immigration policy.

Replying to press reports, to the effect that "exclusion of Jews" was part of the Australian policy, Calwell declared that there was no racial or religious discrimination when choosing potential immigrants. "The basis for our laws is economic, not racial," he said. Calwell went on to point out that his government had been one of the first to offer sanctuary, in November, 1945, to persecutees and concentration camp victims who were close relatives of Australian citizens.

Anti-Semitism exists in Australia "as anywhere," he said, pointing out that the Jewish population of Australia was only two percent of the total. There are no restrictions, he explained, making it impossible for a Jewish welfare organization to reserve more than 25 percent of the berths on any one ship going to Australia. He said the government had been under attack for not agreeing to a plan to charter whole boats exclusively for Jewish refugees. This would be one of the "worst things that could happen to Australian Jewry," he declared, stressing the "inadvisability of claiming special privileges for special classes."

To another press report that Jewish DP's were being barred in allocation of berths on British ships going to Australia, Calwell pointed out that all berths on British ships were reserved for British subjects who wanted to go to Australia, but there was no such restriction on vessels flying other flags and that it was "not a blanket prohibition against Jews."

SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED DURING TWO ANTI-SEMITIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN LONDON

LONDON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Several people were injured, one seriously enough to require hospitalization, last night, when fights broke out here during two anti-Jewish demonstrations organized simultaneously by pro-Mosleyites.

During one of the demonstrations the fascists paraded through the East End of London with arms outstretched in a fascist salute, shouting: "Down with the Jews." "Heil Hitler." "We want Mosley."

Police swinging clubs broke up several fights which developed at a meeting called by the pro-fascist British League of Ex-Servicemen. The battles started when one of the audience at the meeting demanded the rostrum answer anti-Jewish slanders and was attacked by Mosleyites.

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REFUGEES START HUNGER STRIKE TO PROTEST CONTINUED IMPRISONMENT ON BRITISH SHIPS

PORT DE BOUC, France, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The 4,400 Exodus refugees imprisoned on three British ships in the harbor here today started a 24-hour hunger strike to protest their continued detention three weeks after the convoy arrived at this Mediterranean port. Participants even included pregnant women and children.

Letters of protest were presented to the commanders of all three ships this morning. Later a message was smuggled off one of the ships, addressed to French Minister Paul Ramadier. The letter was delivered to the local authorities for transmission.

The refugees thanked Ramadier for the kindness he had shown them, but reiterated their determination not to disembark except on Palestinian soil. The message also demanded that the French Government demand that the British fleet leave French territorial waters and that the refugees be returned to Palestine.

Jewish National Council to Call Sympathy Strike in Palestine

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council has decided to call a sympathy strike throughout Palestine in sympathy with the protest of the Exodus refugees against their detention aboard three British vessels in the Mediterranean port of Port de Bouc, it was revealed here today. However, the date of the strike has not yet been decided.

A Jewish Agency spokesman today told a press conference that the Palestine Government must retract its decision in the case of the Exodus immigrants or more lives will fall victim to "its stubborn, erroneous policy." He declared that the force of this evil, as well as the recent anti-Jewish riots in Britain, could be traced to the White Paper policy.

Agency Renews Pleas in London Over Flight of Exodus Immigrants

LONDON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The London office of the Jewish Agency today renewed its representations to the Colonial Office to send the Exodus immigrants back to Palestine from Port de Bouc, France, a statement issued by the Agency revealed.

The statement also described the difficult conditions under which the 4,400 refugees must live on the three crowded prison ships and gave an account of their clashes with troops guarding them. The Agency said that the 24-hour hunger strike which was begun today by the visaless Jews was in protest against their continued detention and "an effort to draw the attention of the public, particularly the British, to their plight."

Pope Pius XII will study the Palestine problem during his stay at the Pontifical summer palace at Castelgandolfo, Italy, Reuters reported today from the Vatican City. According to the report, Vatican circles attach considerable significance to the Palestine problem, particularly in the light of recently established diplomatic relations with various Arab states.

900 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM SHANGHAI LAND IN ITALY EN ROUTE TO NATIVE LANDS

ROME, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Some 900 Jewish refugees returning from Shanghai where they spent the war years after fleeing the Nazis landed today at Naples.

The Italian and relief authorities are making preparations to repatriate them to their countries of origin. The majority come from Germany and Austria.

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COMMISSION ON PALESTINE MAY NOT BE READY WITH ITS REPORT ON SCHEDULE

GENEVA, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Although the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine is now meeting thrice daily, it was indicated here today that it may not finish its deliberations and frame its report by Sept. 1, the original deadline.

