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PALESTINE JEWS CALL COUNTRY-WIDE GENERAL STRIKE TO PROTEST NEW DEPORTATIONS TO CYPRUS

HAIFA, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- A country-wide general strike to begin at noon Sunday was proclaimed today by the Jewish National Council to protest the deportation to Cyprus of 1,279 visaless Jews who were forcibly removed this afternoon from the sinking blockade runner San Dimitrios, which was escorted into Haifa harbor this morning lashed to a British mine sweeper.

The transfer of the refugees, among whom were 481 women and several children, was marked by violence and shrieks of protest. Six of them were beaten unconscious by steel-helmeted troops and one girl was dragged down the gangplank screaming "Let me go, let me go." The deportees shouted anti-British slogans and many of them sang Hatikvah.

The port area was sealed off from the rest of the city by thousands of troops to prevent a demonstration of several thousand Jews from reaching the dock where the Dimitrios--renamed the Latrun--was moored. Headed by a man carrying a black flag the Jews marched toward the docks after a protest meeting in the Hadar Hacarmel quarter. Confronted by soldiers carrying placards reading: "Disperse or We Will Open Fire," they dispersed without incident.

The *Latrun* had been off the Palestine coast for almost a week, searching for a hole in the British blockade. According to reports here, the passengers and the crew had been virtually without food or water for the past three days. The refugees were in difficulty several days ago when the ship passed Cyprus and sent out an SOS for food and water, but their appeal was ignored.

Deportees Will Be Landed in Cyprus on Anniversary of Balfour Declaration

The *Ocean Vigor* and the *Empire Heywood* to which the deportees were transferred were expected to arrive in Cyprus during the night and the visaless Jews will be disembarked tomorrow, the 29th anniversary of the issuance of the Balfour Declaration, promising the Jews a national home in Palestine.

Meanwhile, a Jewish lawyer named David Gotein, acting on behalf of Walter Frankenstein, a passenger aboard the *Latrun*, secured a habeas corpus order this morning from the Palestine High Court, directing the Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, the British commander in Palestine and the officer in charge of the Haifa port to show cause why the deportation of Frankenstein should not be halted. Gotein was engaged by the refugee's brother who resides in Rishon Le-Zion.

The attorney told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he expects to file similar writs as soon as he ascertains the names of other passengers who were on the *Latrun*. His move has aroused great interest here, since this is the first time that the legality of the deportations has been challenged. If successful, it might furnish an effect-

ivo legal bar to future deportations. Gotein said that he did not expect to halt the deportation of Frankenstein, since the authorities could claim that they did not receive the writ in time or did not know that he was aboard the Cyprus-bound vessels.

Two Soldiers Killed In New Blast; Train Derailed

Two soldiers were killed last night when their jeep struck a land mine near Kfar Sirkin and two were wounded, according to a press release by the Palestine Government. This contradicts earlier reports that the two were killed in an alleged attack by Ir-gun members on the Ras el Ain airfield near Kfar Sirkin.

At dawn today a land mine exploded under the rail bridge between Benyamina and Hadera, midway between Haifa and Tel Aviv, derailing a freight train. About the same time a military truck was wrecked without casualties when it passed over a land mine in the vicinity of Petach Tikvah.

The Haganah radio "Voice of Israel" tonight again condemned terrorism, stating that its slogan was not "Death to the British" but "Rescue the Jews." It said that the results of the Congress elections showed that the majority of Palestine's Jews were opposed to the extremist organizations.

JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS MAY BE RELEASED FROM PALESTINE DETENTION CAMP ON MONDAY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government may release the detained members of the Jewish Agency-executive on Monday, it was learned here today. Official circles refused to confirm the date of the release, but indicated that there is "a reasonable possibility" that they will be freed shortly.

The government today informed the Nathanya municipality that it has suspended its grant-in-aid to the Jewish township as a result of the municipality's contribution to the fund initiated by the Vaad Leumi to aid "unauthorized" Jewish immigration.

Two new Jewish settlements were established in Palestine yesterday bringing the number of Jewish colonies established during the past month to 16. One of the new settlements is situated on the site of the Biblical city of Daberath, along the strategic road to Damascus, which is mentioned in the Book of Joshua. The bulk of the settlers are veterans of the British Army.

