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BRITAIN WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH JEWISH IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE AFTER MAY 15

LONDON, April 21. (JTA) -- The British Government announced today that British authorities in Palestine would have no responsibility for the control of Jewish immigration to Palestine after May 15. The announcement was made by Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Christopher Mayhew in Commons.

Mayhew said that any action taken by the British military commander in Palestine after May 15 would be confined to protecting British forces in the country and ensuring their orderly evacuation. Mayhew made the statement in reply to a question by Benn Hall, M.P., whether British ships will continue their blockade of Palestine after the Mandate ends.

"Jewish authorities in Palestine have decided to evacuate the Hadassah hospital," as a result of Arab attacks on medical convoys in the Mt. Scopus area, Mayhew announced. Reporting on the recent massacre of Jewish medical personnel en route to the Hadassah hospital last week, he said that British troops in the area sped to the scene of the attack immediately after it began and rescued many members of the convoy in which Dr. Chaim Yasski and 53 other Jews perished.

A statement by Foreign Secretary Bevin on Palestine, which was expected to be presented to Commons today, has been postponed for one week, a Foreign Office spokesman said. The statement had been described as a declaration of Britain's future policy on Palestine, as well as a reply to a question under what circumstances Britain would be prepared to continue to exercise authority in Palestine after the Mandate's termination.

Well-informed sources expressed the belief today that there is very little likelihood the British Government would agree to share responsibility for Palestine's security with the U.S. under the terms of the U.S.-proposed interim trusteeship plan for Palestine. These same sources said this decision has already been communicated to Washington.

U.S. WANTS ACTION ON ITS TRUSTEESHIP PLAN; U.N. COUNCIL DEFERS DECISION ON JERUSALEM

LAKE SUCCESS, April 21. (JTA) -- A resolution to refer the American trusteeship plan for Palestine to the Trusteeship Committee of the General Assembly "for study and recommendations to the Assembly" was presented at today's session of the Political Committee by U.S. delegate Dr. Philip C. Jessup.

Decision on the resolution was postponed by the Political Committee after chairman T.F. Tsiang ruled that no vote could be taken because the resolution had not been circulated a full day before the meeting, as provided in the rules of procedure.

At the same time, the U.N. Trusteeship Council today adopted a resolution postponing further action on the draft statute for Jerusalem and the appointment of a U.N. Governor-General for the internationalized city. The resolution, proposed by

the United States and amended by Belgium, refers the question of formal approval of the draft statute for Jerusalem to the General Assembly "for such further instructions as the Assembly may see fit to give."

Virtually freezing the work accomplished by the Trusteeship Council on the U.N. decision to declare Jerusalem an international city under the supervision of a United Nations Governor, the resolution emphasized that the Council "completed its discussion on the draft statute" and considers that "the statute is now in satisfactory form." However, the Council will not take any action on it, "unless and until instructions are received from the General Assembly," the resolution said.

The Australian representative strongly objected to the resolution and moved that the Council meet again next Wednesday "to take action with regard to the statute for the City of Jerusalem." His motion, however, was defeated by a tie vote of three to three, with four abstentions. The Council then adjourned, pending a possible call by the president for an additional meeting.

Jewish Agency Rejects American Trusteeship Plan for Palestine

The Jewish Agency in a memorandum made public today emphasized that "no improvement on the U.S. proposals can make them a useful starting point in the quest for a political settlement." Analyzing the American trusteeship plan, the Agency memorandum warned against the pitfalls ahead and the endless chain of enforcement this plan would involve against the will of both Jews and Arabs.

"The question arises whether member states who were unwilling to use their forces to establish independence for Jews and Arabs within authoritatively defined limits will now commit their forces to military rule of 'indefinite duration' for the purpose of suppressing aspirations for independence recently approved by the United Nations," the Agency document stated.

Although the Jewish Agency memorandum is not a direct statement on the position which the Jews of Palestine will take with respect to a trusteeship decision by the General Assembly, the observations and criticism expressed therein are of such a nature as to leave no doubt of the Agency's opposition to the U.S. trusteeship plan.

Jews Ready to Cease Fire If Arabs Do, Ben Gurion Cables to U.N.

