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JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS TO MEET WITH MARSHALL; EVATT NAMED HEAD OF AD HOC COMMITTEE

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Jewish Agency will meet tomorrow, or within the next few days, with Secretary of State Marshall to discuss the U.S. stand on the Palestine question in connection with the action to be taken on the report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine by the Ad Hoc Committee elected this week. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will head the Zionist delegation.

The Ad Hoc Committee, composed of representatives of the 55 United Nations, held its first session today and elected Herbert V. Evatt of Australia as its chairman. The session decided:

1. To invite the Jewish Agency and the Palestine Arab Higher Committee to be represented at the deliberations of the Committee in order to supply such additional information on Palestine as the Committee may require.
2. To hear a statement on Palestine tomorrow from the British Government as the mandatory power. The statement will be delivered by Arthur Creech Jones, British Colonial Secretary.
3. The committee should fix its own deadline for filing new items for its agenda.

Before the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee opened, it was revealed that the Jewish Agency last week asked Secretary Marshall to meet with Dr. Silver and Moshe Shertok, but received no reply. However, a spokesman for the American delegation assured the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Marshall is ready to give Jewish representatives an opportunity to state their views to him as head of the American delegation, especially since he conferred this week on Palestine with the representatives of the Arab states.

American Spokesman Disavows Report State Dept. Bowing to Arab Pressure

Leaders of the Jewish Agency were especially anxious to meet with Marshall, in view of the alarming predictions this morning that the American delegation was inclined to heed Arab threats and to submit to the pressure of some American career diplomats, who allegedly are insisting that the U.S. delegation do nothing to alienate the Arab countries. These predictions created a gloomy atmosphere at the opening session of the Ad Hoc Committee especially since they were given as the views of an unnamed member of the American delegation.

Predictions were attributed in well-informed circles to George Wadsworth, adviser to the American delegation, whose pro-Arab views are well known. At the same time, a spokesman for the American delegation told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that most of the speculations which appeared in this morning's press were based either on misquotations of statements made to the press by a U.S. press liaison officer at the U.N., or have no basis at all. This disavowal, together with the fact that

Secretary Marshall agreed to meet with Jewish Agency leaders, relieved some of the tension among interested groups. However, much confusion is reported to have been created among delegations which had already made up their mind to support partition.

Official U.N. circles paid little attention to the predictions in today's press that the American delegation is inclined to minimize Marshall's declaration at the Assembly that the U.S. Government is giving "great weight" to the UNSCOP majority recommendation for partition. "Those kinds of predictions are to be expected since the Ad Hoc Committee is only starting its sessions," a U.N. official commented.

Opposition to the election of Evatt as chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee was expressed at today's session by Vladimir Simic of Yugoslavia, a member of the UNSCOP, who pointed out that Australia is a member of the British Commonwealth and has certain common interests with Britain. Simic was the only delegate who abstained from voting, and Dr. Evatt was elected without any other objection. Prince Subhasvasti Svastivat of Siam was elected vice-chairman and Thor Thors of Iceland was elected rapporteur.

The agenda of the Ad Hoc Committee as announced today contains the following three items: 1. The question of Palestine as originally proposed by the United Kingdom. 2. The report of the U.N. Special Committee on Palestine. Termination of the Mandate over Palestine and the recognition of its independence as one state, as proposed by Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

The Committee will decide tomorrow on a deadline for other items that may be added to the agenda after hearing the statement from Creech-Jones and a report from Judge Emil Sandstraem, chairman of UNSCOP.

ARAB MINORITY WOULD NOT BE DRIVEN FROM LAND IN PROPOSED JEWISH STATE, SAYS JNF HEAD

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine will not result in requisition of land belonging to its Arab citizens, Dr. Abraham Granovsky, managing director of the Jewish National Fund, declared here today at a ceremony commemorating the sixth anniversary of the death of Menachem Mendel Ussishkin, noted Zionist leader.

The first move of the Jewish authorities would be to improve the lot of the agricultural workers by improving the yield of the land through such projects as water resources development. Improving the yield of the land would make it unnecessary for a landowner to possess as much land as now in order to support his family and would eventually lead him to sell his excess land, upon which newly-arrived Jewish immigrants would be settled, Granovsky asserted.

