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U.S. CONSUL IN JERUSALEM CALLS IN PASSPORTS OF AMERICANS FIGHTING IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- United States Consul Robert Macatee today announced that he had been instructed to recall the passports of all Americans serving in a military capacity in Palestine. The consul's statement added:

"The United States government has informed the American Consulate General in Jerusalem that it has noted press statements indicating some American citizens, including some American veterans who are studying in Palestine under the GI Bill of Rights, have identified themselves with armed groups in this country and have participated in fighting and other activities related to the present disturbances in Palestine. Three American citizens have been reported killed in such activities.

"The American Consulate General has been instructed to announce the view of the United States government that American passports are not granted to American citizens for the purpose of proceeding abroad to enter foreign military service. The United States government most strongly disapproves of and opposes any interference or participating by American citizens in foreign political activities and especially of participation in foreign armed forces."

Jewish Agency Lauds U.N. Decision on Militia

The U.N. Implementation Commission's decision yesterday to recommend the adoption of the Jewish Agency's plan for the organization of a Jewish militia at the earliest opportunity was today hailed by an Agency spokesman here as "a step in the right direction." Enumerating other measures which might halt the bloodshed in Palestine, he urged the United Nations and the U.S. to bring diplomatic pressure to bear on the Arabs and said that an international police force should be sent to this country to augment the Jewish defense force, whatever form it took.

An appeal to "both Arabs and Jews" to halt the robbery of trains, particularly food trains, was issued today by the government food controller. Asserting that the robberies were creating a danger of a food shortage, he said that innocent men, women and children of both peoples might suffer.

Fighting on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border, which started early last night and lasted until nearly dawn today, erupted again this morning and cost the life of one Jew, Mitz Strauss, 33. A number of other Jews and Arabs were wounded before the two-pronged Arab attack was finally repulsed. The Arab bands operated from the Salameh quarter of Jaffa and the village of Abu Kibir.

A three-story house in the Jerusalem Katamon quarter was blown up by the Hagana shortly before noon. The building, which overlooks the fashionable Jewish Rehavia section, had been used as a snipers post by the Arabs. A party of Jews attacked the village of Yazur again today, killing at least one Arab. Yazur, an Arab town athwart the main Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road, was the scene last week of the killing

of seven Jewish settlement police in an ambush. Four Jewish-owned houses which were nearing completion on Mt. Canaan, near Safad, were blown up by Arabs, and a deserted Jewish National Fund structure along the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv railroad was also destroyed.

Five trains were held up in the last two days by Arab bands which made off with a large quantity of merchandise, including military supplies. Eight Arabs were arrested after one of the robberies and four Arabs in a second attempt.

BRITAIN REJECTS U.N. DECISION FOR EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITIA IN PALESTINE

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The British Government today notified the United Nations that recruitment of an armed militia will not be allowed in Palestine prior to the termination of the Mandate. Preparatory measures for the establishment of the militia would similarly be prohibited, except those compatible with previous statements of policy made by British representatives before the United Nations.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, head of the British delegation of the U.N., also served notice on the members of the Implementation Commission, warning them that they cannot enter Palestine prior to two weeks before the termination of the Mandate.

The attitude of the British Government, as conveyed by Cadogan, provoked heated arguments between members of the Implementation Commission and the British representative at today's closed session. As a result, it was understood that the door would be left open for further negotiations on the questions of U.N. preparations for the establishment of a militia in Palestine and on the time when members of the Commission should arrive in Palestine to implement the partition decision of the General Assembly.

Cadogan told the Commission that the British Government would order the return of the Arab Legion from Palestine to Transjordan before the termination of the Mandate and the Transjordan Frontier Force would also be disbanded. He declared that only arms in the hands of the police would be left for the regime which will succeed the British Administration in Palestine. The remainder of the military equipment, he said, would be disposed of by the army, but he did not elaborate.

Asked if the British will cooperate with the United Nations in the setting up of Provisional Councils of Government, Sir Alexander replied that his government will not impede the formation of such councils, but will not allow them to exercise any authority prior to the termination of the Mandate.