Meanwhile, Moshe Shertok today transmitted to the Security Council the text of a cable received earlier from David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency, which reads: "We informed the High Commissioner on April 10 that if Arabs cease fire, we shall act likewise. So far we have received no intimation from the High Commissioner that Arabs agreed. In fact, attacks continue without respite, particularly in Jerusalem. If fire ceases throughout the country, we shall naturally refrain from shooting."

A spokesman for the U.S. delegation announced today that the U.S. would demand the immediate creation of a United Nations Palestine truce commission by the Security Council, with possible enforcement measures. The spokesman said that the U.S. will present its demand to the Security Council on Friday.

Meanwhile, Syria today became the first Arab state to voice support for the U.S. trusteeship plan. Syrian delegate Faris el Khouri, speaking at the Assembly's Political Committee session, said, however, that the U.S. suggestion that trusteeship for Palestine be administered by the U.N. as a whole was "absurd." He proposed instead that one, two or three member states be named trustees and charged with responsibility for the plan's enforcement.

JEWS AND ARABS OPEN FIERCE BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF HAIFA AFTER BRITISH FORCES WITHDRAW

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- Jews and Arabs opened a fierce battle for the control of Haifa today following the almost complete evacuation of British forces from the city. The British are reportedly holding the port and oil refinery areas, as well as a narrow strip of corridor from military headquarters on Mt. Carmel to Haifa port. No details were immediately available on the fighting, which terse dispatches described as "bitter."

The International Red Cross committee in Palestine announced today it will establish soon a "neutral zone" in Jerusalem accommodating 15,000 Jewish and Arab men and children. The zone will be located in the area stretching from the King David Hotel to the Franciscan building Terra Sancta, it was disclosed.

The committee also revealed that it was negotiating with neighboring Arab states in an effort to have them agree to adhere to the Geneva convention on warfare. Earlier, it was revealed in Geneva that the Jewish Agency and the Arab Higher Committee had agreed in writing to abide by the Geneva rules of war.)

Reports from northern Palestine said a strong Haganah detachment has launched an attack against the Nebi Yousha police station, which was recently transferred by British police officials to the Arabs. Early dispatches said a fierce battle was raging, with heavy losses on both sides. The police station is a strategic point in the Galilee sector, overlooking the main highway from Lebanon to Palestine.

An Arab band attacked a group of Jewish workers at Ramat Hakovesh, just outside the Arab Tulkarm-Nablus-Jenin triangle in central Palestine. Four Jews and five Arabs were killed.

Commenting on the ex-Mufti's arrival in Amman today to confer with King Abdullah, a Jewish Agency spokesman said that the Transjordan capital had recently become the most important center of Arab activity and added that there are increasing signs that Abdullah, despite his utterances of good will towards the Jews, is preparing to take a decisive role in the Palestine struggle through the intervention of his crack Arab Legion.

U.S., BRITAIN DISCUSSING VARIOUS SOLUTIONS FOR PALESTINE PROBLEM, LOVETT DECLARES

WASHINGTON, April 21. (JTA) -- The United States and Britain have been discussing various methods for dealing with the Palestine problem, Acting Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett declared today at a press conference. He declined to state specifically, however, whether the discussions centered around a suggestion that British troops remain in Palestine after May 15 in order to maintain order there until a U.N. solution for the problem is reached.

The announcement by Sen. Warren Austin yesterday at Lake Success that the U.S. would be willing to join with other countries to send troops to police Palestine was sharply criticized on the floor of the House today by Reps. Lawrence Smith (R.-Wisc.), W.R. Poage (D.-Texas) and Rep. Emanuel Celler (D.-N.Y.).

Pointing out that the President could not send troops abroad without Congressional approval, Smith said President Truman "ought to talk to Congress" before he makes such commitments. Poage asserted that the American people should be consulted "before we send our boys to die in foreign lands." Celler said the Jews of Palestine could defend themselves "if given a chance" and predicted that 50,000 Jewish war veterans would volunteer to aid the Haganah if necessary. He also appealed for the lifting of the Palestine arms embargo.

FRENCH DESTROYERS SEARCHING FOR JEWISH VESSEL OFF TOULON RETURN TO BASE; FIND NOTHING

PARIS, April 21. (JTA) -- Three French destroyers which have been cruising around the Toulon area in search of a Jewish vessel reportedly carrying arms or visaless immigrants to Palestine returned to their base today without discovering anything outside of empty oil cans floating in the water where the vessel was allegedly loaded.

