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BRITAIN REJECTED U.S. PLEA NOT TO RETURN EXODUS JEWS TO GERMANY, MARSHALL REVEALS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The United States Government urged the British Government to reconsider its decision to send the 4,400 "Exodus 1947" refugees to Hamburg, but ~~was~~ told by the British that there was no place other than Germany to house them, Secretary of State George C. Marshall told a press conference today. Marshall declined to say whether this Government was satisfied with the answer given by the British Government with regard to the matter.

The United States Government, Marshall said, was keenly aware of the unfortunate results that would follow the British decision to return the refugees to Germany and asked the British to change their plans. Marshall pointed out that the French offer to receive some of the refugees is still open so that they do not necessarily have to remain in Germany.

(A British Foreign Office spokesman tonight refused to comment on Secretary Marshall's disclosure. "We are not inclined to enter into any controversy with Mr. Marshall on the subject," the spokesman said in London.)

Asked about United States reaction to the UNSCOP report, Marshall said he had no comment other than that it was a very lengthy, detailed report. He said he had read it and that department experts were analyzing it, but added that he would not discuss the report until he received their analysis.

Joseph C. Saltherwaite, acting director of the Office of Near East and African Affairs, today received a delegation of the American Jewish Labor Council, with whom he discussed the Exodus case. When the brutality of the British troops at Hamburg was mentioned, Saltherwaite told the delegation that it "isn't all clear" that the brutality was all on one side. He quoted a newspaper report, which said that the refugees had attached razor blades to the end of poles to make weapons for use against the British.

Saltherwaite, who was joined in the interview by Gordon Merriam, chief of the Near East Division, said that no announcement concerning the U.S. attitude on the UNSCOP report would be made until the American delegation at the General Assembly was ready to discuss the report.

EXODUS JEWS DEFY ATTEMPTS TO SCREEN THEM; MOST REPLY THEY COME FROM PALESTINE

LUBECK, Germany, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The 3,000 Exodus refugees confined in the Poppendorf Camp, near here, today defied attempts by the British occupation authorities and the International Refugee Organization to screen them, as a prelude to deciding whether they are to be treated as displaced persons or turned loose in the German economy. Most of the deportees, when asked where they come from replied: "Palestine."

The British screening teams have a two-fold aim. They seek to determine the refugees' country of origin, and also to weed out "agitators" and ringleaders of the

resistance. The IRO director here, Michael Thomas, an American, confirmed that the Jews were reluctant to submit to screening, but thought that eventually most of them would be classified as DP's, and as such eligible for aid.

(Gen. Lucius D. Clay, commander of the U.S. zone of Germany, said last night that any of the Exodus Jews who formerly were residents of DP camps in the American zone will not be readmitted since they apparently "did not like" life in the camps.)

None of the voluntary Jewish relief agencies have entered the camp as yet, and the British authorities do not hide the fact that they are extremely annoyed at the relief groups' refusal to agree unconditionally to extend assistance in the camps. However, negotiations are still in progress. All the refugees questioned by a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent said that they were happy the relief agencies had refused to cooperate, and felt that they could struggle along without their aid for a time. Twenty-four of the refugees are in the camp hospital, which is staffed by Germans.

Refugees Getting Only 1,800 Calories in Daily Diet

A JTA correspondent established that the refugees are getting only 1,800 calories daily, instead of the 2,800 promised last week by Air Vice Marshal Hugh de Crespigny, regional commissioner in Schleswig-Holstein. Brigadier A.C. Kenchington, chief of the DP section of the British Control Commission, when questioned concerning the DP's diet by the correspondent, spoke with the German cooks who admitted that they had been authorized to give only 1,800 calories daily. (An Associated Press dispatch from Hamburg said that 100 of the Poppendorf refugees had gone on a hunger strike.)

A sub-committee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which is in Europe to study the conditions of the displaced persons, toured the camp today and spoke with Brigadier Kenchington, who told them: "Once you put some food in their belly, and get them away from agitators, they behave themselves." He added that the continued hostility of the refugees to the British was "simply a show for the world press." Kenchington said he was considering barring the press.

