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MAJORS OF TEL AVIV AND RAMAT GAN RELEASED FROM LATRUN; NATHANYA MAYOR STILL DETAINED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11. (JTA)--The Palestine Government today released Mayor Meir Rokach of Tel Aviv and Mayor Abraham Krinitzi of Ramat Gan from the Latrun Detention Camp, where they had been held for more than six weeks. Mayor Oved Ben Ami of Nathanya, as well as the heads of several smaller municipalities, were not freed.

With no more explanation than was given at the time of their arrest, Rokach and Krinitzi were informed this afternoon that they were to be released. For a time it was stated that they would refuse to leave without Ben Ami, but 55 minutes after the announcement by the government that they had been freed, the two men left the camp.

In an exclusive interview tonight with the JTA, Rokach described the events of this afternoon as "not a release, but a kidnapping." He said that the Acting Chief of the Criminal Investigation Department, Brigadier S.B. Johnson, arrived at Latrun this afternoon and invited Rokach outside the enclosure, where Johnson announced that he was being released. Rokach asked: "Where's Krinitzi and Ben Ami?" Johnson replied that Krinitzi was also being released, but that Ben Ami would remain.

Rokach then said: "I am also remaining. We are as guilty as he." The CID chief replied: "You can't do that." He asked Rokach, who was dressed in shorts, the usual camp garb, to enter his car. Rokach's belongings were left behind and he was not given an opportunity to say goodbye to the other detainees. Johnson promised to convey Rokach's and Krinitzi's protests at Ben Ami's continued detention to the authorities. Rokach pointed out tonight that he was never charged with anything and the police and camp authorities never replied to his queries as to why he was detained.

Jewish Youth Kidnapped In Jerusalem; Second In Two Days

The police car that brought Rokach home entered the city without any fanfare, and none of the residents, aside from his immediate family and the top officials of the municipality, knew that he had been released. He appeared to be in good health, although indignant concerning his incarceration. This evening delegations of prominent residents and many friends came to his home to welcome him back.

Haim Khakhar, 19, was kidnapped this afternoon in Jerusalem by a party of men who escaped in two taxis. Meanwhile, no word has been received concerning Eliahu Hodes, 18, who was abducted yesterday. It is reported that the Haganah is behind the kidnappings.

The Consolidated Oil Refineries plant in Haifa was blasted last night by four bombs, but the damage was slight, and there were no casualties.

The government yesterday announced the Sept. 15-Oct. 14 immigration of 1,700 persons.

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EXODUS REFUGEES VOW THEY WILL DEFY BRITISH ATTEMPTS TO SEPARATE THEM; LEADERS FREED

POPPENDORF CAMP, Germany, Sept. 11. (JTA)--The 4,400 Exodus refugees confined in this camp and at nearby Am Stau today voiced their determination to defy any British efforts to separate them.

At a mass meeting at Am Stau today, more than 1,400 refugees who were taken off the Empire Rival pledged themselves to stay together until they reach Palestine. At Poppendorf the leaders of the refugees, as well as persons questioned at random, stressed that it was vital that steps be taken to prevent their being separated. One spokesman said: "We have gone through so much together that we feel like one family. Political parties have almost been forgotten, so that we can act as a single unit."

All of them were agreed that the British will attempt to break them up into small groups, and by distributing them to various camps, free themselves of any financial responsibilities, at the same time demoralizing the refugees so that their determination to return to Palestine will be weakened.

Possible disturbances were averted today when the British moved all of the 62 leaders arrested during the disembarkation on Tuesday to Poppendorf from the Hamburg dock area, where they had been held under heavy military guard. All were promised by the authorities that they would not suffer any reprisals.

Mordecai Rosman, 30-year-old Polish Jew, whom the British have sought to portray as the agitator who caused all the violence on the Runnymede Park, scoffed at the charges that his "fanaticism" caused the passengers on the ship to resist. "That excuse is pure Downing Street propaganda," he said, "aimed at persuading the world that we Jews wouldn't really want to go to Palestine, were it not for a few zealots." Small, wiry Rosman waved aside questions concerning his personal battle with the British troops, which resulted in his being brought off the Runnymede Park bloody and unconscious. He reluctantly displayed a heavily bandaged knee, a badly twisted elbow and several scalp wounds.

