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BRITISH CABINET TO DECIDE TODAY ON IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM PALESTINE, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Authoritative sources said today that the British Cabinet will decide tomorrow on the immediate withdrawal of British troops from Palestine and the surrender of Britain's mandate over Palestine to the United Nations or the United States.

The British Government's decision, these sources asserted, follows an unexpected switch by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin during ministerial conferences yesterday and was largely motivated by the Exodus scandal and the worldwide unfavorable publicity resulting from this.

The diplomatic correspondent of the London Evening News said tonight that a majority of the members of the Cabinet had been in favor of getting out of Palestine as soon as possible but that this course had been opposed by Mr. Bevin. The conversion of the Foreign Secretary to this view, he added, ensured a decision to this effect by the Cabinet.

The Cabinet meeting was to be held today, but was postponed when Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones was held up in Jamaica by the hurricane which raged in the Caribbean area this week. Creech-Jones will leave for Flushing Meadow within the next few days. The Cabinet decision is not expected to be made public until the Colonial Minister, or some other British spokesman, presents it to the U.N. General Assembly.

Report of Possible Cabinet Move Arouses Great Interest at General Assembly

FLUSHING MEADOW, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The center of interest at the General Assembly today was the report from London that the British Cabinet is considering the possibility of withdrawing all troops from Palestine.

The British delegation which was scheduled to make a statement during the general debate postponed it until tomorrow, apparently anticipating a change in the section of the statement pertaining to the Palestine question.

Members of other delegations welcomed the possibility of Britain reducing the number of its troops in Palestine. Some of them indicated that the Jews would be able to maintain order in Palestine and even to help in the implementation of the partition recommendations of the UNSCOP majority, if the Haganah were legalized as a Jewish militia. Members of the American delegation, anticipating heated discussions on Palestine early next week, were busy studying a 188-page official document prepared for them in Washington.

The document emphasizes that "it is necessary to note that every President of the United States from Woodrow Wilson up to the present time has expressed interest or sympathy with Jewish aspirations in Palestine." It also draws attention to

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the fact that President Roosevelt "promised the Jewish people that he would help to bring about the establishment of a Jewish commonwealth."

Reviewing the attitude of the U.S. Government to the Palestine problem during World War II, the document refers to the Congressional resolution on Palestine passed in 1945. It calls attention to the fact that when the war broke out the Jews in Palestine "entered into willing support of the British Empire while the Arabs seemed indifferent to the war." It stresses the fact that Jewish recruitment of all types of military personnel in Palestine between 1939 and 1946 amounted to more than 27,000 persons, while the Arabs "out of a population twice as large as the Jewish" recruited only about 12,000.

The survey covers the activities of the ex-Mufti during the war. It accuses him of instigating a pogrom against the Jews of Bagdad during the unsuccessful pro-Nazi revolution in Iraq. It says that he sought sanctuary in the Japanese legation in Iran after fleeing from Iraq, adding that later he met with Hitler and Joachim von Ribbentrop in Nazi Germany and helped them recruit Moslem units. It emphasizes that "he gave aid to spies and saboteurs in Arab lands" during the war.

Reveal Attlee Asked Truman to Send U.S. Forces to Palestine

The document analyzes the position of the displaced Jews in Europe and the recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine. It reveals that Prime Minister Attlee had requested of President Truman an American force of two infantry divisions, two armored divisions, two fighter plane groups and one mixed brigade to help the British implement the proposals of the Anglo-American Committee.

The survey also reveals that the U.S. Government considered the Anglo-American report to be advisory and its recommendations not binding. The interest of the U.S. in the questions dealt with by the report, it says, was based on: 1. A desire to assist victims of Nazi persecution. 2. The fact that American citizens have been contributing for a number of years to the Jewish National Home in Palestine. 3. The mutual beneficial relations between the U.S. and the countries of the Near East, and 4. The value the U.S. placed upon the contribution of the Near Eastern countries to the cause of world peace and prosperity.