The sub-committee, which included Rep. James G. Fulton, of Pennsylvania, and Rep. Jacob Javits, of New York, said that it had witnessed the disembarkation of the deportees from the Runnymede Park yesterday, but had no comment to make. Javits said that he did not want to issue any statements until the sub-committee's study was completed.

The occupants of the camp are concerned and resentful at the continued incarceration in Hamburg of 50 of their number, including 16 leaders. It is learned that the latter, among whom are several women, are being held in a warehouse in the dock area. The men are reported sleeping on the bare floor under heavy guard.

German workers under British direction today were erecting a stockade along the camp. It will consist of ten circular tents surrounded by several fences of barbed wire. The refugees said that the stockade would be used to house their imprisoned leaders, but the British said that it would be used for any future offenders.

Reports from Berlin say that all Jewish offices there will close down tomorrow in protest against the landing of the refugees.

Lehman Says Hamburg Violence Was "Betrayal of Humanity"

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman today issued a statement declaring that "the outrage at Hamburg is a terrible blot on the history of our great country and has shocked the conscience of the world." He added that "it is a betrayal not only of Jews, but of humanity itself."

BRITAIN BLAMES "AGITATORS" FOR HAMBURG VIOLENCE; BRITISH PRESS SCORES GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Agitation among a relatively small section of the Exodus Jews necessitated the use of force by British authorities, a Foreign Office spokesman said today. In reply to a question, he declared that the Cabinet as a whole assumed responsibility for the return of the Jews to Germany.

A dispatch from Hamburg, however, quoted Vaughn Berry, regional commissioner there, as stating that no more than 200 Jews came ashore without compulsion. "They fought like wildcats, even the children," Berry said. The Daily Telegraph reports that 100 Jews, chosen from among those who had put up the most resistance, were brought back to Hamburg last night from the Poppendorf Camp and compelled to clean up the Runnymede Park, scene of the most violent battles.

The Foreign Office spokesman was also asked whether the disembarkation "constituted an incident in the campaign to re-educate the German people against anti-Semitism." He replied that care had been taken to prevent Germans from watching the disembarkation. (Correspondents on the scene reported that from the time the refugees are placed on the trains after being dragged from the ships to the time they reached the camps the operation was visible to hundreds of Germans.)

Liberal and Conservative Papers Hit Official Blundering

The British press is almost unanimous in branding the forcible disembarkation of the Exodus refugees in Germany as a blunder of the first magnitude. This opinion is expressed in newspapers representing a wide variety of opinion, ranging from the liberal Manchester Guardian to the ultra-conservative Evening News.

The Manchester Guardian today lashes out against Bevin declaring that he has shown "appallingly dangerous blind spots" and adding that "mistakes have dogged all his dealings with both Jews and Germans." A Guardian editorial says that the Cabinet ministers "must not read the foreign press, otherwise they would blush with shame to see how Britain's name has been dragged down by this affair."

The News Chronicle says that "no more stupid decision could have been made" and warns that "the incidents (at Hamburg) are a godsend to those seeking to portray British soldiers as S.S. men." At the same time, the paper lashes out at Ben Hecht and his associates, who, it anticipates, "will make the most of the affair."

The Star says the original decision to return the refugees to Germany, which it attributes to Bevin, was "a blunder of the first magnitude," adding that the British people are willing to play a part in the resettlement of homeless Jews. "Let the United Nations decide Palestine's future on the basis of the UNSCOP report," the Star says, "singlehanded Britain has had more than enough."

The Times, which usually expresses the Foreign Office's point of view, blames organizations "bent on making private profit and political capital" of the DP's desire to go to Palestine for the incident. It warns that the proverbial British patience is not inexhaustible and insists that it is the General Assembly's duty to relieve Britain of sole responsibility for Palestine.

S.Z. Shragai, press officer of the Jewish Agency office here, today charged British authorities and newspapers with conducting "a deliberate campaign of distortion of facts and misrepresentation" in connection with the Exodus landings. Shragai told a news conference that information received by the Agency indicated that the deportees had put up much stronger resistance than was reported in the London press.

