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TRUMAN WANTS UNCLAIMED PROPERTY IN GERMANY TO BE USED TO AID DISPLACED PERSONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Attorney-General Tom Clark was asked yesterday by President Truman to look into the possibility of using unclaimed property in the U.S. zone in Germany for the aid and rehabilitation of displaced persons, it was learned here this morning.

Following the weekly Cabinet meeting at the White House today, Mr. Clark confirmed that he had received the President's memorandum but told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the question had not been discussed by the Cabinet. He said that there was much unclaimed property--real and personal--in the U.S. zone and he will investigate the possibility of its transfer to DP's.

BRITISH MILITARY COMMANDER CONFIRMS DEATH SENTENCE OF IRGUN MEMBER; VIOLENCE FEARED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The death sentence imposed on Dov Gruner, Irgun member and a veteran of four years in the British forces, has been confirmed by Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander in chief in Palestine and his execution has been set for Tuesday, it was announced today.

The decision was unexpected, as it was reported earlier this week that in a move to ease tension, high civil authorities had decided to commute the sentence to life imprisonment. Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog and other leaders of the Jewish community are intervening with the High Commissioner to over-rule Barker.

Responsible observers here are fearful that if Gruner is executed the Irgun will launch wide-scale operations, including the killing of British officers and men. Such outbreaks would undoubtedly provoke counter-measures by the military authorities and heighten unrest throughout the country.

Shortly after Barker's decision was announced, all troops were ordered to appear in the streets only in groups of four, instead of three as previously, and all Jerusalem movie houses were placed out of bounds.

Eight armed men, described by police as Jews, last night robbed the Mizrahi Bank in Jerusalem of \$20,000 in cash and a quantity of diamonds and other gems. All of the robbers escaped after a brief exchange of gun fire with guards. The robbery was interpreted as an open defiance of the Jewish National Council's declaration early this week that it will take steps to halt extortion by extremist groups.

A prominent Arab merchant, Hassan Bashiti, was murdered today, the sixth Arab landowner to fall victim to assassins' bullets in the past two months. He was shot down in the heart of the Old City. A police announcement said that this was the fourth attempt on his life. It is believed that Bashiti was killed for dealings with Jews.

Edwin Samuel, director of the Palestine Broadcasting System, today admitted that some of the Arab broadcasts over the PBS had been "biased," and promised Zionist representatives, who had complained, that a stricter control would be imposed on the broadcasters.

AUSTRIAN GOVT. OPPOSES SAFEGUARDING JEWISH RIGHTS BY SPECIAL CLAUSE IN PEACE TREATY

LONDON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Austrian Foreign Minister Karl Gruber said today that he was opposed to inclusion in the peace treaty with Austria being drawn up by the Big Four deputies of a clause safeguarding Jewish rights.

Gruber, who heads the Austrian delegation which arrived here this morning, told a press conference that insertion of such a clause would constitute undesirable discrimination between Jews and non-Jews. He pointed out that Jews were now entitled to full restitution of property taken from them after the Anschluss and that Jewish organizations had been given an opportunity to submit their views on restitution laws to the government.

Gruber admitted, however, that the Austrian Government was opposed to creation of a special Jewish Rehabilitation Fund from the proceeds of heirless property. When a reporter asked to what extent restitution of Jewish property had been effected, an official of the delegation intervened to say that it took considerable time to gather the necessary facts.

An Australian memorandum suggesting inclusion in the Austrian treaty of a clause guaranteeing human rights and provisions for its enforcement was submitted today to the deputies. The memorandum pointed out that the clause by itself, without machinery for effective application of the principles contained therein, would be inadequate.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE OUTLINES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AUSTRIAN, GERMAN TREATIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee's three-day 40th annual meeting opened today at the Hotel Commodore with discussions by its Peace Problems Committee of suggested clauses for inclusion in the peace treaties with Germany and Austria.