Deportees Continue To Sabotage Efforts To Screen Them; Reject IRO Aid

The refugees at this camp and nearby Am Stau were continuing today to sabotage British efforts to screen them, and were also refusing to submit to voluntary screening by representatives of the International Refugee Organization.

IRO aides said that as of this afternoon none of the deportees had appeared for screening, which is mandatory if they wish to receive aid from the organization. British officers in charge of the compulsory screening report that most of the Jews claim that Palestine is their home and give biblical and Palestinian names. One officer admitted that the registration was "in a bit of a mess."

Meanwhile, Jewish organizations continued to stay away from the camps. However, Kurt Levin, head of the Jewish Agency activities in the British zone, was scheduled to visit the camps today to determine what the people want. Some medical aid will probably be sent in tomorrow.

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LONDON, Sept. 11. (JTA)--The British Foreign Office revealed today that the U.S. request that the Exodus refugees not be returned to Germany was made orally by Under-Secretary of State Robert Lovett to Lord Inverchapel, the British Ambassador in Washington. A spokesman confirmed that Britain's reason for rejecting the plea was based on its inability to find any other place to accommodate the Jews.

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FRENCH RENEW HOSPITALITY OFFER TO EXODUS JEWS; SET TERMS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTEERS

PARIS, Sept. 11. (JTA)--The French Government has decided to renew its offer of hospitality to the Exodus refugees, a representative of the French Foreign Office announced at a press conference today.

At the same time, he revealed the conditions which France had proposed to the British to govern the admission of the refugees. The British would have to furnish names and particulars of the volunteers--the spokesman stressed the word volunteers. After that, the French would issue collective entry visas for temporary residence to all Exodus Jews who volunteered.

Although the Foreign Office representative said that the Jews would be granted regular entry visas rather than transit papers, he added that the number of Exodus immigrants who entered would be subtracted from the total number of DP's who are permitted to enter France en route to other countries. When the Jews arrive in the country they will be accommodated in "holiday" camps by Entre Aide Francaise, a JCC supported voluntary relief agency. Facilities will probably be readied for them by the end of this month.

Medical examinations and other formalities required before the immigrants can enter France will be carried out by British doctors and other personnel, although French officials may be assigned to observe the proceedings. The French will establish a control station at the border at Remagen to check the identity of the Jews and to make certain that each prospective immigrant is actually a volunteer.

In response to questions by newsmen, the French official revealed that France had suggested to Britain that the Jews be offered some sort of priority in the granting of Palestine immigration certificates, else they would refuse all offers made by the British and the French Government. However, the British have not replied yet to the proposal.

Finally, the spokesman revealed that the French legation in Hamburg and French liaison officials in the British zone were "cooperating" actively with British officials in an attempt to conclude the Exodus affair.

EPIDEMICS MAY RESULT IF EXODUS REFUGEES ARE NOT CLEARED OUT OF CAMPS, WJC AIDE SAYS

LONDON, Sept. 11. (JTA)--A warning that epidemics may break out in the Poppenhorf camp where most of the Exodus refugees are concentrated unless the Jews are removed in three weeks was sounded here today by Dr. Noah Barou, secretary of the World Jewish Congress.

Speaking to a press conference following his return from Germany where he witnessed the forcible disembarkation of the Jews from their prison ships and later visited the camp where they are interned, Dr. Barou declared that the centers were unfit for human habitation and that local authorities had told him that epidemics were likely if the Jews were forced to remain there for long.

He charged Britain with having violated international agreements by carrying out the landings without the assistance of the International Refugee Organization.

CONGRESSMAN DEMANDS U.S. WITHHOLD AID TO BRITAIN UNTIL IT ACCEPTS UNSCOP REPORT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11. (JTA)--Congressman Adolph Sabath, Democrat of Illinois, in a letter to President Truman today, asked that any further financial aid to Great Britain be withheld until Britain agrees to accept, "without delays or reservations," the recommendations of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine.

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UN RECOMMENDS U.N. ASSEMBLY SET UP SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PALESTINE REPORT

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- A special committee of the U.N. General Assembly to consider the UNSCOP report looked as a possibility, following a statement by Secretary-General Trygve Lie today.

