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U.N. PALESTINE COMMITTEE EFFERS LAST WEFK OF DEBATE; DELEGATES AWAIT U.S. STATEMENT

LAXE SUCCESS, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine is slated tomorrow to begin what it hopes will be the final week of debate on the Palestine problem.

The Committee marked time on Friday, hearing only Czechoslovakia and Lebanon, and it is not expected that the real debate will begin until the U.S. position is outlined. According to current reports, the Americans will present this government's stand some time between Tuesday and Thursday.

Britain is understood to still be maneuvering to secure a decision by the Ad Hoc Committee, which would relieve the British of the obligations of the Mandate, at the same time that it would allow them to remain in the country.

Members of the British delegation have been suggesting to the other delegates that since there are sharp differences of opinion and much confusion among the 57 delegations on the UNSCOP report, it would be advisable to adopt those sections of the report which were recommended unanimously and defer action on the disputed portions.

This would leave Britain in unlimited control of Palestine until the U.N. is in a position to enforce any decision it may ultimately make with regard to the final status of Palestine, since the 11 UNSCOP members all agreed on the immediate termination of the Mandate.

Ability of Arab States to Wage Revolt Scouted in Memo to Ad Hoc Committee

The ability of the Arab states and the Palestine Arab community to stage and maintain an armed revolt against any decision of the United Nations is challenged in a memorandum submitted to the United Nations today by the Nation Associates. The document was submitted to Secretary-General Trygve Lie for forwarding to the Ad Hoc Committee.

In a 77-page study of military, social, economic and political conditions in the Middle Eastern states, the nomercandum says that these countries together can harily muster 150,000 soldiers; that these are for the most part ill-trained, ill-squipped, ill-disciplined, undernourished. "There is no air force to speak of. There is no navy. There are few modern weapons, and fewer still who know how to use them. There is very little military, command, or combat experience. The only decently trained and equipped force is that numbering 24,000 known as the Transjordan Arab Legion. They have no arms factories and no replacements for their military equipment."

Their military strength apart, another factor which would make any revolt

against the UN impossible is the condition of the largest section of the populations," the memorandum says. It cites the following facts:

"1. Two percent of the population control the wealth and power of an area covering about 1,200,000 square miles in which some 36 million people live.

2. Illiteracy is staggering, ranging from 30 percent to 97 percent in some

countries. 3. The infant and child mertality rate is record-breaking in some countries. Fifty percent of the children die before their fifth year. Life expectancy in other countries is from 24 percent to 26 percent.

"4. Great areas which could be developed to support millions of people are

unused; a number of these countries are unpopulated.

"5. Mass poverty is added to by a taxation system which exempts the rich land-owning class and forces the majority of the populations to live under the subsistence level.

"6. The governments are corrupt and subject to no popular control, with 80 percent to 90 percent of all members of the Parliament coming from that upper strata

of two percent which controls the area."

The memorandum discloses that in two countries of the Middle East, Saudi Arabia and Yemen, slavery is recognized by law, and that in most of the Arab states women are bought and sold.

Hits Theory Arabs Will Cancel Oil Leases if U.N. Favors Jews

The memorandum scoffs at the threat that the Arabs will cancel the cil leases held by Anglo-American interests if the U.N. takes a decision favorable to the Jews. It points out withdrawal of the oil concessions is altogether unlikely since the "concessions benefit directly monarchs like Itn Saud and the middle classes in other Middle Eastern countries." The document cites the gains made by the Palestine Arabs in the fields of health and welfare services, education and earning power as a result of the colonization by Jews.

It concludes with a review of the strength of the Jewish defence force in Palestine, and says that if there is an armed Arab revolt, "it can only be because the Arabs are equipped and led by some outside power."