Other subjects discussed were the status of Palestine, creation of an international restitution commission to secure return of Jewish property in Germany and Austria, immigration to the United States of a fair share of displaced persons and the reintegration of Jews into European life.

The Peace Problems Committee, which was under the chairmanship of former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, adopted the following recommendations:

1. The American Jewish Committee should participate in any Jewish trustee organization set up to prosecute claims for and administer property of heirless Jews and extinct Jewish communal organizations in Germany.
2. The immediate and full restitution of property to victims of the Nazis throughout Europe and compensation for property which cannot be restored. In the event of a further reparations settlement with Germany, funds should be set aside for resettlement of victims of the Nazis.
3. A reconstruction program for displaced persons in Germany should be undertaken, to include vocational training and creation of work opportunities. Governments which are chief contributors to UNRRA should take immediate measures to continue to aid DP victims of Nazis and Fascists.

The Peace Problems Committee was divided into three sub-committees--one on Palestine, presided over by Judge Horace Stern of Philadelphia; the second, on restoration of rights and migration, presided over by Professor Herman A. Gray of the New York University Law School; and the third, on the protection of human rights, presided over by Professor J. Salwyn Schapiro of the College of the City of New York.

ADMISSION OF JEWISH DP'S TO ENGLAND EXPECTED; SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR SENT TO BRITISH ZONE

JAN. 24. (JTA) -- An announcement last night by the British Government that it is considering the admission of displaced persons into England in order to ease the man-power shortage, today prompted Jewish organizations here to send a special representative to the British zone in Germany to establish the number of displaced Jews there able and willing to qualify.

The Jewish representative, Rose Henriques, will report her findings to the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad which is concerned with the affairs of displaced Jews in the British zone. The Committee will then submit the findings to the British Ministry of Labor.

Jewish leaders here believe that the number of displaced Jews who will be admitted will be small. The type of workers needed is limited chiefly to persons between 18 and 35 years of age able to work on farms as agricultural laborers fit for domestic service in private homes. The Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad is not certain whether many of the displaced Jews would be willing to prejudice their chances of eventually being admitted to Palestine by agreeing to move to England.

REVISION OF CANADA'S IMMIGRATION POLICY EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED IN PARLIAMENT SHORTLY

MONTREAL, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- A revision of Canada's immigration policy providing for the admission of a larger number of immigrants will be announced during the next session of Parliament which opens Jan. 30, according to informed circles.

Details of the new plan have not been revealed, but it is understood that it represents a compromise which will appease groups which favor an "open door" policy, without stirring resentment in those sections of the population which insist that anything but selective immigration of the most limited type is undesirable. The greater part of the province of Quebec is vigorously opposed to immigration in any form.

A complete overhaul and liberalizing of "our archaic immigration regulations" was asked by the Financial Post in an article which says that this should be one of the first jobs of Parliament at the coming session. The influential publication points out that "without a new and massive wave of immigration, Canada's population, it was estimated recently, will never get far beyond what the original planners of this country anticipated."

Pointing out that the demand for immigration is growing, the Montreal Gazette says that "the cardinal requirements of any new policy are that it should be promulgated within the near future, while there are still thousands of prospective immigrants eager to come here; and that it should be an intelligent, balanced program giving due consideration to Canada's economic advantage, humanitarian obligations and the best interests of her present population."

U.S. SHIP BRINGS 700 DP'S FROM GERMANY TO NEW YORK; 2,000 REFUGEES ARRIVE IN ONE WEEK

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- More than 700 survivors of Nazi concentration camps and forty orphaned refugee children arrived here today on the "Marine Marlin," second immigrant ship to reach the United States from Germany this year. They were met by representatives of the United Service for New Americans, HIAS, and non-Jewish agencies.

Nearly 2,000 Jewish refugees have arrived at seaports on the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf coasts of the United States this week, the biggest week of refugee immigration since the end of the war, Joseph E. Beck, executive director of United Service for New Americans, disclosed today. Newcomers included the first large group of quota immigrants since 1941 to reach this country from Shanghai, and about 1,500 Jews from Europe and elsewhere.