He reported that 29 settlements were established on J.N.F. land during the past year and that some 16,000 acres were purchased by the organization. Approximately \$18,000,000 were contributed from America, Britain, Latin America and elsewhere during the year, but at the same time the J.N.F. invested \$24,000,000. Goldie Meirson, Jewish Agency political chief, and Tel Aviv Mayor Israel Rokach, who was recently released from detention, also spoke.

The Arab press today reported that on the eve of the British Cabinet's meeting on Palestine last week, the Arab Higher Committee sent a letter to Prime Minister Clement Attlee threatening an Arab "uprising" in the event that the U.N. accepts the recommendations of its Special Committee on Palestine. The letter also enumerated the Arab contributions to the Allied cause in the recent war and their "battle against fascism and Hitlerism."

SEVEN PALESTINIAN JEWS IMPRISONED FOR SOUNDING SHOFAR AT WALLING WALL ON YOM KIPPUR

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Seven of nine Jewish youths arrested yesterday at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services when a shofar was sounded at the Walling Wall in defiance of a police order were today imprisoned at the Latrun detention camp without trial. Among the reasons given for their imprisonment was refusal to submit to finger-printing.

In forcing their way through the masses of people, estimated at 5,000, to arrest the youths, the police used clubs and rifle butts. Violence was also used during the arrests and two of the detained boys were injured. The police were stationed in all adjoining streets and on roof tops overlooking the Walling Wall in preparation for the "violation" of the police order which has been in effect since 1931 and has been defied by Jews virtually every Yom Kippur. It was estimated that 25,000 Jews visited the Walling Wall just prior to and during Yom Kippur.

A pitched battle during which small arms, submachine guns and anti-personnel grenades were used took place in Rehovoth last night when a group of extremists attempted to beat up a member of the Haganah and his friends came to his support. The local police eventually joined the battle, which lasted an hour, and which ended when the dissidents fled. There were no casualties.

In another development in the underground struggle, the Haganah recovered and restored to their owner some \$14,000 worth of jewels stolen from a store in Tel Aviv September 9. Five armed young Jews this afternoon held up the owner of another diamond factory and escaped with about \$20,000 worth of gems.

David Ben Gurion, Siegfried Hoofien, director of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, Gad Frumkin, Jewish member of the Supreme Court, and Moshe Baharav, secretary of the League for Arab-Jewish Rapprochement, have received threatening letters signed by an Arab youth movement. This is the second death warning which they have received.

The Palestine Government has granted 25 immigration certificates to a group of Afghan Jews who are threatened with expulsion from India to which they fled from persecution in their native land.

AUSTRIANS SENTENCED FOR ALLEGED ANTI-SEMITIC RIOT; GOVT. ASKS SUSPENSION OF PRISON TERM

VIENNA, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Chancellor Leopold Figl and Foreign Minister Karl Gruber tonight called on Lieut. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, U.S. commander in Austria, urging revocation of the sentences imposed earlier today upon four persons accused of participation in an anti-Semitic demonstration.

The incident, which occurred at Bad Ischl on Aug. 26, was part of a demonstration called by women demanding an increased milk ration for their children. The demonstrators are alleged to have shouted anti-Jewish epithets, charging that the DP's received better rations by using dollars on the black market. The press of the Communist Party, to which the demonstrators allegedly belong, asserted that the persons arrested were anti-fascists who were simply seeking increased rations.

The alleged leader, a man named Zimpernik, who received a 15-year term, is reported to have spent four years in Nazi concentration camps. Three other defendants received terms of ten years, two years and six months, respectively. The government leaders told Keyes that the sentences might create "disturbances among the Austrian people." Gen. Keyes agreed to postpone execution of the sentences until after he had reviewed them.

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EXODUS REFUGEES REJECT BRITISH ULTIMATUM TO GO TO FRANCE OR GET CUT IN RATIONS

LUBECK, Germany, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The 4,400 Exodus refugees confined in the Poppendorf and Am Stau camps, near here, today flatly rejected a British ultimatum that they agree to be transferred to France, or have their daily ration of 2,800 calories reduced to the German ration of 1,500 calories.