At his weekly press conference, Lie confirmed that he had forwarded such a recommendation to the General Committee - subject to approval by the Assembly. As explained by Lie, there appears to be no reason why his proposal should not meet with approval, since it has been put forth with no political motives, but as part of a Secretariat plan to shorten what appears to be at this moment a three-month agenda and still growing.

As visualized by Lie, the special ad-hoc committee on Palestine would be a full session working group, paralleling the Political Committee under which the report is now scheduled. If approved, the Secretariat's plan would speed up the General Assembly machinery, and at the same time, facilitate a decision on the Palestine report.

HILLDRING TO BE NAMED ADVISER ON PALESTINE TO U.S. DELEGATION AT UNITED NATIONS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11. (JTA)--Former Assistant Secretary of State John H. Hilldring will be special adviser on Palestine to the American delegation to the United Nations, it is reliably learned here today.

General Hilldring is considered in high official circles in Washington to be well equipped to act in this capacity, in view of his close acquaintance with many aspects of the Palestine problem. In the State Department he was intimately concerned with the question of displaced persons and refugees. His experience in this field dates back even further to his previous service as chief of the Civil Affairs Division of the War Department.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE URGES U.S. GOVERNMENT TO BACK U.N. PARTITION PLAN

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA)--The American Jewish Committee today urged the United States Government to "vigorously and speedily" endorse the majority recommendation of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine which provides for the partitioning of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states.

In a telegram to Secretary of State George C. Marshall, the Committee emphasized that it has "never been a part of the Zionist movement but has always been deeply concerned with the development of Jewish settlement in Palestine." Signed by Joseph L. Proskauer, president, and Jacob Blaustein, chairman of its executive, the telegram expressed confidence that the American people will back the government in supporting the UNSCOP majority recommendations.

"The UNSCOP, an impartial international body, has come to substantial agreement on the dangerous and difficult problem in a troubled area," the telegram pointed out. "Acceptance of this report would in our judgment tend to bring about the quickest possible beneficial results in the handling of the problem. It offers immediate means for relieving the desperate situation of 150,000 of the Jews in the displaced persons camps of Europe. We express to our Government our wholehearted endorsement of the spirit animating the majority report and our confidence that the American people, impelled by a love of fair play and justice, will back our Government in supporting it."

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ROMANIAN COURT SENTENCES TWO STERNISTS TO 20 MONTHS FOR POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES

BRUSSELS, Sept. 11. (JTA)--Elizabeth Lazarus, 21, and Elias Jacob, 29, admitted sternists, were today sentenced to 20 months imprisonment by a Mons court for transporting explosives which they allegedly planned to use against high officials of the Palestine Government.

The court said that Miss Lazarus, a heroine of the French resistance and a granddaughter of the Russian composer, Alexander Scriabin, had in her possession when arrested 14 "letter bombs" addressed to officials of the Palestine Government, from the High Commissioner down. Both she and Jacobs had detonators in their luggage.

Attorneys for both announced that an appeal would be made. Meanwhile, it was learned that the French Government has asked for their extradition.

19 PERSONS SHOT BY RUMANIAN BORDER GUARDS WHILE ATTEMPTING TO CROSS FRONTIER

BUCHAREST, Sept. 11. (JTA)--Nineteen persons, a number of whom are believed to be Jews, were killed by Rumanian border guards in the first week of this month, it was disclosed today. The 19 were attempting to cross the border into Hungary clandestinely when frontier patrols operating out of Arad, Transylvania, shot them.

SECRETARY OF LARI JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUND MURDERED IN HIS OFFICE

ROME, Sept. 11. (JTA)--Kamli Zakiel, secretary of the Jewish community council in Bari, was found murdered in his office last night, it was learned today. About 100,000 lire were missing from the community funds, and it is assumed that Zakiel was the victim of a robber.

ARRIVAL OF TWO TRANSPORTS OF DP'S FILLS AMERICAN-SPONSORED CAMP IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Sept. 11. (JTA)--Camp Ebelsberg, the American-sponsored Jewish DP community near Linz, was brought to full strength today with the arrival of 270 persons from Bad Ischl and 430 from Bad Gastein. Previously the occupants of the Braunau Camp were transported here. The DP's have formed their own administrative committee.