In response to the query whether the British propose to supply any arms or equipment to any groups in Palestine, the British representative replied that neither arms or military materiel were being supplied to any groups in the country except for the local police forces in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

To the question whether Britain is ready to accept responsibility for law and order in areas evacuated by British forces prior to the end of the Mandate, Cadogan answered in the affirmative. The British forces, he stated, will defend the whole of Palestine against any armed aggression prior to termination of the Mandate. After May 15th, they will resist attacks made against British forces only, or on their lines of communication, he said.

Members of the Commission asked Cadogan what the legal status will be of the British forces remaining in areas they continue to occupy after the Mandate's termination. The British representative replied that a directive on this matter is being issued to commanding officers concerned and copies will be given soon to the Commission.

CONGRESSIONAL GROUP SUBMITS REPORT ON RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS; ASKS MORE COORDINATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Greater coordination of the activities of voluntary relief organizations in the United States which are raising funds for aid abroad is urged by the House Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee on Displaced Persons in a report issued today.

The report recommends that the State Department "give consideration to systematizing and improving the gathering of information upon which the decisions are to be made concerning the allocation of resources among the various countries and the various programs." It urges that U.S. diplomats abroad should be charged with studying the activities of American voluntary agencies in each country, as well as the extent of the ability of each country to meet its social needs through the facilities of its own welfare agencies.

Citing Jewish relief agencies as an example, the report points out that the three major Jewish agencies for overseas relief -- the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the United Service for New Americans -- have integrated their efforts "through central planning and allocation" even after the re-clarifying of centralized governmental direction and are now joined in the United Jewish Appeal.

Attention Devoted to J.D.C. Activities and To Funds Sent to Palestine

The report devotes considerable attention to the activities of the J.D.C. It lists the countries where the J.D.C. operates and cites examples of its programs. It emphasizes that the J.D.C. maintains a staff of approximately 110 American welfare workers in Germany, Austria and northern Italy, and that it has provided thousands of tons of supplementary high energy foods for Jews in DP camps and other centers. It also points out that the J.D.C. provides for the mental and spiritual welfare of the needy Jews and has arranged vocational training programs for them.

Special attention is also paid in the report to the activities of the Hadasah, HIAS, the American Federation of Polish Jews and the American Biro-Bidjan Committee. It analyzes the operations of these voluntary groups.

In dealing with the assistance given by voluntary contributions from American Jews for Jewish work in Palestine, the report says that the United Palestine Appeal contributed \$43,400,000 in 1947 for Palestine activities. It adds that supplementary voluntary contributions by American Jewry for Palestine are being made through various organizations other than the United Palestine Appeal. Among these organizations, the report lists the Mizrahi, the National Committee for Labor Palestine, the Hadasah, the Federated Council for Palestine Institutions and the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The report emphasizes that the United Jewish Appeal maintains a relationship with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. "In principle, the most significant agencies of Jewish charity have maintained the same type of inter-relationship between overseas and domestic charities and welfare programs as was attained during the war years for charitable and welfare programs in general in the United States through the National War Fund," the report points out.

CZECH GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES JEWISH NATIONALITY FOR VOTING PURPOSES IN ELECTIONS

PRAGUE, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Jews resident in Czechoslovakia in 1930 who declared themselves of Jewish nationality in that year's census will be entitled to register and vote in the coming elections, it was announced here. Other persons who did not register as either of Czech or Slovak nationality in 1930 will not be entitled to vote, the announcement said.

JEWISH GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS \$6,000,000 TO I.R.O. FOR RESETTLEMENT OF DISPLACED JEWS

GENEVA, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The sum of \$6,000,000 will be turned over by the Swedish Government to the International Refugee Organization to be used for the resettlement of Jews who suffered from Nazi persecution, it was announced here last night by the Preparatory Commission of the I.R.O. now in session here.

The funds will be put at the disposal of the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee. They represent part of the German assets in Sweden which are to be transferred to the Allies as part of the reparations settlement.