A Foreign Office spokesman today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that France is in favor of setting up an international police force to maintain law and order in Jerusalem after May 15. He said that the U.S., British and French delegations to the United Nations had already agreed "in principle" to such a plan, but no final agreement has been worked out.

SUPREME BRITISH LEGAL BODY RULES AGAINST RETURNING CONFISCATED JEWISH IMMIGRANT VESSEL

LONDON, April 21. (JTA) -- An appeal against a decision of the Haifa District Court forfeiting a vessel used in 1946 to transport 733 visaless Jewish immigrants to Palestine to the Palestine Government was dismissed here today by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. The vessel, "Asya," flew the Turkish flag at the time of its interception and belonged to Haim Molvan, who made the appeal.

Eleven men who were last week reported arrested by Greek police after they landed on the island of Rhodes in four planes en route to Palestine include three London Jews and a Palestinian, it was reported here today. The other seven fliers are American veterans of the last war. One of the British Jews is Maurice Mann, a 5-year-old R.A.F. veteran.

MEMBER OF JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE DETAINED ON ARRIVAL IN LONDON FROM PALESTINE

LONDON, April 21. (JTA) -- S.Z. Shragai, member of the Jewish Agency executive, was detained last night for half an hour when he arrived here by air from Palestine. His release came only after a long, involved argument with and detailed questioning by an immigration official.

Although the official indicated that the delay was occasioned by a new regulation concerning visitors from Palestine, which he said would be issued today or tomorrow, the Home Office today denied knowledge of such a regulation. However, authorities indicated that all persons arriving from Palestine have been subjected to careful scrutiny for some time.

SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO PALESTINE IS BARRED BY CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, FOREIGN MINISTER STATES

MONTREAL, April 21. (JTA) -- A suggestion last week by Norman Jaques, anti-semitic deputy, that the Canadian Government ban the solicitation of Zionist funds for Palestine today brought forth a disclosure from the office of External Affairs Minister St. Laurent that Canada has not granted any export licenses for the shipment of arms and ammunition to Palestine.

St. Laurent's office said that no arms or ammunition could be exported from Canada without a government permit and added that under present exchange regulations no Canadian funds could be transferred abroad for the purchase of arms and ammunition for Palestine.

FIRST GROUP OF HUNGARIAN YESHIVA STUDENTS ARRIVES IN BRITAIN UNDER AGUDAH AUSPICES

LONDON, April 21. (JTA) -- A group of 19 Hungarian Yeshiva students, the first contingent of a total of 50 who will be brought to Britain by the Agudas Israel, arrived here last night, accompanied by Rabbi Lt.-Col. A. Duschinsky, of Budapest. The 50 students were selected by Rabbi I.H. Semiatitzky, a member of the Agudah World Executive, on a recent visit to Hungary.

ALLIED WAR CRIMES COMMISSION CONCLUDES OPERATIONS; 900 NAZIS SENTENCED TO DEATH

NUREMBERG, April 21. (JTA) -- About 900 European war criminals, of a total 3,470 brought to trial since the war's end, have been sentenced to death. It was reported here today at the winding up of the operations of the Allied War Crimes Commission.

The Commission has completed listing the names of 40,000 persons charged with war crimes, both in Europe and the Far East. Two of its major achievements, from the long-range view, have been the acceptance of the principle that the launching of a war of aggression is a criminal act for which individuals can be held accountable, and that the acceptance of "superior orders" by individuals does not excuse them from war crimes responsibility.

ROMANIA ALLOCATES \$250,000 FOR JEWISH HOSPITALS; WILL PAY TEACHERS' SALARIES

BUCHAREST, April 21. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government has allocated close to \$50,000 this year for the country's Jewish hospitals, a Jewish delegation, headed by Leibovici-Serban, secretary-general of the Federation of Jewish Communities, was informed today by Minister of Finance Vasile Luca.

Luca also told the Jews that in the next fiscal year, the government would pay the salaries of all teachers in Jewish schools. The problem of meeting the teachers' salaries has been a source of major concern to the Jewish community.

