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JEWISH AGENCY APPEALS TO U.N. MEMBERS TO URGE BRITAIN TO HALT EXODUS DEPORTATIONS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency today appealed to the members of the United Nations to intervene with the British Government to reverse its decision on the deportation of the Exodus refugees to Germany. The appeal was made against a background of mounting protests in Palestine where the Jews are preparing to observe a day of prayer and fast tomorrow in sympathy with the visaless immigrants.

As the internationally recognized representative of the Jewish people, the Agency asked the nations to "prevent this crime against humanity being perpetrated by one of the mightiest powers on earth against a weak and defenseless group of men, women and children." It also called the action "vindictive" and "illegal in view of Britain's obligation under international law."

Earlier, the Agency issued a statement describing the deportations as "the latest action in the squalid war against the Jews" and denied British allegations that Zionist pressure kept the immigrants from disembarking in France. It also denied the charge that recent Jewish-Arab clashes resulted from visaless immigration, asserting that both the Jewish and Arab masses are deeply anxious to maintain peace. Accusing the Palestine Government of being the real law breaker since 1939, the Agency charged the British with villifying the "humanitarian" work of bringing refugee immigrants to Palestine.

At a mass meeting in Tel Aviv this week-end, called to protest the deportations, Goldie Meirson, head of the Agency's political department in Jerusalem, charged Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of having declared a "holy war" against the Jews. She compared him to Hitler.

Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University, appealed to 12 prominent British leaders, including Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee and Winston Churchill, asking that the refugees be diverted to any British port rather than Germany. A similar plea was made by the Palestine League to Combat Anti-Semitism, in a cable signed by Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel and Moslem and Christian members of the group.

New Blockade Runner Reported Nearing Palestine Coast

A new blockade runner carrying Jewish immigrants was reported by Reuters to be nearing the Palestine coast. No indication was given as to when the vessel might arrive.

Only one short alert broke the week-end peace. It followed the explosion of a flash bomb in a Jewish cafe in Jerusalem. Police believe that the bomb was set by a Jew in protest against an alleged violation of the Sabbath by the owner of the restaurant.

The Inspector-General of the Palestine police force yesterday announced the arrest of an unspecified number of Jews believed to be implicated in the hanging of two British soldiers by the Irgun last month. Meanwhile, the military have torn up the grove in which the bodies were discovered, as part of their punitive action against property which extremists use in their activities.

JEWISH AGENCY ASKS WRIT TO HALT BRITAIN FROM TRANSPORTING EXODUS JEWS TO GERMANY

LONDON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency has been granted permission to serve a motion for a writ of habeas corpus on Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Colonial Minister Arthur Creech-Jones to prevent the deportation of six of the Exodus refugees to Germany, it was announced here during the week-end. Although the order, which will be argued in court Wednesday, only names six refugees, it is intended as a test case and may halt the Jews at Gibraltar, the first stage of their forced journey.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office has announced that the British Ambassador to France, Alfred Duff Cooper, has asked the French Government to accept the Exodus Jews after they are landed in Germany. If the French agreed, the Jews will be transported through Germany by rail.

The note said that the British Government was "well aware" of the part which humanitarian consideration has played in the decision of the French Government not to cooperate in obliging the Jews to disembark at Port de Bouc. It added that Britain felt confident that, for the same reasons, the French would accept the Jews once they were landed in Germany.

The announcement of the appeal to the French Government was accompanied by a statement to the effect that the British Government trusts that "Jewish leaders will now seriously consider whether they are justified in continuing to obstruct the return of these illegal immigrants to France." At the same time, the government reiterated the charge that the Exodus Jews refused to debark chiefly because of Zionist pressure.

Meanwhile, many Jewish and non-Jewish groups have appealed to the British Government to reverse its decision. The Manchester and Salford Jewish Council today decided to proclaim a fast day tomorrow and some 45,000 Jews in northern England are expected to participate. Services will be held in all synagogues. The Manchester Labor Party has also protested to the government.

FRENCH ANSWER EXPECTED THIS WEEK ON NEW BRITISH REQUEST TO ACCEPT EXODUS IMMIGRANTS

PARIS, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The French Government's answer to a British request yesterday that France accept the Exodus refugees after they have been disembarked in the British zone of Germany will not be given until after Wednesday when the French Cabinet meets, it was indicated here today.

While some semi-official sources believed that the government would accept the Jews, in keeping with its original offer of haven, others point out that the French offer was conditioned upon the refugees landing voluntarily. The French Government, the latter quarters asserted, would refuse to countenance enforced debarkation, even in Germany.