AMERICAN ZIONIST LEADERS ARRIVE IN LONDON; GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON UNSCOP RECOMMENDATIONS

LONDON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The acceptance by the Jews of the recommendations of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine was urged at a mass meeting here today by Hayim Greenberg, leader of the American Zionist Laborites, who is en route to the United States from Zurich, where he attended the meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee.

"We cannot afford to wait for a better solution," he said. He expressed the belief that two-thirds of the members of the U.N. General Assembly will support the UNSCOP report "provided there is not too much adverse pressure from Britain and the United States."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who also arrived here from Zurich, said that "a concentrated effort" is needed in connection with the session of the Assembly, which opens on Tuesday at Flushing Meadows. He emphasized that the United States Government must be asked "to define its attitude clearly" to the UNSCOP recommendations.

Referring to the Actions Committee attitude toward the UNSCOP report, the Z.O.A. president asserted that the committee neither accepted nor rejected the majority report," but indicated a willingness to give it further study." He also warned against "exaggerated optimism or pessimism" at this stage in the U.N.'s consideration of the issue.

Jews Must Win U.S. Support of UNSCOP Report, J.N.F. Director Says

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- "The major task of American Jewry now is to win the U.S. Government's support of the UNSCOP report," Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America, said today following his return from the Zionist Actions Committee meeting.

"The report," he declared, "was received with caution and reserve by the Actions Committee pending a study of the details. American Zionists face a grave responsibility in the mobilization of public opinion. We must reach the heart of the White House and the State Department."

During his stay in Zurich, Mr. Fisher met with Dr. Abraham Granovsky, world chairman of the board of directors of the Jewish National Fund, with whom he discussed important problems relating to the acquisition of land. The report on the Jewish National Fund submitted by Dr. Granovsky to the Actions Committee evoked great interest and respect among the representatives of all the parties, Mr. Fisher reported. Despite the White Paper and all other obstacles placed in our way, the Jewish National Fund has not only raised more money than it did last year, but actually redeemed more land than in previous years. It will now be necessary to accelerate the program for the acquisition of land," he said.

Emphasizing that the session of the Actions Committee was "a great improvement" over that held in Basle at the end of last year, Mr. Fisher declared: "The coalition established in Basle continues. We were all fearful in the beginning that there would be a great deal of division in our ranks. Conscious of its tremendous responsibilities, the meeting of the Actions Committee concluded in a spirit of great harmony."

FRANCE SEEN DROPPING KORFF AFFAIR UNLESS BRITISH GOVERNMENT EXERTS PRESSURE

PARIS, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Events of the last 24 hours indicate that the great "conspiracy" to bomb London will peter out within a few days unless the British demand that the French Government act against Rabbi Baruch Korff, chief architect of the "plot," and his associates.

The first indication of this was given last night when Korff and nine others were arraigned in a magistrates court here. Although the government pressed charges of possession of pamphlets harmful to the nation, the magistrate refused to entertain charges of illegal possession of armaments, since the prosecution was unable to produce the bombs, which it alleged were to be dropped over London.

BRITAIN WILL NOT DISCLOSE ITS ATTITUDE ON UNSCOP REPORT UNTIL U.N. DEBATE IS OVER

LONDON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The British Government will not disclose its position on the majority and minority reports by the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine until the general debate of the General Assembly on the reports has ended, authoritative sources asserted today.

(No specific date for debate on the UNSCOP reports has been set. The Assembly session, opening next week, may last as long as two months or more.)

By adopting that attitude, Britain apparently proposes to follow the line of "neutrality" which, in the official view, this country has adhered to since the Palestine problem was referred to the United Nations last Spring.

U.S. MILITARY TRIBUNAL IN DACHAU SENTENCES TWO NAZIS TO DEATH FOR MURDERING CAMP INMATES

FRANKFURT, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- An American military tribunal in Dachau today sentenced to death by hanging, Otto Kleinguenther and Christian Wohlcrab, former SS men and medical orderlies at Mauthausen concentration camp. They were found guilty of having murdered inmates of the camp by giving them injections with gasoline. The number of their victims was not known.

