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BRITISH PREPARE TROOPS FOR DISEMBARKATION OF EXODUS REFUGEES IN HAMBURG ON SUNDAY

HAMBURG, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Last minute preparations were made here today by British military authorities to suppress any violence that may occur at the disembarkation on Sunday of the first shipload of the 4,400 Exodus Jews.

Sentries armed with rifles were stationed on the quays where the disembarkation will take place and special measures were taken by British intelligence officers to prevent any outside assistance from reaching the Exodus Jews should they refuse to disembark.

At a press conference this afternoon, the British Regional Commissioner, Hugh Berry, reiterated that the troops will be ordered to use force if the detainees balk at disembarking. The Jews will be taken in sealed trains from Hamburg to the two camps prepared for them near Lubeck, Air Vice-Marshal Hugh de Crespigny told the conference. The trains will be under military guard, he added.

(A Jewish Telegraphic Agency dispatch from London tonight said that British official circles are greatly concerned about the possibility of violence at Hamburg. They reportedly anticipate that virtually none of the passengers will leave the ships voluntarily, and expect the disembarkations to be difficult and lengthy.)

The landing of the Exodus Jews is expected to start at dawn on Sunday. First to land will be those aboard the Ocean Vigor. The landing from the Runnymede Park will start on Monday. The Empire Rival disembarkation will begin on Tuesday. The three ships will pick up pilots off the mouth of the Elbe tomorrow.

"We hope that the landing will be peaceful," Commissioner Berry said. "It will take place under the supervision of the Control Commission. The troops are provided only for possible help. Officials of the British frontier control will be responsible for searching the refugees for arms and explosives."

Troops Assigned To Landing Were Stationed in Palestine Last Year

The troops assigned to the landing are the Sherwood Forester Battalion which was stationed last year in Palestine. Berry admitted under questioning that they will board the ships with truncheons and will use "normal police methods." Later they may have to use fire hoses and tear gas.

"We shall not hurry them unduly and we shall leave the refugees ample time for reflection," the British Commissioner said, adding that the landing must be completed in time for the refugees to reach the camps before dark. An adequate number of interpreters will translate the military orders to the refugees, and "hot drinks and cold meals will be distributed in the coaches," he declared.

Thirty-six military trucks will take the refugees from the trains to the Appendorf and Amstau camps where the British authorities will start screening them.

for suspected terrorists. The screening will take about two weeks, it was said at the press conference. The refugees will be authorized to elect the administrators of the camps, and those responsible for keeping the quarters clean will receive 2,800 calories.

Jewish Community Will Aid Jews Only If They Request Help

In a Hamburg radio broadcast, Dr. Norbert Wollheim, president of the Jewish community in the British zone, said that the deportees "would have every assistance and every help" from Jewish organizations in Germany, but "only if they ask for it expressly."

"We know that General Sir Alan Cunningham, Palestine High Commissioner, is now in London appealing to the British Government against disembarking the Jewish immigrants in Hamburg," Dr. Wollheim said. "We hope with confidence that the British Government will do everything at this hour to alter the fate of our unhappy brothers and sisters."

"As far as we know, the Jews will be taken to two camps which have been prepared like prisoners' camps, surrounded with barbed wire and guarded by armed sentries. The accommodation itself, as well as the sanitary conditions, are entirely insufficient. We will refrain from everything which could create the impression that we agreed with the treatment as prisoners of these men, women and children."

BRITAIN CHARGES ZIONISTS TOOK CHILDREN ON "EXODUS" WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF PARENTS

LONDON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The Foreign Office announced today that the parents of 13 Hungarian Jewish children who are believed to be among the Exodus refugees now en route to Hamburg have appealed to the British Embassy in Budapest to assist in the repatriation of the children.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that the screening of the Exodus Jews might reveal 200 cases in which the "families were deliberately broken up by Zionists." He revealed that preparations were being made in Hamburg to repatriate all such children.

The spokesman also accused Hungarian Zionists of a deliberate campaign to traffic in children in which "the Marxist Zionist youth movement, Hashomer Hatzair" was mainly involved. The Foreign Office statement went on to enumerate particulars of individual cases of children who were allegedly taken to embarkation centers without the knowledge of their parents, on the pretext of being trained for legal immigration to Palestine.

The British Zionist Federation has made a last minute appeal to Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin to reconsider the British Government's decision to disembark the Exodus Jews at Hamburg and send them to two camps near Lubbock. Pointing to the recommendation of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine to admit 150,000 Jews to Palestine during the next two years, the appeal urged the Government to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the UNSCOP report to make a "statesman-like gesture."

French Govt. Denies Receipt of British Appeal to Disembark Jews at Le Havre

PARIS, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- A Foreign Office spokesman denied today any knowledge of a British appeal to Premier Paul Ramadier to allow the Exodus refugees to disembark at Le Havre. He added that since the French Government did not know of any such appeal, it was impossible for Ramadier to have rejected it, as was asserted in reports from London.