From many sections of the French public have come protests against the British action. Most vigorous denunciations come from the Resistance and former political prisoners. Jules Jefroykin, head of the combat section of the Resistance Movement, said that transportation of the Jews to the "charnel house of Hitlerite Germany" showed to what extent a civilized country "could be carried by a policy of imperialism." The French Federation of Former Internees and Political Deportees have appealed to King George VI to intervene to halt the deportation.

It was learned today that a handful of Jews aboard the three prison ships had received Palestine immigration certificates, but insisted upon sailing with the others as a sign of solidarity. There are at least 50 pregnant women aboard who are expected to give birth during the voyage which is scheduled to take at least two weeks. The British authority refused to permit Jewish nurses to accompany the immigrants.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING OPENS; TO DISCUSS EXODUS CASE TOMORROW

ZURICH, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee session opened here today with a meeting of the executive this morning at which it was decided that the first item on the agenda of the first plenary session tomorrow morning would be a discussion of the deportation of the Exodus refugees to Germany.

Following consideration of the Exodus case will be the presentation of political and financial reports, probably by Moshe Shertok, Jewish Agency political chief, and Eliezer Kaplan, Agency treasurer. The full session will not discuss the reports, in order to save time, but special sub-committees will consider each report and make recommendations to the plenum. The session is scheduled to last between eight and ten days. Shertok has already submitted to the executive a report on the Agency's presentation of its case to the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine.

The principal issue facing the committee is its attitude toward UNSCOP's report. Although the report may not be published before the Actions Committee completes its deliberations, it is hoped that some idea of the U.N. group's attitude will be available.

The major split is on the problem of partition, with the Laborites favoring it and the left-wing parties, led by the Hashomer Hatzair, expected to fight a last ditch stand in opposition. The General Zionists, headed by Drs. Abba Hillel Silver and Emanuel Neumann, are expected to support the position adopted at the 22nd World Zionist Congress--discuss partition only if a concrete proposal is put forward.

Other problems facing the 77 members of the Actions Committee are greater autonomy, particularly in financial matter, for national Zionist organizations as proposed at the recently-concluded European Zionist Conference; re-definition of the relationships between the Washington, London and Jerusalem branches of the Jewish Agency; and, lastly, budgetary problems.

EXODUS IN U.S.; BRITISH ZONES OF GERMANY FAST TODAY IN SYMPATHY WITH EXODUS REFUGEES

MUNICH, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The Central Jewish Committees of the U.S. and British zones of Germany today voted to proclaim a fast day tomorrow as an expression of sympathy with the Exodus Jews, now en route back to Germany aboard three British transports. The action was taken in conformity with a decision of the Jewish National Council of Palestine urging the Jews of the entire world to observe a day of fast as a protest against Britain's handling of the refugees.

Spokesmen for the committees said they were attempting to avert further demonstrations by the displaced Jews, but could not be sure of success. They also announced that all offices maintained by the organizations would be closed during the day.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN TURNS OVER APPEAL FROM EXODUS REFUGEES TO STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- President Truman has turned over to the State Department an appeal to him from the Exodus refugees, the White House announced yesterday. No comment was available from the Department during the week-end.

The message from the visaless Jews called on the President as head of "the most powerful nation on earth" to "help us in our eleventh hour of need." It pointed out that Mr. Truman, speaking for the United States, had "time and again" supported the Jewish cause.

WISH-OWNED SHOPS ATTACKED IN EGYPT DURING ANTI-BRITISH DEMONSTRATION

CAIRO, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- There is acute tension in Jewish circles here following the smashing and looting of several Jewish-owned stores this week-end during an anti-British demonstration.

The demonstration, called by the fanatic Moslem Brotherhood, supported Egypt's case at the United Nations Security Council calling for the immediate withdrawal of British troops from Egypt and the consolidation of the Sudan with Egypt. Although leaders of the Jewish community have officially endorsed the government's position in the matter, it is feared that other anti-British incidents may also take an anti-Jewish turn.

JEWS IN INDIA PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO NEW GOVERNMENT; HOPEFUL ABOUT THEIR FUTURE

BOMBAY, India, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The Jewish Central Board of Bombay, the leading Indian Jewish organization, has pledged its allegiance to the new Indian Government, it was announced here today. Special services were held in synagogues throughout India in behalf of the new Dominion.

The Board, which has submitted memoranda to the constituent assembly regarding the status of the Jews in the new India, reported that the Jewish community was hopeful about its future under the new regime, particularly in view of recent assurances extended by Indian leaders concerning the status of minority groups.

Leaders of the Board pointed out that the new government's gesture in inviting two of its representatives, Dr. E. Moses, formerly mayor of Bombay, and H. Cynowicz, to participate in a parade marking the independence of India, as well as inviting them to a reception tendered former Viceroy Mountbatten, was "very heartening."