EGYPT, IRAQ TAKE STEPS TO CHECK ANTI-ZIONIST BALFOUR DAY DEMONSTRATIONS

CAIRO, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Police today surrounded the headquarters of the Moslem Brotherhood here in order to prevent a meeting of leaders of Moslem youth groups called to organize a general strike tomorrow on the 29th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration.

A report from Bagdad says that the government of Iraq today published a communique ordering the closing of all government offices tomorrow and proclaiming the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration as a day of mourning throughout the country. The governor of Bagdad has forbidden the public assembly tomorrow of more than five persons.

Anti-Balfour meetings will be held tomorrow by Arabs in Syria, according to information received here. Jewish leaders in Egypt today told the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that they do not believe that any anti-Jewish outbreaks will take place in Cairo or Alexandria, since the authorities are determined to maintain order.

FASCIST UNDERGROUND IN POLAND HAS "PENAL CODE"; POLES WHO AIDED JEWS ARE PUNISHED

WARSAW, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The existence of a "penal code" drawn up by the fascist underground in Poland, providing for punishment for Poles who harbored Jews during the Nazi regime, was discovered here with the arrest of a number of members of the "Orlik" band.

Police found a document on the leader of the band which stated that one Jan Karczewski had been fined 50,000 zlotys for "friendliness toward Jews" and had been threatened with heavier fines if he continued to have relations with Jews. All the arrested members of the "Orlik" band were discovered to be members of Vice-Premier Stanislas Mikolajczyk's Peasant Party.

Henryk Libensfreund, a Jew, was kidnapped this week from a train which had stopped at a small station near the city of Radomsk and no trace of him has been found. He was en route to Cracow from Warsaw where he had made arrangements through the Joint Distribution Committee to join relatives in the United States.

Police in Wroclaw are investigating the explosion of a bomb near a Hashomer Hatzair training center in the city. It has not yet been established whether the bomb was planted by fascists or whether it was an unexploded shell which fell during a sharp engagement in the area in the last days of the war in Poland.

RESTITUTION OF PROPERTY TO GREEK JEWS HALTED AS GOVERNMENT BOWS TO PRESSURE GROUPS

ATHENS, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Restitution of Jewish property has stopped completely in Greece, and of 200 survivors who made application for restitution at the beginning of the year only 50 cases have been approved. It is feared here that the Government has submitted to pressure groups formed by people in possession of Jewish property.

On paper, the action of the Greek Government was a model for other European countries. The old Liberal Government had adopted two decrees which provided not only for the restitution of property to heirs up to the fourth degree of relationship, but also for the establishment of a Jewish body to take over the holdings of Jews who died intestate for use in aiding surviving Greek Jews. "We do not wish to benefit from the extermination of the Jews," the government said at that time.

The government-appointed chairman of the Central Board of Jewish Committees, Asher Moissis, however, is pessimistic over the prospects for property restitution, since the pressure groups are more influential than the Jewish community.

Only between one-third and one-half of the 10,000 surviving Jews are self-sufficient. They are small traders, petty craftsmen and peddlors. The others are on relief.

JEWS CANDIDATES FOR ROMANIAN PARLIAMENT LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR UNITY; PRAISE GOVERNMENT

BUCHAREST, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Three Jewish candidates who are running on the Democratic Bloc in the forthcoming parliamentary elections today opened a joint campaign stressing the need for unity among all Jewish organizations.

The three, who are unopposed as representatives of the major Jewish parties, asked support of the Groza regime, pointing out that it has been responsible for the return of citizenship rights to many Jews whose legal status was in question, that it has settled the problem of repatriates and has awarded pension rights to the widows and orphans of Jews killed during the pro-Nazi regime.

SOVIET DELEGATE BLOCKS ARABIAN ATTEMPT TO DELAY U.N. CONSIDERATION OF REFUGEE PROBLEM

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Soviet delegate Andrei Vishinsky today blocked the efforts of Saudi Arabia to delay consideration by the United Nations of the refugee problem and the formation of the International Refugee Organization which is to take over from UNRRA the work of caring for displaced persons.