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GENERAL STRIKE CALLED IN PALESTINE FOR MONDAY TO PROTEST EXODUS LANDINGS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Council today called a nation-wide general strike for Monday afternoon to protest the landing of the Exodus refugees in Hamburg.

A group of 202 Jewish delegates sailed from Cyprus today for Haifa aboard the Sphthalia, a Panamanian vessel chartered by the Jewish Agency. Another group of 100 Jews will be taken to Palestine tomorrow on the same ship, completing the quota of 1,500 immigrants.

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv, two young Jews who said they represented the Stern group, called on 18 Jewish officials of the Government's Income Tax Department in their homes today and warned them that unless they resigned within four days "the consequences would be drastic." The officials said that they will remain at their posts, in defiance of the threat. It is believed that the warnings are the first step in a "psychological warfare" campaign to scare the Jews employed in the administration to resign en masse, thus crippling the Palestine government.

Despite the apparent quiet in Palestine, an intensive struggle is going on between the Haganah and the Irgun Zvai Leumi, with the former attempting to curb the latter's activities. Several clashes between the two forces have occurred recently.

In a particularly violent battle which took place in Tel Aviv this morning, a large group of Irgunists attacked a band of Haganah members who were removing Irgun posters. Employing fists, stones and clubs, the Jews battled for some time. Ten persons were injured, two seriously.

FOUR JEWISH DP'S ON TRIAL ON CHARGES OF ATTEMPTING TO BLOW UP BRITISH TRAIN PLEAD INNOCENT

HAMBURG, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Four young Jewish displaced persons went on trial today before the British Control Commission charged with attempting to blow up a British train near Hanover in June.

The prosecution said the DP's, three of whom are from Poland, are connected with the Irgun Zvai Leumi or the Haganah. All of the defendants denied they were implicated in the unsuccessful explosion. Richard Orlinsky, one of the Jews, admitted that at one time he was a member of an organization transporting visaless Jews to Palestine.

ROMANIAN ZIONIST LEADER RETURNS BRITISH AWARD GIVEN HIM FOR AIDING TROOPS

BUCHAREST, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- A.L. Zissu, Rumanian Zionist leader, said today that he has returned to the British Military Mission here a certificate signed by Field Marshal Viscount Alexander thanking him for helping captured British soldiers and sailors escape from Rumania during the war.

Explaining that he had taken this step to protest Britain's recent actions in Palestine, Zissu, in an accompanying letter, declared: "In view of Britain's cynical violation of the Mandate in slaughtering heroic Jewish youths fighting for the liberation of Palestine, and the British Navy's acts of piracy culminating in the attack on the Exodus, it would be dishonorable for me to retain a certificate of British distinction."

YUGOSLAV UNSCOP DELEGATE ADVOCATES SECESSION IF PALESTINE FEDERATION UNWORKABLE

GENEVA, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The right of either the Jewish or Arab areas of Palestine to secede from a federal state, if federation proves unfeasible, is advocated by Vladimir Simic, Yugoslav delegate to the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, in a special 12,000-word annex to the UNSCOP report just submitted to make Success. Simic was one of the three-man minority which recommended federation as preferable to partition.

In what might be called a bill of particulars against the British execution of the old League of Nations mandate, Dr. Simic's document charges that under the British Mandate there is a deliberate and planned effort to deepen the gulf between Jews and Arabs. He asserts that he found in Palestine "a conflict between the mandatory and the peoples," with the mandatory, he charges, "taking measures usually characteristic of the attitude a conqueror adopts in a conquered country."

He hands up an indictment of Britain for setting up what he called a police state in Palestine, pointing out that this year there has been one soldier in the country for every 13 Palestine inhabitants. He added in his one-man report: "There are reasons for believing that the maintenance of such large forces has not been caused alone by the difficult situation in the country. Among his charges against Britain are:

1. That the mandatory power had done little to carry out either the general or the specific obligations of the mandate;
2. Britain has made no advances in the development of self-governing institutions; and
3. That the entire structure of the government established in Palestine, with on the local and the central government levels, is calculated to impede rather than promote the development of any form of self-government.

Says Mandatory Has Not Tried To Encourage Local Autonomy

The Yugoslav member of UNSCOP adds that Britain had made no real efforts to encourage local autonomy in Palestine, and that it was this absence of self-governing institutions, together with the British failure to develop the country along democratic lines, that has prevented the creation of conditions in which the Jews and Arabs in the mandate might have come together and settled all outstanding questions--even that of a Jewish national home, the Yugoslav member asserted.

"How can people be expected to cooperate," he asked, "when there is no responsible governing body for them to cooperate in? How can they be expected successfully to bridge the gulf, which has been dividing them, when a third party is constantly stepping in between them in the role of arbiter? How can genuinely democratic forces, which are alone capable of achieving cooperation and progress be expected to come to the fore when the existing backward relationship of social and political forces is frozen by a crown colony type of government? We, therefore, cannot but agree with Ben Gurion when he says that 'the mandatory failed not because Jews and Arabs do not cooperate, but because the mandatory refused to cooperate'."