Through leaflets, posters and loudspeakers, the British occupation authorities informed the deportees that the French people are ready to accept them, and that if they refuse the offer, "it will be quite clear that they remain in the British zone of their own free will." The authorities also said that the International Refugee Organization stood ready to assist the refugees and also offered to remove the barbed wire fences from the camps as soon as the internees agreed to submit to military screening.

Immediately after the announcement had been broadcast over the camp's public address system, scattered spontaneous demonstrations broke out. Many of the refugees ostentatiously tore up the leaflets, others laughed and sang, while large groups began singing Hatikvah. They shouted their refusal to agree to any proposal which did not provide for their transfer en masse to Palestine.

Refugee leaders interpreted the offer as "a feeble effort by the British to whitewash their inhuman actions before world opinion, and save their own conscience." They said that by making this "new offer," which they were certain would be rejected, the British hope to show the world that the refugees are remaining in sub-standard camps voluntarily, and also that the heavy military guard and the barbed wire remains only because of the refugees' refusal to submit to screening.

"The British know the offer we want," one spokesman said. "We want some kind of a plan which will get us Palestine certificates. If the British think that the threat of reduced rations will weaken us, they are sadly mistaken. It can only mean increased suffering and misery here, which might well lead to violence."

Foreign Office Says Refugees Have 10 Days To Accept Offer

LONDON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- A Foreign Office spokesman, denying today that the reduction of the Exodus refugees' rations was intended as a punishment for their refusal to go to France, revealed that the deportees had 10 days in which to accept the offer. He said that 1,500 calories was the normal ration for DP's in the British zone.

A statement issued by the Jewish Agency here termed the British offer a "provocation aimed at increasing the suffering" of the refugees. It said that the government was in error, if it believed it could dissuade the Jews from their desire to immigrate to Palestine by using threats and coercion.

GERMAN COURT ORDERS RETRIAL OF NAZIS WHO RECEIVED MILD SENTENCES FOR KILLING JEWS

BREMEN, Germany, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The German Court of Appeals in the British zone has reversed a lower court which had sentenced two Germans to eight and six-year terms, respectively, for the murder of several Jews during the 1938 pogroms. A new trial will be held within two months.

Jewish groups and German liberal and trade union organizations had protested the mildness of the sentences. Several thousand persons attended a protest demonstration in Bremen last May to urge revision of the court's verdict.

ANTI-SEMITISM INCREASING IN AUSTRIA AFTER EXPOSE OF MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS ON CHILDREN

VIENNA, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic propaganda in Vienna has increased sharply since the expose of unauthorized operations and medical experiments on Jewish refugee children by a doctor at the Steinhof Hospital here. Both officials and ordinary citizens have been accusing the Jews of attempting to destroy Austria by "lying" about Austrian doctors.

Apparently influenced by the anti-Jewish atmosphere, Mayor Theodor Koerner has cancelled a conference with David Brill, president of the Vienna Jewish Community, on the question of housing for Jewish repatriates, declaring that this was an "unfavorable time" to discuss the matter.

Meanwhile, the Austrian authorities have tightened the border controls aimed at keeping out Jewish refugees from Rumania, citing an old British protest against it and a Russian order prohibiting the movement of refugees through their zone of Austria. In the past, the Russian order has been more honored in the breach than in the observance, with the Russian authorities generally exhibiting no concern at the movement of Jews through their territory. A protest to Interior Ministry Oskar Helmer brought a denial that the government had ordered Jews turned back at the frontier, and the following day some 200 Rumanian Jews arrived here.

Harold Trobe, Joint Distribution Committee director in Austria, has released a statement that the medical inquiry commission which investigated J.D.C. charges against the Austrian doctor had substantiated all the facts as presented by the relief agency. He pointed out that the J.D.C. had at no time labelled the experiments an atrocity nor charged that the malpractices had occurred for racial reasons.

The J.D.C. director also asserted that the Austrian Government was not being held responsible for the incident. On the contrary, he pointed out that the J.D.C. had appealed to the government in full confidence that proper action would be taken by it.

JEW HURT WHEN PRO-NAZI SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALISTS ATTACK ZIONIST, COMMUNIST MEETINGS

JOLANNESBURG, South Africa, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- A Jew was severely beaten here when a gang of nationalist pro-Nazis attempted to break-up a Communist meeting and later attacked Zionist parley.