Saudi Arabian delegate Abdul Monim Bey Riad, addressing the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee, expressed opposition to the suggestion by Dr. Carl Berendsen, chairman of the committee, that the refugee question be placed first on the agenda because of the urgency of the problem. He argued that this question would involve the committee in lengthy discussions and therefore urged that non-controversial items be taken up first.

Taking issue with the Saudi Arabian representative, Vishinsky declared that the Soviet delegation attached the greatest importance to finding a solution to the problem of refugees, on which the fate of the displaced persons depended and which, he said, was being anxiously watched by their friends and relatives. He opposed postponement of the refugee question beyond Monday. As a result of his appeal the committee decided to leave it to the chairman to suggest the order of the agenda at the next meeting tomorrow.

Vishinsky also prevented Abdul Monim Bey Riad from securing the post of rapporteur of the committee. The Saudi Arabian delegate was nominated for this post by Egypt, but Vishinsky objected to the nomination on the grounds that a Norwegian had already been selected for the post at the first part of the Assembly in London last February. Thereupon, Saudi Arabia withdrew its candidacy.

AMERICAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT PROMISES COOPERATION IN TRAINING 185,000 JEWS IN GERMANY

BERLIN, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Gen. Joseph T. McNarney has promised full cooperation in a plan prepared by the Joint Distribution Committee to provide vocational training and work projects for 185,000 displaced Jews throughout Germany, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, J.D.C. European director, announced at a press conference today.

Pointing out that the J.D.C. expects the DP problem to exist for two to three years, Dr. Schwartz said that the \$60,000,000 which the organization spent in Europe this year will probably have to be increased to \$100,000,000 during 1947. He declared that the problem of caring for displaced Jews has ceased to be one of relief alone.

Although basic relief must still be provided, Dr. Schwartz stated, the sharp reduction in the number of "infiltrates" entering the American zone plus the fact that few DP's are emigrating, are responsible for turning the emphasis to a work program. Under such relatively stabilized conditions, he concluded, the J.D.C. is attempting to train the Jews to prepare them for eventual emigration and to aid their individual rehabilitation.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS SUBMIT PETITION TO TRUMAN FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTION ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Petitions, bearing more than 20,000 signatures, and calling upon the Administration to fulfill its promises on Palestine immediately, were submitted to President Truman today, it was announced by Archie Greenberg, former National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, and chairman of the J.W.V.'s Palestine Committee.

ARAB-JEWISH UNDERSTANDING POSSIBLE IF LONDON CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE FAILS, SAYS SNEH

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The British Government reached a decision on Palestine unfavorable to Zionist aspirations some time ago, but is using the now recessed London conference to camouflage its intentions, it was charged today by Dr. Moshe Sneh, a leading member of the Jewish Agency executive, who arrived here this week from Paris.

Dr. Sneh told a press conference that he hoped the Jewish Agency would not participate in the conference when it reopens on Dec. 16. He ridiculed the "federation plan" offered by the British Government and declared that the World Zionist Congress, which is scheduled to open early next month in Switzerland, must call for a boycott of any British plan which does not provide for the establishment of an autonomous Jewish state.

"The failure of the London conference on Palestine will open possibilities for direct Arab-Jewish understanding," he declared, emphasizing that he was not in a position to elaborate any further on this statement publicly. He said that the present regime in Palestine means the "murder of Zionism" and called for a change in present Zionist policy in order to destroy it. He especially urged that the Zionist movement "emancipate itself" from its pro-British orientation.

Predicts Zionist Political Activities May Shift from London to U.S.

Asserting that British soldiers in Palestine act towards Jews as the Cossacks did in Czarist Russia, Dr. Sneh questioned the legality of continued British rule in Palestine after the admission by the government that it cannot carry out the provisions of the mandate. Palestine, he pointed out, is not a part of the British Empire. The country was merely entrusted to Britain for the sole purpose of carrying out the mandate which aimed at facilitating larger Jewish immigration, he stated.