WORLD AGUDAH PARLEY ASKS REORGANIZATION OF JEWISH AGENCY; WOMEN'S GROUP MEETS

MARIENBAD, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- A demand that the Jewish Agency be reorganized to give greater representation and funds to opposition parties within Palestine was voiced this week-end at the conference of the central committee of the World Agudas Israel which is being held here. Rabbi I.M. Lewin, chairman of the Agudath executive, and H.A. Goodman, political secretary, will go to New York after the sessions to attempt to obtain a greater share of the funds collected for Palestine projects for the use of the Orthodox movement's projects.

Following receipt of an appeal from the Agudah members among the Exodus refugees, the conference decided to appeal to the British Government to permit the visas of these immigrants to enter Palestine, even if regular monthly allotments of certificates must be used for them. Some 170 delegates have already been accredited to the conference, but some representatives from Poland, Hungary and Rumania still have to arrive.

Meanwhile, a world conference of the women's Agudah chapter opened here. The delegates have decided to organize a World Union of Agudah Women.

HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT AWARDS MEDALS TO 28 JEWS FOR SERVICES DURING NAZI OCCUPATION

BUDAPEST, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Zoltan Tildy, president of Hungary this week-end awarded the Medal of Hungarian Liberty, 2d Class, to three leading officers of the Jewish Community, including President Laszlo Stoekler, and the same medal, also, to 25 other Jews, for outstanding services in connection with saving Jews from the Budapest ghetto during the Nazi occupation.

AMERICAN PREPARING TO APPEAL PALESTINE LAND RESTRICTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL COURT

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Former Magistrate Bernard A. Rosenblatt of New York is preparing to appeal to the International Court of Justice against Palestine land purchase laws which bar him from obtaining deed to land in areas of Palestine which are restricted to Jews, he disclosed here.

Rosenblatt is preparing to submit a petition to the State Department asking it to take the matter before the court, as a member of the United Nations. The State Department has indicated that it will not comment on the case until it receives the document. Earlier, Rosenblatt carried the case to the Palestine Supreme Court, which ruled against him, and now has an appeal pending with the Privy Council, highest appellate court in the British Empire.

BRITAIN'S FAILURE TO CARRY OUT MANDATE CREATES PALESTINE PROBLEM, SAYS REP. CELLER

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- If Britain had carried out the terms of the Palestine Mandate "there would have been no reason to label Palestine a problem," Rep. Emanuel Celler declared today at an emergency conference of the greater New York Mizrahi Council held at Far Rockaway.

Rep. Celler also asserted that if the United States acted as its traditional policy on Palestine dictated, the "bitter tragedy" that is being enacted in that country would end. The inauguration of a nation-wide drive for 50,000 Mizrahi members was announced at the meeting which also discussed other organizational and membership problems. Memorial services were held for William Bernstein, American crewman of the Exodus who was killed by a British naval party during boarding operations.

AMERICAN JEWRY TO COMMEMORATE HIGH HOLY DAYS AS "DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE" FOR DP'S

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- More than 6,000 Jewish communities in every section of the United States will observe the High Holy Day period from September 15th through September 24th as the "Ten Days of Remembrance" as part of an emergency nation-wide mobilization to assure the full attainment of the \$170,000,000 quota of the United Jewish Appeal, it was announced today by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A.

The Synagogue Council of America, representing more than 2,400 Orthodox, Reform and Conservative rabbis, has endorsed the proposal. Taking cognizance of the critical plight of Europe's 1,500,000 Jewish survivors and appealing for "the fullest moral and material support" to the U.J.A., the Council announced through its president, Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, that it "is joining in full endorsement and sponsorship of the observance of the Ten Days of Remembrance."

JEWS IN GERMANY, AUSTRIA FEAR POGROMS IF ALLIED TROOPS WITHDRAWN, UJA LEADER REPORTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism is still deeply-rooted in Central Europe and the remaining Jews in Germany and Austria fear "violent anti-Jewish outbreaks when Allied troops are withdrawn," John Balaban, chairman of the Chicago United Jewish Appeal, declared here this week-end upon his return from a tour of Palestine and many European countries. He headed a group of Chicago Jewish leaders and businessmen on the trip.

"The surprising thing is that after two years in D.P. camps these people still have a burning determination to rebuild their lives," Balaban reported. Deploing the sharp curtailment of international relief programs, Balaban warned that the coming winter months "would bring greatly increased misery and hardships" to Europe's homeless Jews unless the Jews of America provided adequate funds to meet their pressing needs.

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