Steffen Malleschits, a non-commissioned officer of the SS who was in charge of the transports which took sick inmates to the gas chambers at Hartheim Castle, in Austria, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. Rolf Brandt, former non-commissioned officer of the SS and a dentist, who pulled out gold teeth of Nazi victims and made a fortune was sentenced to three years' imprisonment. Three defendants were acquitted.

JEWISH ORPHANS LEAVE ROMANIA FOR TWO-YEAR STAY IN HOLLAND

BUCHAREST, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Four hundred and thirteen children who were offered a two-year stay in Holland, pending their eventual immigration to Palestine, left here today for Prague, en route to Amsterdam.

The children, who are being admitted by the Dutch Government under a general relief scheme for Jewish orphans, will spend Rosh Hashanah in the Czech capital, under auspices. In Amsterdam they will live in a colony established by Dutch Jewish organizations and manned by a mixed Rumanian Palestine staff.

ATCH PREPARING TO HOUSE DISPLACED JEWS ARRIVING FROM DP CAMPS

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Preparations are being made here to house displaced Jews who are expected to arrive shortly from German DP camps to work in Holland, it was reported today.

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1,000 JEWISH ORPHANS TO BE ADMITTED TO CANADA EXPECTED SHORTLY

MONTREAL, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- A group of 20 children to be admitted to Canada under a recent order-in-council permitting the entry of 1,000 Jewish orphans from Europe is expected to arrive here from France within the next fortnight, Saul Hayes, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, which is sponsoring their immigration, announced today.

Mr. Hayes said that other groups are expected soon from Poland, Rumania, Hungary, Italy, Germany, Austria, Greece, England and Belgium. Arrangements for their reception and placement are being made by a Congress-sponsored committee consisting of representatives of the HIAS, YMHA's, child welfare agencies, synagogues and employment agencies.

The project is the culmination of five years' work by the Congress, which, in 1942, secured permission from the Canadian Government to bring in 1,000 children from then Vichy France. The plan fell through when the Germans overran all of France following the Allied invasion of North Africa in 1942. In June, 1947, the government renewed the offer, extending it to take in children from any country in Europe.

AFRICAN JEWISH LEADER FINDS REFUGEES STRENGTHENING AMERICAN-JEWISH LIFE

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Recent Jewish refugee immigration from Europe to the United States should help to invigorate American Jewry, and deepen the Jewish content of its life, it was stated here by Joseph Milne, well-known South African Jewish leader, who has just returned from a two-and-a-half months' visit to America, where he established contact with all major Jewish organizations.

"American Jewry was beginning to lose some of its original vigor through assimilation," Mr. Milne declared, "and in the younger generation particularly, many are drifting away from Jewish life. The Nazi persecutions, and the destruction of European Jewry in the war, have re-kindled a stronger Jewish consciousness, and brought many young people into the fold of Jewish activity who were previously taking no part in Jewish life. With this awakened Jewish consciousness, the immigrants who have been coming over from Europe will act as a Jewishly stimulating force. Some of the great European Yeshivahs are now re-establishing themselves in America. Some of the famous surviving rabbis and teachers of European Jewry are in America. All these will strengthen American Jewish life.

"In general," said Mr. Milne, "American Jewry is an integral part of the American scene. They are Americans, and they share in all aspects of American life--trade, industry, professions, arts and politics. American Jews fought throughout the war, and in every way pulled their weight as Americans. Many of the refugee immigrants were most useful in the war effort. Their specific talents, and knowledge of European languages and conditions, proved invaluable."

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE WILL BE READY NEXT SPRING; "POURING ROOF" CEREMONY HELD

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The "pouring of the roof" of the Weizmann Institute took place today at Rehovoth, with a number of prominent scientists in attendance. An announcement that the Institute will be ready next Spring was made by Harry Levine, of New York.

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