In a message to President Truman today, the left-wing Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, which has a membership of 60,000, called for a four-power temporary trusteeship over Palestine, with the U.S., Britain, the USSR and France as the trustees. It also called for the admission to Palestine of as many Jews as wish to enter the cour-

2,500 VISALESS JEWS FROM JEWISH STATE AND REDAMETION DEFORTED TO CYPRUS OVER WEEK-END

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Twenty-five hundred visaless Jews from the intercepted ships, Jewish State and Redemption, were deported over the week-end to Cyprus, while another 1,500 refugees aboard the Jewish State awaited transshipment within the next 24 hours.

Both the Jewish State and the Redemption, whose passengers were sent to Cyprus earlier, sailed from the Bulgarian port of Varna on Sept. 21, it was learned here. Immediately after passing through the Dardanelles, the two vessels were sighted by two British destroyers which followed them and which were later joined by six additional British warships.

Two Jews, Hans Loewenberg, and Walter Aladin, 40, were found murdered during the week-end near Ras Elain, in the vicinity of Petach Tikvah. Since the two were not robbed, it is believed, from tracks discovered at the scene of the killing that

Arab horsemen ambushed them and killed them for revenge. A member of an Arab band was killed last menth in a raid on Kfar Sirkin, where the two Jows lived.

Yesterday, British troops uprooted a grove belonging to A. Goldberg, of Glasgow, after an Army-type truck was blown up on a nearby road.

Representatives Frances Bolton and Chester Merrow, of the special consists of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, arrived at Lydda airport yesterday from Athens to study social movements, which will "out across national boundaries."

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN FOR PALESTINE POLICE CONTINUES DESPITE WITHDRAWAL ANNOUNCEMENT

LONDON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Despite Britain's recent announcement about withdrawing her troops from Falestine, the recruiting campaign for Palestine's police force continues unabated. Recruitment posters may be seen throughout the country and add appear in London and provincial papers.

Meanwhile, mystery surrounds the whoreabouts of Major Roy Alexander Farran. An "in absentia" toast was drunk to him last night at a celebration given in his honor. Although it is known that Farran left Palestine three days ago, immediately after a military court quashed charges of murder against him, his family today denied having any knowledge of his whereabouts.

There is some speculation that the Criminal Investigation Division is holding him incommunicade both for his own safety and also that information concerning the operations of the Jewish underground movement in Palestine may be obtained from him.

RABBI BARUCH KORFF, DETAINED FOR MONTH, RELEASED ON BAIL IN PARIS

PARIS, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Rabbi Baruch Korff, chairman of the American Political Action Committee for Palestine who has been detained here for a month in connection with an alleged Jewish plot to bomb London with leaflets, was released yesterday on bail.

BRITISH OFFICIALS ASK EXODUS CAMPS TO ESTABLISH JEWISH POLICE FORCE

LUBECK, Germany, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Armed guards and the barbod wire encircling the two Exodus camps near here--Poppendorf and Am Stau--will be removed within the next few days, it was learned here today. The British officials have already asked the camp committees to arrange for the setting up of a Jewish police force.

This latest development is interpreted here as being an admission by the British that their attempts to break the refugees' morals by screening have callapsed. It is generally believed that the British now hope that by allowing the Jova freedom of exit, they will eventually disperse. Doubt, however, has been raised concerning the amount of freedom that the Jews will be allowed in the British zone.

Last week's cut in food rations has left the refugees in the camps constantly hungry. Despite efforts by the Jewish relief agencies to make up for the lack of clothing supplies, many of the refugees in the two camps are cold and do not have sufficient clothing.

MG SENTENCES TWO JEWISE DP'S IN AUSTRIA TO TEN-YEAR TERMS FOR THREATFNING POLICEMEN

VIENNA, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Two Jewish DP's have been sentenced to ten years apprisonment by an American Military Government Court in Linz on charges of having breatened to use force against several Austrian policemen. The threats were allegedly made when the Jews were seized by policemen after they were caught stealing pears rom a farm.