CHARGES OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN ARGENTINE PROVINCE AIRMED IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Charges and counter-charges concerning the allegedly pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic actions of the governor of the province of Santa Fe were voiced in the Chamber of Deputies today by Peronist and anti-Peronist representatives.

Radical Party deputy Rubino asked that the federal government intervene to check the activities of the provincial administration. Defending the governor, Peronist deputy Arias said that the mayor of the city of Rosario, in Santa Fe, had reinstated several dismissed Jewish physicians and had some Jews in the municipal administration.

Radical deputy Dellepaire interrupted at this point to shout: "There are Jewish Nazis, too." To which Arias replied: "Then the roles are now changed." Another Radical Party representative, Busaniche, charged that a publishing house owned by high officials of the Santa Fe provincial administration had printed a booklet paying tribute to "The Heroes of Nuremberg."

Z.O.A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE OPENS IN CHICAGO; POLL TAKEN ON U.S. JEWRY'S STAND ON ZIONISM

CHICAGO, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- A nation-wide poll to determine the support of American Jews for the Zionist program has been launched by the Zionist Organization of America, it was revealed today at the opening session here of a three-day Mobilization Conference of the Z.O.A., attended by 1,600 delegates.

It was reported that a similar survey conducted two years ago indicated that some 89 percent of the Jewish community supported Zionism. Zionist leaders in the United States feel that developments in the past two years have increased this sentiment and that the results of the poll will strengthen the hand of the Zionist leadership in its efforts in behalf of a Jewish Palestine. The present poll is being conducted by the Jewish Community Research.

A cable from Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Z.O.A. vice-president and member of the world Zionist executive, who is now in London to participate in the forthcoming informal talks between the Zionist leadership and the British Government, warned that hopeful forecasts concerning the results of these discussions are "premature and harmful."

The message added that the decision of the World Zionist Congress against Jewish participation was received "understandingly in British Government circles," which indicated a desire to maintain contact with the newly-elected executive. However, Dr. Neumann warned that it is "nevertheless of the utmost importance to recognize realistically the continuing gravity of the situation and to guard against optimistic expectations for which there is insufficient ground."

THUGS BEAT UP JEWISH SHOPKEEPER IN GLASGOW WHILE CROWD WATCHES WITHOUT INTERFERING

LONDON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- A Jewish shopkeeper was beaten up by two anti-Semitic thugs in the Gorbals district of Glasgow today while a crowd of onlookers watched without interfering.

The two men approached the storekeeper and asked him if he was a Jew. When he answered: "Yes," they began beating him. They also told him: "This is for what you are doing to our pals in Palestine. This is only the beginning. We are going to get all the Jews out of Gorbals. Who says it can't happen here? We'll show them it can."

FIRST PALESTINE STEAMSHIP LINE ORGANIZED IN LONDON; FORESHADOWS JEWISH MERCHANT FLEET

LONDON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- In a move which foreshadows the establishment of a Palestine Jewish merchant fleet, the Kedem Palestine Line was formed here today with capital of \$1,000,000. At the same time, the company was formally incorporated in Palestine.

The capital has been provided equally by the London shipping firm of Harris and Dixon, who will manage the line for its first 15 years, and the Jewish Agency's "ZIM Palestine Navigation Company." The directors expect to increase the company's capital shortly and will place orders for new vessels with British ship building yards.

The Kedmah, the first vessel acquired by the company, is scheduled to make her maiden voyage next month. Negotiations for the establishment of the Kedem Line were started six months ago and were first revealed during the 22nd World Zionist Congress.

ARAB LEAGUE LEADER SAYS PALESTINE ISSUE WILL BE TAKEN TO U.N. IF LONDON TALKS FAIL

CAIRO, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Syrian Premier Jamil Mardan said here today that the Palestine question will be raised at the United Nations should the London conference fail to satisfy the Arabs.