AMERICAN JEWS, CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS SUBMIT JOINT PETITION TO U.N. TO OUTLAW GENOCIDE

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- More than 100 Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious leaders today joined in urging the United Nations to immediately adopt a genocide treaty to outlaw the mass destruction of national, racial and religious groups.

In a petition, presented to Henri Laugier, U.N. Assistant Secretary-General in charge of social affairs, the churchmen asked that the United Nations enact necessary legislation for prevention of this "heinous crime" which "undermines the very foundations of civilization; poisons human relations; spreads like a disease and kindles war."

The appeal was formally presented to Laugier by Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, president emeritus of Vassar College and co-chairman of the International Council of Christians and Jews, and by James N. Rosenberg, chairman of the Committee on Human Rights, National Conference of Christians and Jews. Rosenberg pointed out that the plea was being made because a decision on the final drafting of the genocide convention for presentation at the next General Assembly is expected to be considered at next week's Economic and Social Council sessions.

Terming genocide a "heinous crime," Rosenberg told Laugier that urgency in adopting the convention was obvious. "Right now," he explained, "Sikhs and Hindus are practicing genocide against Moslems. Moslems seek to retaliate. In Palestine and elsewhere in the Near East, genocide is threatened. In past times genocide--to mention an instance--destroyed millions of Christians in the Ottoman Empire and the Balkans. We need hardly refer to the infamous genocide by the Nazis."

In reply Laugier stated that he could assure "that the Human Rights Division which deals with this problem under my supervision has the deepest interest in this vital matter." He said it was his hope that the Economic and Social Council, which will discuss the matter early in February, will prepare the final draft of the convention to be accepted by the next General Assembly.

"This great effort by the member governments of the United Nations and the General Assembly, of which I have the honor to be a servant, will, I am confident, ultimately result in the establishment of an International Convention outlawing, once and for all, genocide," he declared.

Among those who signed the appeal are Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Rabbi Israel Goldstein, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio, Texas, Most Rev. Mark K. Carroll, Bishop of Wichita, Kansas, Rev. Charles A. Hart of the Catholic University of America, Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; Most Rev. Joseph Francis Rummell, Archbishop of New Orleans, La.; Dr. Julian Morgenstern, President Emeritus of the Hebrew Union College, and Walter W. Van Kirk, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

JEWS IN TEHRAN AND KUWAIT LIVE IN CONSTANT FEAR OF ARAB POGROMS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The members of the Jewish communities of Teheran, capital of Iran, and Kuwait, a British protectorate situated on the Persian Gulf, live in constant fear of Arab pogroms, it was revealed today in messages received here by national Jewish institutions. The message from Teheran disclosed that the Jews there have threatened to appeal to the Soviet Embassy for aid unless they received adequate government protection against lynch mobs.

Earlier, following receipt of news of the U.N. decision on Palestine, the Teheran Jews had unsuccessfully appealed to the authorities for protection against Moslem demonstrators. When no such protection was forthcoming, Jewish community leaders informed the authorities that there was no other road open to them than to seek the aid of the Russian Ambassador. Apparently the warning was heeded since police guards were soon dispatched to the Jewish quarter.

The message from Kuwait reported that in an Arab attack on the Jewish quarter a few weeks ago one woman was murdered and 67 persons were wounded, while 31 of the community's 55 houses were destroyed. The message from Kuwait appealed to the Jewish community of Palestine to do everything possible to prevent a pogrom similar to the one in Aden, in which some 75 Jews lost their lives. An earlier outbreak took place following the U.N. decision on Palestine in which many Jews were wounded and robbed.

There was no further trouble until the Iraq radio broadcast several programs inciting the Arab population to renewed attacks. As a result the only synagogue in Kuwait was destroyed, the Torah was desecrated and all Jewish-owned shops were looted.

STATE DEPARTMENT WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING JEWS IN ARAB COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today received assurances that the United States Government is closely observing developments affecting Jews living in Arab countries.

Replying to a communication from Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the World Jewish Congress, in which he expressed concern for the lives and property of Jews residing in Moslem states, Robert Lovett, Under-Secretary of State, wrote that the State Department "is receiving reports from its representatives concerning developments and will continue to follow the situation." All possible and proper measures are being taken by American diplomatic and consular representatives for the protection of American lives and property in the Near East, Mr. Lovett stated.