During the course of the trial the prosecution demanded severe punishment for the two Jews "in order to show the Austrian people that the American military courts in Austria hand down sentences without regard to the defendent's political viewpoint remationality."

Meanwhile, Austrien police officials are investigating a letter sent to Dr. to Wolken, chief physician at the Rothschild Hospital who recently exposed the unuthorized medical experiments carried out on Jewish children at the Stoinhof Hostital. The letter was signed by the "S.S. Sturmstaffel Southeast." It read as follows: "We put you on our list and you know what that means."

ONSERVATIVE PARTY MOVE MAY SPUR LABORITES TO ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES

LONDON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- A resolution condemning fascism, which was adopted sterday by a Conservative Party conference at Brighton, may have the effect of purring the Labor Government to more active steps against fascist and anti-Semitic gitation, despite the fact that it was passed only as an afterthought to a resolution condemning Communism. Some part of the Government's reluctance to act is hought to be the fear that the Conservatives would attack any measures as "Social-stie" auths on freedom of expression.

The anti-Fascist resolution was pushed through after an uproar on Friday sight when Andrew Fontaine, one of the delegates, made an anti-Semitic address in connection with the Palestine problem. The speech was greeted with thunderous applause, but some of the other delegates strongly attacked Fontaine. As a result the conference decided to adopt a resolution concerning both Communium and fascism, instead of just the former.

Meanwhile, trade union and other groups are continuing to map plans to counter the growing fascist and anti-Semitic activities. The London Trades Council is meeting next Friday to consider proposals for mass action, including protest meetings and circularization of Members of Perliament. The London County Council, central administrative body for metropolitan London, will meet on Tuesday to vote on a resolution which says that "concerned with the best interests of the people of London, the Council views with grave concern the increasing activity of fascist organizations in London." The resolution calls on the Home Secretary to make anti-Semitism a criminal offense and outlaw fascist activities.

The fascists have been encountering some difficulty in holding meetings in recent days. A meeting in the London borough of Lembeth on Friday night was broken up by police after a half-hour when crowds attempted to drag the speakers from the platform. Spectators shouting anti-fascist slogans prevented the speakers from leaving until they were escorted by a police detachment.

Five fascists were arraigned in the North London magistrates court yesterday on charges of using brass knuckles in dispersing Jewish hecklers at a fascist meeting in Ridley Road, chief meeting place of the British League of Ex-Servicemen. The cases were adjourned until next Sunday.

CAMPAIGN RESULTS OF FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS ROST 326 PERCENT BETWEEN 1942-1946

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Central Jewish fund raising efforts - as exemplified by the campaigns conducted by federations and welfare funds in cities throughout the country - resulted in a 326.5 percent increase during the five year period ending December, 1946 it was revealed today in an analysis of the final totals achieved by 160 individual campaigns during this period made by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The study disclosed that these 160 member agencies raised nearly \$105,000,000 in 1946 as against \$50,000,000 in 1945, \$40,856,000 in 1944, \$33,240,000 in 1943, and \$24,620,000 in 1942.

The upward trend in welfare fund and federation fund raising during this period can be abscribed, according to the survey, to a combination of factors: the increasing recognition on the part of contributors of the urgency of overseas needs; the improved economic conditions in recent years; the steadily expanding sphere of interest of local central fund raising agencies as reflected by the inclusion in welfare fund budgets of a variety of causes that were previously supported by independent appeals; improved campaign organization; more widespread permanent year around local community organization; and increased taxes, especially during the war years, which were of advantage to tax-exempt philanthropic giving.

The upward trend of campaign goals was reflected by fewer campaigns for goals of less than \$100,000, and the tremendous increase in the number of campaigns seeking \$100,000 or more. In the \$100,000 to \$499,000 category, the number rose from 17 campaigns in 1942 to 78 in 1946. The \$500,000 and over campaigns grew from seven to 23 in that period.