In some quarters it was stated today that the discussions may stretch into first fortnight of next month. (The U.N. General Assembly at which the report on Palestine is to be discussed is scheduled to convene Sept. 16.) It appears likely that two reports will be forthcoming, one by a majority of eight or nine members, the other by a minority of three or four. At present no clear picture of UNSCOP's future course can be charted.

The economic status of Palestine is now giving deep concern to the committee, in formulating its recommendations for the General Assembly. UNSCOP is approaching the problem from two directions, it was learned. Firstly, if Palestine is to be an economic unit, how much political partition between Jews and Arabs should be envisaged? Secondly, assuming that Palestine is to be partitioned, how much economic unity can be achieved?

Difficulties of Designating Britain As Trustee Power Are Discussed

The first named economic suggestion for Palestine, as it is beginning to take shape in UNSCOP thinking, might lead to a federation of two possible political states. The second plan could be followed by one of two alternatives: contractual relations between the two possible states or the establishment of two interim independent states under the authority of a third body set up by the U.N. for the interim period. One question which arises is, if Britain should be designated as the interim supervisor for the interim, would the Jews and Arabs agree?

In case Britain should not be recommended specifically as a trustee power, if simply U.N. trusteeship is put forward, it is considered possible that Russia might contrive to enter the picture as part of a third body ultimately chosen to carry out the interim supervision.

The delegates favoring partition point out that whatever solution is reached, the Jews must be given more territory than they now occupy. This would obviously be most unacceptable to the Arab leaders. Therefore, it must be recognized that whatever decision is reached, whether the Jews accept or not, the Arabs are fairly sure to disagree with UNSCOP. Hence the recommendation may have to be imposed on the Arabs.

This brings up the issue of a third body under the U.N. supervising Palestine. How can it do so without the use of troops and what country other than Britain has available troops? At the same time the question again arises whether Britain can be an appropriate choice for trustee in view of its strained relations with both Arabs and Jews.

UNSCOP Chairman Gets Agudah Proposal to Increase Palestine Immigration

GENEVA, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Emil Sandstroem, chairman of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, today received H.A. Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel, who proposed that Britain substantially increase the number of Palestine immigration certificates which it grants the Jews until the U.N. reaches its final decision. Afterwards, Goodman reported that Sandstroem would probably sound out the British Government on the proposal.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT APPROVES GRANT OF 1,000,000 LIRE FOR JEWISH CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMPS

ROME, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The Italian Government today approved a grant of 1,000,000 lire for the OSE, Jewish health society, to be used for Jewish children's summer camps.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, has arrived here from Palestine. After conferring with refugee leaders and officials of the International Refugee Organization, he will visit several agricultural training centers in the country.

PALESTINE JEWS COMMEMORATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- A meeting to commemorate the first World Zionist Congress, 50 years ago, was held here in the Herzl Room of the Jewish National Fund building last night with prominent Zionist leaders attending. Among the honored guests were five veteran delegates to the first congress, which was held in Basle, Switzerland, in 1897.

Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, which, together with the World Zionist Organization, sponsored the commemorative meeting, stressed that the first congress changed the popular conception of the character of the Jewish people from that of a religious community to a nation. Also, he declared, the parley presented the problem of the Jews to the world and offered a solution through a Jewish state.

David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, declared that at the Basle Congress the Jewish people arose again as an independent nation, determined to take their destiny into their own hands. "Now we are on the brink of a Jewish state, in spite of the clouds darkening our existence," he said.

The Agency today cabled the heads of the Indian and Pakistan Governments extending the congratulations of the Jewish people to the Indians and Moslems who gained their independence last week. The message pointed out that the Jewish people who are also fighting for independence are sympathetic toward the two peoples in their struggle for freedom.

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS DENIES AFFILIATION WITH "AMERICANS FOR HAGANAH"

CINCINNATI, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Denial that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations had endorsed the newly organized "Americans for Haganah" was issued today by Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the U.A.H.C., in a letter to Mr. Abraham Feinberg, president of the "Americans for Haganah."

In his letter, Dr. Eisendrath pointed out that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations had adopted "a stand of neutrality on Zionism, leaving any decisions to be made on this subject to the constituent congregations and individuals thereof."

JACOB FICHMAN, CRITIC, AND RABBI J. LIFSHTIZ RECEIVE USSISHKIN MEMORIAL PRIZES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The Ussishkin Memorial Prize was awarded today to the well-known Hebrew author and critic, Jacob Fichman, for his critical study of the late Chaim Nachman Bialik, foremost Hebrew poet. Rabbi Jacob Lifshitz, who served as chaplain of the Jewish Brigade during the war, also received the prize for his "Book of the Jewish Brigade."