Arab States to Aid Palestine Arabs if U.N. Accepts UNSCOP Recommendations

JERUSALEM; Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministers of four Arab states which have been meeting in Lebanon on the Palestine case today decided to give the "utmost help" to Palestine Arabs to defend "their homeland" if the United Nations General Assembly adopts the recommendations of its Special Committee on Palestine, it was reported here in dispatches arriving from Beirut.

JEWISH CIRCLES IN LONDON DENY DR. WEIZMANN WILL HEAD AGENCY DELEGATION TO U.N.

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Jewish Agency circles here today denied reports that Dr. Chaim Weizmann would lead or join the Agency delegation to the United Nations General Assembly session. They asserted that Dr. Weizmann's journey to America in October was arranged long ago for the purpose of addressing meetings in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

The same circles also denied that he had conferred with government officials on the future of Palestine and that Sir Alan G. Cunningham and Lt. Gen. Gordon H.A. Macmillan, Palestine civil and military commanders, respectively, had participated in the talks. He saw Cunningham, but not for political reasons, they said, while he has not yet met Macmillan in England.

BRITISH HALT SCREENING OF EXODUS REFUGEES AFTER JEWS REFUSE TO COOPERATE

LUBECK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Screening of the Exodus deportees by British intelligence agents in an effort to determine the status of the individual refugees was halted today for an indefinite period because of the Jews' absolute refusal to supply the Britons with factual information.

Detailed interrogation, which has been proceeding for about a week, has resulted only in complete confusion and long lists of obviously assumed names and other falsified facts such as where the refugees were born. The British lists abound in names of Hollywood stars, biblical characters, political figures and heroes of fairy tales. Several hundred refugees had been "questioned" before the process was halted.

It was learned that the decision to halt the questioning followed a visit to the camps yesterday by a high ranking British military government official from Berlin. He demanded of the DP's leaders an explanation for the Jews' refusal to supply truthful information. With straight faces, the leaders replied that they did not know that the information was false, and if it was false they could not explain it.

Meanwhile, the refugees are complaining bitterly about the small quantities of food which they receive and about the miserable preparation of their rations. Yesterday was the first day that they received fresh meat.

Both camps have elected committees to administer the centers. The Jews are attempting to assume as many of the administrative tasks as possible and plan to ask the British to dismiss the Germans who have been employed at these jobs because they feel that each German is doubling as a British spy. A children's school and an adult education program have been established, but equipment is needed.

The Jews are still almost unanimous in their desire to remain together and to proceed to Palestine in a single party. Thus far only six persons in Poppendorf have informed an International Refugee Organization screening team that they wish to rejoin relatives in some other DP camp in Germany.

There is a baby being born to a refugee woman almost every day. Yesterday the first funeral service was held for a new-born baby which was buried in the Lubeck Jewish cemetery. A single soldier escorted the child's father from the Am Stau camp to the cemetery, together with the rabbi who performed the ceremony. When the party of three started from the camp the soldier carried his rifle. The rabbi refused to proceed until the soldier put away his gun.

TROOPS UNCOVER THREE IRGUN ARMS CACHES IN JERUSALEM, SEIZE LARGE QUANTITY OF WEAPONS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Three small arms caches, allegedly belonging to the Irgun Zvai Leumi, were discovered today when police and troops raided the Bukharian quarter of Jerusalem, which was placed under a curfew for five hours. The troops proceeded directly to the caches, leading to the assumption that they had been tipped off to their location.

Among the booty uncovered were rifles, bombs, pistols, gelignite and other explosives, two flame throwers, 1,023 rounds of ammunition, a time bomb mechanism, two Molotov cocktails and five grenades.

Police today were still hunting for the persons who last night broke into the home of David Ben Gurion and ransacked the rooms. Nothing was taken except for a pistol, for which the Zionist leader has a license.

JEWISH REFUGEE CHILDREN USED AS HUMAN GUINEA PIGS IN MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Medical experiments in which Jewish children were used as human guinea pigs have been performed in at least one Vienna hospital, it was revealed here today. International Refugee Organization officers and the Austrian Government have already been informed of the fact and have been asked to take action.

The experiments were discovered during a routine investigation by two Jewish doctors attached to the I.R.O. at the Steinhof hospital where some 60 DP children between the ages of two and six are confined with measles. One of the doctors observed a fresh dressing over an incision on the chest of a two-year-old Rumanian refugee.