The decline in the number of small contributors and the marked rise in the number of "upper" bracket or "big gift" contributions - \$100 or more - is revealed by statistics gathered after analyzing the results of 21 member agencies which have been reporting their campaign information since 1939. In that year these communities raised a total of \$1,288,427 from 34,869 contributors. The average gift per contributor amounted to \$36.95; there were 17 givers per 100 Jewish population.

In 1946 these 21 welfare funds and federations raised \$8,130,999 from 59,011 contributors. The average gift per contributor rose to \$137.79 and the number of givers per 100 population to 29. About 90 percent of the total raised by this group in 1946 was in the form of contributions of \$100 and over (a rise from 69 percent from 1939) and almost 63 percent of it came from contributions of \$1,000 and over. Contributions under \$10 yielded but one percent of the total.

B'NAI B'RITH ADL MAPS FIGHT ON RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- A three-point program of action against racial and religious discrimination in housing is being undertaken on a nationwide front by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The campaign, intended to stimulate public opinion against the segregation of minority groups and to erase racial and religious restrictive covenants in real estate deeds and leases, was outlined here today by Justice Meier Steinbrink of the New York State Supreme Court, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League. It includes:

1. Use of legal action, wherever possible, to test in court the League's contention that restrictive covenants and other discriminatory techniques in housing

iolate constitutional guarantees. 2. Support of legislation--federal, state and numicipal--designed to outlaw discriminatory agreements and practices. 3. Introduction of an adult educational program on the community, or "grass roots," level to acquaint the public with the evils of discrimination in housing and to mobilize the inherent fair play of the American people.

UPPREME COURT ASKED TO REAR CASE OF JEW SZEKING TO RECOVER PROPERTY SEIZED BY NAZIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress will file tomorrow brief with the United States Supreme Court urging it to hear the Arnold Bernstein ase instituted in the lower courts to recover property transferred under coercion y Nazi officials. The case involves the problem of restitution for wrongs which were inflicted upon Jews in Germany under the Nuremberg laws and whether forced transactions under the Nazi regime should be recognized as valid by American courts.

Arnold Bernstein is seeking to recover property which he was forced, under nuress, to transfer to Nazi officials who in turn sold it to a Belgian company, Van legghen Freres Societe Anonyme, a shipping line. Bernstein is seeking recompense from assets held by the Belgian firm in the United States.

The brief argues that it is unseemly for the Executive Department of the United States Government to press for restitution in Europe of illegally acquired Jewish property while American courts refuse jurisdiction of plaintiffs seeking such restitution in this country. The brief also points out that refusal by our courts to countenance such claims will adversely affect the negotiations and treaties now contemplated to effect restitution of Jewish property abroad.

J.S. JEWS SEND CIFT OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES TO SOVIET JEWRY; RABBIS GREET SHIPMENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The first gifts of religious articles sent by the Jows of the United States to Soviet Jewry left here this week on the S.S. Sergei Kirov, the American Jewish Council to Aid Russian Rehabilitation announced today. The shipment consisted of two sefer torahs and a substantial number of tfillen, churachin, sidurim, thilems, machzarim, tritzis and taleisim. In addition to the religious articles the shipment also included penicillin.

The Council released the names of many prominent rabbis who signed a greeting to the Soviet Jews on the occasion of the shipment. They included Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, president of the Rabbinical Council of America. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Dr. David de Sola Pool and Rabbi Louis I.

OVER 1,000 JEWISH DP'S TO BE RECRUITED FOR EMPLOYMENT IN CANADIAN CLOTHING INDUSTRY

MONTREAL, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Of the 2,114 displaced persons who are being recruited to work as tailors and seamstresses in the Canadian clothing industry half will be Jewish, according to an announcement released by the International Refugee Organization.

A five-man Canadian selection team is interviewing applicants in Lower Saxony where it is expected the majority of the British zone quote of 300 Jews will be recruited. Five hundred displaced persons will be accepted from the British zone and 400 Jews and 264 others from the United States zone with the remainder from Austria.

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