Dr. Sneh called upon American Jews to form an "American-Palestine Axis" with regard to action on Palestine. He predicted that Zionist political activities will shift from London to the United States, and emphasized that American Jews, having the backing of the Jews in Palestine, can achieve important results. He also suggested that a way be found to merge the functions of the American Zionist Emergency Council with that of the Jewish Agency, so that American Zionists should have a greater say in the political plans of the Agency.

Emphasizing that the most important Jewish communities in the world will remain those of the United States and Palestine, Dr. Sneh also appealed to American Zionists to send chalutzim to Palestine. He declared that the Yishuv needs young American Jews, since not all of the Jewish survivors from Europe who are to be brought to Palestine are able-bodied.

Histadruth Leader Arrives in New York Says Palestine "Sorely Needs Labor"

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Joseph Baratz, Histadruth leader and member of the Zionist Actions Committee, arrived here last night on a Histadruth mission.

"Palestine," he said, "sorely needs labor." He added that according to his opinion, the 100,000 Jews from Europe, the admission of whom President Truman has requested, would be insufficient to meet the labor requirements in Palestine.

During the war, Mr. Baratz was chief welfare officer of the Palestine Jewish Brigade, travelling throughout the Middle East, North Africa and Italy, wherever Palestinian units were in action. He headed the Histadruth Soldier's Bureau, maintaining contact with 16,000 Histadruth volunteers in the armed forces.

WARBURG DEPARTS FROM U.S. TO STUDY NEEDS OF JEWS IN VARIOUS EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, today departed Europe to make a first-hand survey of the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement needs of the Jewish survivors there.

Mr. Warburg will investigate the present situation of the Jews in Poland, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Italy and France, and the operations of the Joint Distribution Committee in their behalf. He has undertaken this special European mission in order to present an eye-witness report to the national conference of American Jewish leaders which will be held under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal from Nov. 30th to Dec. 2nd in the Hotel Ambassador in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Levy, Head of U.J.A. Women's Division, Named "Jewish Woman of Year"

Mrs. David M. Levy, chairman of the National Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal, has been named "The Jewish Woman of the Year" by the National Council of Jewish Women for "the most notable contribution to human welfare during 1946," it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, of Detroit, president of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Under Mrs. Levy's leadership, the Women's Division of the U.J.A. mobilized more than 300,000 Jewish women throughout the country in support of the United Jewish Appeal's nationwide campaign. To date, the Women's Division has raised more than \$9,000,000 of the \$80,000,000 contributed thus far this year by American Jews for this purpose.

PLAN FOR COMBATTING TUBERCULOSIS AMONG JEWS IN EUROPE DISCUSSED AT OSE CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The executive of the OSE has held an extraordinary session in Switzerland to discuss and enact a plan for combatting tuberculosis among the Jews of Europe, the American offices of the organization announced today.

The president of the Union OSE, Dr. Boris Tschlenoff, for many years a member of the faculty of the University of Berne and later director of tuberculosis sanatoria in France and Switzerland, gave the executive a detailed report on the operation of the OSE sanitarium in Davos, as well as on the negotiations currently being conducted with the Swiss Government for the establishment of other similar institutions in Switzerland, especially for the benefit of Jewish tuberculars from D.P. camps in Germany.

Professor Tschlenoff further stated that during the past weeks the OSE had received numerous appeals for help from Jewish communities in Hungary and Czechoslovakia and from groups in the camps of Germany and Austria, whose members were stricken with the disease. The work of the OSE in the fight against tuberculosis in Switzerland alone will require a budget of at least \$300,000 for the next three months, Dr. Tschlenoff told the executive.

BRIGADIER GENERAL HAROLD COHEN DIES IN AUSTRALIA; WAS LEADING PUBLIC FIGURE

MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Brigadier General Harold Cohen, Deputy General of the Australian military forces, died here at the age of 65.

A public official since 1929, when he served as a member of the legislative council for the state of Victoria, General Cohen was Assistant Minister of Railways from 1932 to 1935 when he became Minister of Public Instruction and Solicitor General. General Cohen, who was born in Melbourne and studied law at the University of Melbourne, saw service in both world wars. As commanding officer of a brigade, he received the Distinguished Service Order in 1917, and during the second world war was Australian Red Cross commissioner in the Middle East for three years.