When he asked an interne for an explanation, the I.R.O. inspector was referred to the chief of service, a Dr. Primarius Zikowski. Zikowski admitted that the incision was not connected with the treatment for measles, and, when pressed further, listed 20 operations including lumbar injections and skin grafts which were performed on the measles patients.

BRITISH JEWS PROPOSE SENDING DELEGATION TO VISIT SOVIET JEWISH COMMUNITY

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews today sent a message to the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee of Moscow asking that arrangements be made for a representative Anglo-Jewish delegation to visit the U.S.S.R. in order to develop closer contacts with Russian Jews.

The message was in reply to one from the Anti-Fascist Committee which expressed concern over the recent wave of anti-Jewish incidents in Britain. The Russian group's note also voiced its determination to cooperate with all democratic forces in eradicating all vestiges of fascism.

Home Secretary James Chuter Ede announced last night that he had turned over two cases of anti-Semitic incitement to the public prosecutor for criminal action. Ede made the announcement following a visit from representatives of the London Trades Council, representing some 650,000 trade unionists in the city, who called for a ban on all fascist and anti-Semitic activities in the country.

The Secretary, however, emphasized that it was of the utmost importance to guard against suppression of free speech. For many months Ede has been holding out against demands of public organizations and the press for legal action against anti-Semites and fascists and for the enactment of legislation barring anti-Semitism.

The two cases in which he promised legal action included the newspaper "Morning Visitor" which called for violence against the Jews during the week of anti-Jewish riots in many British cities this summer, and the case of one of the speakers at a fascist meeting in the Jewish-populated East End of London.

ANTI-SEMITES INVOLVED IN ABORTIVE PLOT TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT OF SLOVAKIA

PRAGUE, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- One of the major features of the recently discovered plot to overthrow the regime in Slovakia was its anti-Semitic character, a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent has established.

Checking the file of documents seized by the government when the plot was suppressed, the correspondent found that they contained a large number of anti-Jewish articles. Among the 142 plotters arrested were many professional anti-Semitic agitators attached to the Slovak Democratic Party. The situation in Slovakia is extremely tense. Thinly-veiled attacks on Jews are being published in Cas, organ of the Slovak Democratic Party.

SENATE IMMIGRATION GROUP WILL TOUR DISPLACED PERSONS CAMPS IN EUROPE NEXT MONTH

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Three members of the Senate Special Committee to Investigate Immigration Matters will leave Washington on October 12 or 13 for Frankfurt, Germany, to investigate displaced persons camps throughout Germany, Austria, Italy and to gather information for the study of immigration problems confronting the next session of Congress, it was learned today.

Senator Chapman Revercomb, Republican of West Virginia and chairman of the Senate's Standing Sub-Committee on Immigration, will be accompanied on the trip by Senators Forrest C. Donnell, Republican of Missouri and Howard C. McGrath, Democrat of Rhode Island, members of the Special Committee; Richard Arens, staff director of the committee and Thomas J. Davis, an investigator.

The Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organization has received \$1,000,000 from the now defunct UNRRA, it was announced today by UNRRA headquarters. The \$1,000,000 represents the unspent balance of funds which had been budgeted by UNRRA for its displaced persons operations.

IRO WILL CUT CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS TRANSPORTATION OF REFUGEES GOING OVERSEAS

GENEVA, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organization, threatened by a substantial operation deficit in the current fiscal year, has announced temporary changes in resettlement policies, limiting IRO's financial contributions for resettlement movements in most cases to displaced persons now receiving care and maintenance assistance.

William Hallam Tuck, executive secretary, announced that the new directive will not restrict those settlement projects involving no IRO contributions towards transportation costs, such as those financed by governments and private agencies. It will require that a major portion of the anticipated 200,000 displaced persons being resettled this year, shall be selected from the care and maintenance rolls.