The nationalists set up an opposition meeting near the Communists and began singing religious songs and shouting anti-Semitic slogans, after which they attacked members of the audience at the Communist meeting. Beside the severely injured man, several others were also hurt.

The pro-fascists then marched in a body to another meeting hall where the Zionists were meeting and waited outside to attack the Jews as they left. However, the Zionists got wind of the ambush and a group of Jewish youths left the meeting first. After a short battle the nationalists fled, but a Jew who was pursuing them was halted by police. A number of isolated attacks on Jewish youths have taken place in the suburbs recently.

ATTEMPT MADE TO BOMB ARGENTINE SYNAGOGUE DURING YOM KIPPUR SERVICES; NO CASUALTIES

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- An attempt to bomb a synagogue in the city of Rosario during the Yom Kippur services was reported by the local press today.

The bomb, which was set in front of the synagogue, exploded when hit by a trolley car. Although it caused considerable alarm, the damage was slight and there were no casualties. The scene of the explosion is a short distance from a police station, but the bomb was unnoticed in the darkness.

EGYPTIAN POLICE GUARD CAIRO SYNAGOGUE AS THOUSANDS OF JEWS OBSERVE YOM KIPPUR

CAIRO, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Cairo police guarded the main synagogue here while thousands of Jews attended Yom Kippur services yesterday. It was reliably learned that the guard was provided to prevent Arab provocations and incidents as a result of the tense atmosphere which is developing here in the wake of the preliminary statements in the Palestine debate at the United Nations.

ARAB DELEGATION EXPECTED IN ARGENTINA ON MISSION CONCERNING PALESTINE QUESTION

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- An Arab delegation, consisting of representatives of the Arab Office and various Arab states, is expected to arrive here today on a mission which is related to the Palestine question.

ANOTHER JEW ARRESTED BY PARIS POLICE AS ALLEGED ACCOMPLICE IN "LEAFLET BOMBING" PLOT

PARIS, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Jacques Martinsky, allegedly an accomplice of Rabbi Baruch Korff, chairman of the American Political Action Committee for Palestine, in the so-called plot to leaflet-bomb London, has been arrested by the Paris police.

His arrest followed his being questioned by the police on two separate occasions. The first time he was released after being held for 24 hours. Martinsky is said to be the printer of the leaflets which were to have been scattered over the British capital from a plane.

LESS THAN 500 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ENTERED CANADA BETWEEN JANUARY AND JULY, 1947

MONTREAL, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Only 460 Jewish immigrants were admitted to Canada during the first seven months of this year, it was revealed in statistics released by the Federal Immigration Department. The same figures showed that some 26,500 immigrants of all faiths had entered the Dominion during the same period.

A special Jewish National Fund drive for \$400,000 to purchase 750 acres of land in the Negev has been launched here. It is proposed to build a city on the land. Samuel J. Zacks, president of the United Zionist Council of Canada, in a call to Canadian Jews to support the drive, pointed to Canadian Jewry's redemption of the Erez Hephher district and predicted that the Negev would become "the Palestine of the future."

J.D.C. HONORS MEMORY OF STAFF MEMBERS WHO DIED ABROAD; TWO PLAQUES DEDICATED

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The memory of several hundred men and women who gave their lives in the service of their fellow-Jews abroad while working with the Joint Distribution Committee, was honored on the eve of Yom Kippur with the unveiling of two bronze plaques at the world headquarters of the JDC here.

Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, a member of the JDC executive committee, officiated at the unveiling ceremony, dedicating the two plaques, one honoring the heroism of hundreds of deceased European staff members and volunteers--of whom no accurate tally can be made because of the systematic extermination of Jewish leadership during the Hitler era--and a second marking the memory of Americans who died overseas while in JDC service. Edward M.M. Wartburg, JDC chairman, spoke.

HEBREW THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OF CHICAGO TO CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY NEXT MONTH

CHICAGO, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Seventy Jewish communities throughout the United States will join in the observance of the Silver Anniversary of the Hebrew Theological College here, on Oct. 12. The affair will also mark the opening of a campaign for funds to expand the facilities of the college and establish new branches.