Mardan, who is one of the most influential figures in the Arab League, said that the Arab delegations have been instructed to oppose partition and any other schemes for establishment of a Jewish state. They will also ask the British to halt Jewish immigration, he added.

(Arab delegates in London seem split on the advisability of submitting the Palestine issue to the U.N. Jamal Husseini, head of the Palestine delegation, said today that the Palestine Arabs were prepared to go to the U.N. if the conference collapsed. Other Arab delegates, however, said that taking the issue to the U.N. would mean a long delay, and they also voiced doubts as to whether the international body could take any effective action to solve the impasse.)

FORMER HITLER PHYSICIAN GAINS POLITICAL INFLUENCE AMONG ARAB STATESMEN IN NEAR EAST

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Progressive circles in the Near East are reported gravely concerned at the growing political influence of Dr. H. Schoul, one of Hitler's attending physicians, who recently arrived in Cairo.

Since his arrival, Schoul seems to have become a close adviser to many Arab leaders including the heads of the Syrian and Lebanese Governments and leading representatives of Iraq and Yemen who have visited him. King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia has invited him to his palace.

(A dispatch from Nuremberg yesterday said that a document brought there for possible use at war crimes trials contains the record of a request by the ex-Mufti to the German air force to bomb Jerusalem. The document says that the Germans had been considering bombing Jerusalem, but decided it would be bad propaganda. The Mufti is reported to have suggested that Jews would be the chief victims of bomb attacks on Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.)

"ILLEGAL" IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE MUST NOT BE ENCOURAGED, COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Commenting on a statement by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, that U.S. Zionists were prepared to spend millions of dollars financing illegal immigration of Jews into Palestine, Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism, issued a statement today declaring that "the American people were entitled to know that this shocking disregard for law and order did not reflect the sentiments of all Americans of Jewish faith."

Rosenwald said that "no one Jewish organization represented all Jews." He emphasized that "the Zionist Organization of America represents only a small minority of the 5,000,000 Americans of Jewish faith."

"Lawlessness even in the name of mercy cannot be tolerated," the statement declared. "As the American Council repeatedly has pointed out, a peaceful solution to admitting Jews into Palestine must be found. There can be no hope of finding a peaceful solution so long as the laws of Palestine regulating immigration are willfully violated."

Ziff Says U.S. Has Moral Obligation to Probe Palestine Situation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- William B. Ziff, recently named co-chairman of the American League for a Free Palestine, told a press conference here today that the United States has a moral and physical obligation to "look into" the situation in Palestine.

ASSOCIATION FOR U.N. URGES GOVERNMENT TO REVISE IMMIGRATION LAWS; ADMIT MORE DP'S

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government was today urged by the American Association for the United Nations to revise its immigration laws temporarily to allow the admission of "several hundred thousands" of displaced persons over and above the quota.

The organization also urged the elimination of red tape surrounding the quota system, and that the U.S. "make adequate financial contribution" to the \$160,000,000 budget of the United Nations International Refugee Organization.

JOSEPH LEVY, NEW YORK PHILANTHROPIST, ESTABLISHES \$1,000,000 MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- A \$1,000,000 foundation for medical research through the Beth Israel Hospital here has been established by Joseph Levy, New York philanthropist, it was announced today.

The foundation, which has been incorporated as "The Joseph and Helen Yeamans Levy Foundation Established in Memory of Their Daughter, Miriam Levy Finin," will be devoted entirely to research and no funds will be spent for "bricks and mortar." It was emphasized by the administration of the hospital. Research on high blood pressure has already begun. Other projects will soon be started, including a study of cancer.

MICHAEL BROWN, JEWISH MORNING JOURNAL EDITOR, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Michael Brown, city editor of the Jewish Morning Journal, died here yesterday at the age of 57. Born in Russia, he came to this country as a youth. He joined the Journal staff 20 years ago and became city editor ten years ago.

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