Exceptions to the new ruling include three special categories: 1. Those unlikely to be accepted under mass resettlement schemes because of age, infirmity or other causes, provided that 50 percent of the total cost of movement is paid by individual friends or relatives and provided the movement overseas is carried out on an IRO chartered vessel. 2. Cases of exceptional hardship or humanitarian cases with or without outside contribution following headquarters approval. 3. Persons nominated under special "close relative" plans, such as the Canadian plan, provided that the movement overseas be made on an IRO-chartered vessel.

The new ruling applies only to those areas where displaced persons are maintained by the IRO.

ESTABLISHMENT OF "MIXED CAMPS" FOR JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH DP'S DISCUSSED IN ITALY

ROME, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- As a result of the recent influx of Jewish refugees into Italy, the heads of the Jewish DP Committee met with Magr. Andrew Landi, of the American National Catholic Welfare Conference and Spurgeom Keeney, chief of the IRO mission here, to discuss the possible establishment of "mixed camps" of Jewish and non-Jewish DP's. The results of the talks have not been made public.

20 ORPHANED JEWISH CHILDREN FROM EUROPE ARRIVE IN CANADA; VANGUARD OF LARGER GROUP

MONTREAL, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Twenty Jewish orphans, the first batch of refugee children being brought to Canada under the auspices of the Canadian Jewish Congress, have disembarked from the transport Aquitania at Halifax and are now on their way to various homes across the Dominion.

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ENROLLMENT IN ORT SCHOOLS IN EUROPE JUMPED 51 PERCENT SINCE BEGINNING OF YEAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- In the first six months of 1947 the enrollment in ORT schools throughout Europe jumped by 51 percent, with the number of students in Germany and Austria almost doubling, Louis J. Wolinsky, director of ORT operations in the latter countries, reported today.

Mr. Wolinsky, who has just returned from Germany where he visited briefly, told a press conference that 3,000 persons have already been graduated from ORT schools in Germany and Austria, and an additional 8,000 are now studying in 65 training centers, where they are acquiring a variety of skills. It is expected that more than 10,000 DP's will have been trained in ORT schools by the end of this year. Most of the students range in age from 14 to 30 years.

"The scope of the operations may be judged by the fact that an order for \$350,000 worth of supplies for Germany and Austria, largely for materials to be expended during the balance of the year, has just been placed," Mr. Wolinsky said. "This will augment the tremendous volume of supplies and machine equipment already brought into the ORT schools in Germany and Austria from other countries."

ARGENTINIAN COURTS BAR CITIZENSHIP TO JEWS BORN IN GERMANY

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Jews residing in Argentina who were born in Germany are barred from obtaining Argentine citizenship under recent rulings of the courts. The courts insist that they are to be lumped with other Germans who are forbidden to become citizens under a wartime order aimed at Germans and Japanese as enemy aliens.

EGYPT BOUGHT \$800,000 WORTH OF GOODS FROM PALESTINE DURING MONTH OF JANUARY

CAIRO, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Egyptian merchants bought more than \$800,000 worth of Palestinian goods since January 1, it was revealed today in commercial statistics published by the local press. These figures indicate that Egyptian mercantile houses do not adhere as strictly to the "anti-Zionist boycott" as Arab propaganda sources claim.

ARGENTINE CHRISTIAN GROUP ASKS U.N. TO ADOPT MAJORITY REPORT OF UNSCOP

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The Argentine Christian Pro-Palestine Committee today cabled the United Nations General Assembly urging that it adopt the recommendations contained in the majority report of the U.N. Special Committee on Palestine.

Although the Argentine press in general has not commented on the UNSCOP report, the *Peronist El Diario*, which recently assumed an anti-Zionist line, supports the Arab position as "entirely just" and asks that the fate of Palestine be decided by its present population. The openly anti-Semitic daily, *La Frontera*, charges that the Jews are provoking new difficulties in Palestine and that if they continue along the present path "they will one day again find themselves in crematoriums."

AGRICULTURAL SABBATH TO BE OBSERVED NEXT MONTH; SPONSORED BY SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Agricultural Sabbath will be observed this year on Saturday, October 4, the Sabbath of the festival of Succoth. During the Sabbath, sponsored jointly by the Synagogue Council of America and the Jewish Agricultural Society, all Jews are urged to give thought to their fellow religionists who derive a livelihood from farming.