Discussing the situation of non-Americans, Mr. Lovett's letter said: "While the protection of Jewish communities in countries which are members of the Arab League is, of course, the responsibility of the governments of those countries, the Department of State is fully aware of the potential dangers of the situation. I am confident that the governments of these countries recognize their responsibility in this respect in view of assurances received by the Department that adequate protection will be accorded."

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL IN CANADA PROCLAIMS \$3,750,000 DRIVE FOR 1948

MONTREAL, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- A \$3,750,000 goal has been set for the 1948 United Palestine Appeal in Canada, according to an announcement made here today by Hyman Grover, national U.P.A. chairman.

Mr. Grover, who is also treasurer of the Zionist Organization of Canada, declared that the goal had been set in response to a call by Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, who recently visited Montreal to help meet the Agency's large-scale program for immigration, colonization and security. Grover expressed confidence that Canadian Jewry will meet the challenge and reach the quota set.

U.S. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSES CONDITION OF JEWISH REFUGEES IN FRANCE WITH U.J.A. DELEGATION

PARIS, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The condition of the 30,000 Jewish refugees in France who are awaiting resettlement opportunities was discussed today by U.S. Ambassador Jefferson A. Caffery and the 35 American Jewish leaders who are making a tour of inquiry in Europe and Palestine in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. The discussion took place at a reception at the American Embassy in honor of the delegation.

The delegation members, who represent communities in Los Angeles, St. Louis, Detroit, Denver, Kansas City, Des Moines and other cities, are spending their four-day stay in France visiting hospitals, orphanages, vocational training centers and other projects supported by the Joint Distribution Committee.

U.S. BANKS URGED TO OPEN BRANCHES IN PALESTINE; ROKACH REPORTS ON PALESTINE ECONOMY

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- "The new Jewish state in Palestine will look to America to supply it not only with additional capital, but also with techniques, industrial skills, and machinery," Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv last night told a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria, attended by more than 200 industrialists, bankers, professional and business men. The dinner was arranged by the American office of the Koron Hayesod.

"Palestine needs so much to create a balanced economy to absorb the hundreds of thousands of new immigrants in the next years," said Mayor Israel Rokach, "that it is impossible to give anything but an overall picture of her immediate economic requirements. However, the first thing that comes to mind is housing. The scale of such a project is so vast that the new State must seek substantial aid in this direction. One of the requisites is the possibility of obtaining long term capital at low interest rates, and for this, existing Palestine banking institutions and new instruments to be created, must have substantially larger funds at their disposal."

Mayor Rokach also pointed out the fact that no American bank has branch offices in Palestine or any other country of the Middle East and stated that in his opinion, American bankers were not taking full advantage of important business. At the present time banking is handled principally by British interests in this whole area.

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES APPROPRIATIONS OF \$5,828,000 FOR FEBRUARY

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee today announced February appropriations of \$5,828,000 for relief, reconstruction and resettlement operations.

Emanuel Boronstein, of Waban, Mass., sailed for Buenos Aires, Argentina, to assume his new duties as assistant director in Latin America of the Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced today by Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman. Before joining the JDC, Mr. Boronstein was executive director of the New England Zionist Region. He also served with the War Refugee Board, American Red Cross and the Jewish Welfare Board.

URI ZVI GREENBERG AWARDED BIALIK PRIZE; TURNS MONEY OVER TO CHILDREN IN OLD CITY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Uri Zvi Greenberg, noted Hebrew poet, today received the Bialik Literary Prize for poems published during the last two years. Greenberg said he was contributing the prize money - \$400 - to aid the Jewish children besieged in the Old City here.

DR. PHILIP HILKOWITZ, PRESIDENT OF JEWISH CONSUMPTIVES RELIEF SOCIETY, DIES

DENVER, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Philip Hilkowitz, founder and for many years president of the Jewish Consumptives Relief Society here, died today at the age of 74. Born in Lithuania, Dr. Hilkowitz was a noted pathologist.

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