CANADIAN UNION OFFICIAL LEAVES FOR EUROPE TO HELP CHOOSE DP IMMIGRANTS

MONTREAL, Sept. 11. (JTA)--Bernard Shane, manager of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union of Canada, left for Europe where he will serve as member of a Canadian delegation to select some 2,500 skilled DP needle trades workers from camps as immigrants to the Dominion.

The majority of the 2,500 needle workers will take up residence in Montreal and Toronto, where most of the factories in the industry are concentrated. It was announced that the former German submarine tender Huascaran which was awarded to Canada as reparations will be placed in service this winter transporting DP immigrants from Europe.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE ESTABLISHES FELLOWSHIPS FOR CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN

CINCINNATI, Sept. 11. (JTA)--The Hebrew Union College today announced the establishment of two graduate fellowships for Christian clergymen. The recipients of the fellowships which are sponsored by the Louis and Mary Horowitz Foundation of New York City, are Dr. Charles L. Smith, a Baptist clergyman in Indianapolis, and Rev. Gus W. Van Beek, a Presbyterian of Tulsa, Okla.

The H.U.C. also announced that Dr. Sheldon H. Blank, professor of Bible, has been appointed chairman of its faculty.

NEW YORK U.J.A. REOPENS \$65,000,000 DRIVE FOR SEPTEMBER; SEEKS TO RECOUP \$9,000,000

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Two hundred leaders of New York's Jewish community officially reopened the \$65,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York for the entire month of September at a special emergency meeting held at the Hotel Astor today.

Edward M.M. Warburg, a chairman of the Greater New York Drive, pointed out that the unprecedented September campaign was necessitated by the fact that the 1947 effort in the metropolitan area was begun more than a month later than usual. As a consequence, he said, the United Jewish Appeal had been unable this year to reach a considerable number of contributors who last year donated a total of \$9,000,000 to the UJA campaign.

The entire September effort, he explained, will be devoted to two major projects:

1. A concentrated effort on the part of campaign leaders and volunteer workers to recoup the \$9,000,000 donated by men and women last year and which has not yet been contributed in 1947.
2. To gain the support of thousands of new contributors who are interested in the welfare of the 1,500,000 Jewish survivors abroad.

The September campaign was made possible by a special agreement with the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies which ordinarily launches its annual campaign during this period. In view of the grave emergency situation abroad, the leaders of the Federation drive have agreed to the special UJA September effort.

Although no exact figures are as yet available, Mr. Warburg revealed that at the current moment the Greater New York campaign had already gone over the \$32,000,000 raised in 1946. He pointed out, however, that in view of the tremendous programs which the United Jewish Appeal agencies have had to carry out during this year, nothing short of the \$65,000,000 campaign goal will suffice to meet the needs of the Jewish people abroad.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL ISSUES STATEMENT ON AMERICAN SOCIAL PROBLEMS; HITS DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 11. (JTA) -- Expressing the hope that the new labor law will be reasonably administered without reversing the course of progress in labor-management relations, Dr. Manuel Loderman of Denver, Colorado, chairman of the Social Justice Commission of the Rabbinical Council of America, organization of some 350 Orthodox Rabbis, today issued a statement on the views of the Commission concerning social problems prevalent in American life.

The statement stresses the need of "a critical approach to our own deficiencies" and urges Americans to encourage the attempts being made throughout the country to eliminate discrimination because of race, color and creed in the industrial and educational fields of endeavor, deplores the removal of barriers against high prices and urges cooperation with the government to bring the cost of living within the reach of most people.

"Old sources of ill-will in the field of race relations, from which Americans have too easily turned their eyes, are receiving international attention," the statement says. "Those whose purpose it is to malign America use the discriminations against some of our citizens as a brush to tar our country's good name. The noble intention of being helpful to the less fortunate nations elsewhere is being obscured by revelations of the inequalities that have existed unchallenged within our borders. A more critical approach to our own age-old deficiencies would lift American prestige everywhere and would improve the democratic status of our people. It must, therefore, become our duty to encourage the attempts to improve the lot of the negro, to remove quotas in our colleges, to open up areas of employment, to eliminate restrictions on housing and the great host of discords which mar the American scene."

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