Meanwhile, Dr. Moses Rosen, deputy Chief Rabbi of Rumania, was sworn in at a ceremony presided over by Prime Minister Petru Groza, which was attended by representatives of all religious communities in Rumania. Groza stated that the new Rumanian constitution has abolished the preferential treatment hitherto granted to the Greek Orthodox Church, which was the state religion when Rumania was a monarchy. All religious denominations are now equal, he declared. Dr. Rosen expressed the deep loyalty of Rumanian Jewry to democracy and the Rumanian Republic.

POLISH GOVT. ORDERS RETURN OF NAZI-UPROOTED JEWISH TOMBSTONES TO NEARBY CEMETERIES

WARSAW, April 21. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Justice has ordered German POW's to assemble Jewish tombstones in the town of Sierpce and return them to the nearby Jewish cemetery from which they were uprooted and scattered in the streets of the town by Germans during the war. The Ministry acted on the request of the town's surviving Jewish population, which numbers five persons.

At the request of the Lublin Jewish Committee, the government has also ordered the return of Jewish tombstones, which have lain in the streets of Zamosc since the Nazi occupation, to the adjoining ancient Jewish burial place. There are no longer any Jews living in Zamosc, a town near Lublin, whose pre-war population was chiefly Jewish.

ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP IN CUBA PLASTERS JEWISH STORES WITH RACIST LEAFLETS

HAVANA, April 21. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic leaflets have begun to appear in public places and have been plastered on the windows of Jewish-owned stores. Released and distributed by the "Accion Cubana Anti-Judia" (Cuban anti-Jewish Action), the circulars urge all Cubans to fight against "Jewish imperialism" and stress that "Jews do not love our fatherland."

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF JEWISH SOCIAL WORK OPENS TODAY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- The Fourth International Conference of Jewish Social Work will open here tomorrow with delegates from various countries participating in the deliberations. The parley will recess after its first session to resume in Atlantic City May 13.

Speakers at tomorrow's meeting include: Dr. A. Katznelson, of the social service department of the Jewish National Council of Palestine; Louis H. Sobel, president of the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare, and Harry Greenstein. Dr. Maurice J. Karpf who will review the first three international conferences -- held in 1928, 1932 and 1936 -- will preside.

ALLIANCE ISRAELITE REPORTS EXPANSION OF ACTIVITIES; HAS 47,000 CHILDREN IN ITS SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- An additional 5,000 children were enrolled during the past year in schools maintained by the Alliance Israelite Universelle in North Africa and the Middle East, bringing the total number of students at present in Alliance schools to 47,000, it was reported here at the annual meeting of the American Friends of the Alliance by Jules Braunschvig, vice-president.

During the past year, Braunschvig disclosed, the organization's vocational training program in Jerusalem was expanded, a school jointly operated by the Alliance and the Orit was opened in Casablanca and agricultural training farms in Palestine and Morocco were launched. The organization receives some of its funds from the Joint Distribution Committee for use in North Africa and from the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions for use in Palestine.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND AND HAGANAH REACH AGREEMENT ON PROTECTION OF NEGEV SETTLEMENTS

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- Effective measures designed to safeguard existing Jewish settlements in the Negev area of Palestine against Arab attack have been taken as a result of an agreement worked out between Haganah and the Jewish National Fund, it was announced here today by Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the J.N.F. in the United States.

A total of \$9,200,000 was allocated by J.N.F. headquarters in Jerusalem for the defense program, which includes the setting up of additional colonies in the Negev to serve as links between established settlements and the extension of water pipelines to strategic points in the desert. The J.N.F. has been assigned total financial responsibility for all Negev undertakings in the near future, which includes the construction of a city.

U.S. CHARGED BY HADASSAH LEADERS WITH SECRET MANIPULATIONS AGAINST PARTITION DECISION

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- Charges that the U.S. State Department is using its resources "behind closed doors" to achieve support for its anti-partition position were voiced here last night at a mass meeting called by Hadassah at the Manhattan Center. The meeting also featured a memorial to Dr. Haim Yassky, late director of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Palestine, who was killed by Arabs last week.

Hadassah leaders who recently returned from Palestine declared that the Jewish Government in Palestine is a fact and that it has already begun to exercise its powers in the areas allotted the Jews by the original U.N. partition decision. Partition could have been achieved with very little bloodshed, they reported.

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