Dr. Simic adds that whatever differences of opinion exist as to why the mandate failed, opinion is virtually unanimous that it has failed, and that it is recognized by the mandatory power itself. Continuation of the mandate, he asserted, would

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constant and rapid deterioration of conditions in Palestine, and would make any settlement of the problem even more difficult than it is today. He placed blame for chauvinism, however, on both parties, but pointed out that that attitude was engendered by the undemocratic conditions under which the mandate was administered.

SOVIET OFFICIAL IN AUSTRIA SAYS JEWISH PROPERTY BOUGHT BY NAZIS CONSIDERED GERMAN ASSETS

VIENNA, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The Russian delegate to the Allied Treaty Commission here, said today that all Jewish property turned over to the Germans without compensation must be returned to the former owners or heirs. However, all property which had been compensated for, should be considered as German assets, making them subject to confiscation by the Allies, he added.

Except for one or two known cases, the Russian delegate stated, the Germans acquired all Jewish property in Austria by purchasing it from the owners. The expropriation of such properties from the tally of German assets would be unjust, the Russian declared, and contradictory to the terms of the Potsdam Agreement. He stressed that certain complicated cases should be solved by bi-lateral negotiations.

WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES REJECTION OF EASTPORT BID FOR "QUODDY VILLAGE"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The War Assets Administration has publicly denied the request of officials of Eastport, Maine, that they be allowed to purchase nearby "Quoddy Village" at a 100 percent discount so that the abandoned power project might be converted into a training center for 25,000 displaced families.

The Eastport officials had hoped to have the Quoddy plan classified as an educational and public welfare project, which would have enabled it to secure the 100 percent discount under the Surplus Property Act.

According to the WAA statement, Eastport's original bid was rejected because the application of the city to acquire the property is ineligible for educational public benefit allowances under the provisions of the Surplus Property Act. WAA permits such allowances only to educational institutions conducting fundamental educational programs which are normally a part of the curriculum of universities, colleges, high schools or elementary school systems. The basis of the city's program was the establishment of industry with the training program a secondary rather than a primary function. WAA will not deviate from the provisions of the Surplus Property Act."

SPECIAL QUESTIONNAIRES ON DP PROBLEM PREPARED FOR USE OF CONGRESSIONAL PROBE BODY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Members of a Congressional investigating team which left this morning for Europe to investigate the operation of the U.S. Information Service there, have been given questionnaires posing 17 questions about the displaced persons problem and have been asked to look over that field. The questionnaires were prepared by Sen. H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey, one of the sponsors of legislation to permit the entry into the U.S. of 400,000 DP's over a four-year period.

The special Senate Committee investigating immigration problems will probably leave for Europe about the first of October, a committee aide said today. It is headed by Sen. Chapman Revercomb, Republican of West Virginia, who has been an opponent of liberalized immigration regulations.

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HUNGARIAN JEWISH DP'S IN U.S. ZONE IN GERMANY APPEAL TO JEWS IN AMERICA

MUNICH, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- An urgent appeal to Hungarian Jews in America for immediate aid was issued here today by the Central Federation of Hungarian-Speaking Jews in the American zone in Germany, which claims to represent 40,000 persons.

The appeal points out that the Jewish DP's from Hungary have lost all hope of ever regaining any of their possessions. The Federation, therefore, urges the American Jewish community in the United States to obtain American visas for three of its representatives in order that they may "present personally a picture of the present situation to interested bodies."

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS ASKED TO HELP FIGHT RACIALLY RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Pointing out that the Department of Justice is charged with enforcing the Civil Rights Law, the American Jewish Congress today urged the Department to file amicus curiae (friends of the court) briefs in two restrictive covenant cases now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In a letter to U.S. Attorney General Tom Clark, the Congress called on the Department of Justice to bring its influence to bear on the struggle to outlaw racially restrictive covenants. The letter, signed by Rabbi Irving Miller, cited President Truman's declaration of June 29, 1947, that "the extension of civil rights today means not protection of the people against the government, but protection of the people by the government."

The two cases before the United States Supreme Court, one in Missouri and the other in Michigan, result from injunctions upheld by the respective State Supreme Courts restraining white men from selling property to Negroes because the homes involved were subject to private covenants barring occupation by Negroes.

JEWISH EDUCATION MONTH STARTS ON SUNDAY; CALL TO JEWISH PARENTS ISSUED BY LEADERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Annual nation-wide observance of Jewish Education Month, sponsored by the American Association for Jewish Education, will open on Sunday, according to an announcement today by Michael Stavitsky, president of the Association, and will be followed with the observance of Jewish Education Week from October 8-15.

In support of the observance, outstanding leaders in Jewish communal life today issued a call to Jewish parents to provide religious education for their children during the coming year. The call was signed by Michael A. Stavitsky, president of the American Association for Jewish Education; Joseph M. Froskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee; Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress; Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith; Abraham J. Feláman, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Stanley C. Myers, president of Council of Jewish Federations; Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, president of National Council of Jewish Women; Frank L. Weil, president of National Jewish Welfare Board; Israel M. Goldman, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America; Samuel Nirenstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Samuel Rothstein, president of The United Synagogue of America; and Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America.