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JEWISH PALESTINE NEEDS \$1,800,000,000 FOR POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT; INTERNATIONAL LOAN REQUIRED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The sum of \$1,800,000,000 will be needed to cope with the economic difficulties which Jews in Palestine will encounter during the transition period from war to peace as well as to speed the agricultural and industrial development of the country in order that new immigrants may be absorbed, Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, estimated today addressing the conference of the Jewish Labor Party here.

To secure this sum, a large international loan will be required, in addition to the approximately \$320,000,000 of Palestine money now in Palestine and English banks, Mr. Kaplan said. Whether this loan will be obtained in the form of repayment for confiscated Jewish property in Europe or otherwise remains to be seen, he added. "A proper government, international capital and Jewish organization can enable the achievement of the final solution of the Jewish problem in Palestine," he asserted.

Mr. Kaplan predicted that pre-fabricated houses will have to be imported from the United States after the war in order to cope with the acute shortage of housing in the country. "The present high cost of living is menacing our future plans," he stated. "Whereas the index of living costs in America was 125 in the middle of the year just past, the index in Palestine was 350. Such an astronomical increase prevents our development. We must have 100,000 new rooms and it has been suggested that it would be cheaper if we import ready-made houses from America."

Touching upon other problems which Jewish Palestine will have to face during the transition period, Mr. Kaplan emphasized that this period has already begun as far as employment is concerned. He said that of Palestine's 140,000 Jewish workers more than one-half are engaged in military work, including 30,000 who enlisted in the armed forces. "The cessation of military orders," he pointed out, "is depriving tens of thousands of Jewish workers of employment. Combined with the arrival of new immigrants, they may create not only an economic problem, but also a political."

While making progress in industry and in agriculture, Palestine is already facing export problems, Mr. Kaplan continued. Competition with foreign producers will be possible only if Jewish industrial and agricultural enterprises in Palestine are reorganized according to the most modern methods which make possible a lower cost of production and a higher productivity, he said.

"Armistice" Is Sought in Jewish Labor Party Strife

Ten members, representing both factions within the Jewish Labor Party, were elected last night by the conference to seek an "armistice" for one year which would prevent a split in the party ranks.

It is taken for granted that these ten leaders of the divergent groups will reach an understanding which will be satisfactory to all sides. This would save the Jewish Labor Party from a major crisis. The ten negotiators include David Ben-Gurion, Berl Katznelson, David Remez, Isaac Tobenkin, Eliezer Kaplan, Isaac Sprinzak, S. Kaplanaki, Harzfeld, Idelson and Ben-Ari.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESSES SESSION OF BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES

LONDON, Jan. 10, (JTA) -- For the first time in the history of British Jewry a representative of the British Government appeared yesterday before the plenary session of the Board of Deputies of British Jews to address them in behalf of the Government.

The official was R. A. Butler, President of the Board of Education. He addressed the Jewish leaders on the new education bill which the government is now proposing, and emphasized that it is in the interests of all that smaller national groups should have a strong and vital life of their own.

"On behalf of His Majesty's Government," he said, "I can assure you that the public service of the Jewish leaders for their own people, and through them for the public, is deeply valued. The work of the Board of Deputies of British Jews has the encouragement of the government and its good wishes. Never has there been such suffering in the history of Israel. How important you must feel it is to bring up your younger generation at this time in the traditional and eternal values of Hebraism."

After explaining the features of the new educational bill and the good effect which this bill will have on Jewish education, Mr. Butler concluded: "I wish success to the Jewish community in its task of establishing its youth firmly in the faith and in the way of life of their forefathers. This will be a factor in raising the standards of our country as a whole."

SOVIET ASKED TO PERMIT JEWS IN RUSSIA TO PARTICIPATE IN UPBUILDING OF PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Soviet Government to allow the Jews of Russia to take part in the upbuilding of a Jewish Palestine was made here today at the opening of the Palestine-Russian exhibition sponsored by the Victory League.

Delivering the opening address, David Remez, Palestine labor leader, said that the Victory League aims at promoting mutual understanding between the Jews of Palestine and the people of the U.S.S.R., especially the Jews of Russia. "We are approaching the hour of victory and of the redemption of enslaved peoples. Also of the Jewish people. We ask from the democracies that they recognize our right to Palestine. From the Soviet Government we ask that it allow those of our brethren who are willing to assist us, to take part in the upbuilding of Palestine and in the strengthening of the roots which Hitler wanted to uproot," Remez declared.

LEBANON REPORTED AGREED ON ARAB UNITY SCHEME AS FEDERATION TALKS ARE RESUMED

CAIRO, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- A Lebanese delegation and Premier Nahas Pasha of Egypt have come to "a general agreement" on the question of Arab unity, it was announced here today in an official communique issued at the conclusion of the first talks between Riad el Sohl, Lebanese premier, and Nahas Pasha. The talk marked the resumption of Arab unity conferences which have been proceeding here for several months between the Egyptian prime minister and representatives of the various Arab states in the Middle East.

Adherence of Lebanon - a predominantly Christian state - to the unity project is considered of great importance, since it is likely that the basis for any pan-Arab federation would be a closer relationship on a regional basis of Syria, Lebanon and Transjordan, possibly with Palestine and Iraq also joining. According to available reports Syria and Iraq have already reached an understanding concerning unity within the framework of an Arab union at talks just completed in Baghdad. Saudi Arabi still remains the big question mark in the projected pan-Arab federation. Ibn Saud has virtually withdrawn from the conferences being held here.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM ISSUES STATEMENT AGAINST BRITISH WHITE PAPER

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- A declaration by the American Council for Judaism opposing the provisions of the British White Paper on Palestine that stop immigration of Jews and restrict their purchase of land was made public today by Messing J. Rosenwald, president of the Council, from its national headquarters in this city. At the same time the Council reaffirmed its opposition to "Zionist nationalism" and issued a call to American Jews to "organize in strength, out of deep concern for oppressed Jews everywhere, behind a non-nationalistic program to deal with the total Jewish problem."

"Beyond the abrogation of the White Paper" the statement declares, "lies the need for a basic solution. That solution, we believe, can come only when there is world wide recognition of the rights of Jews to full equality. It can come in Palestine only when the pretensions to Jewish Statehood are abandoned and we seek instead freedom of migration opportunity based on incontestable rights and not on special privilege. The declaration of our Statement of Principles is beyond challenge from any quarter. We look forward to the ultimate establishment of a democratic autonomous government in Palestine, wherein Jews, Moslems and Christians shall be justly represented; every man enjoying equal rights and sharing equal responsibilities; a democratic government in which our fellow Jews shall be free Palestinians whose religion is Judaism even as we are Americans whose religion is Judaism."

In regard to the discriminatory provisions of the White Paper the statement declares: "We of the American Council for Judaism record our unqualified opposition to those provisions. In behalf of the substantial section of American Jews whose views on Jewish problems coincide with ours, we petition our Government to use its best offices to prevail upon the British Government not to proceed with so prejudicial and unjust a policy." Opposition is based on the fact that "proposals which exclude Jews, as Jews, from right of entry and restrict Jews, as Jews, from the acquisition of land, do violence to the fundamental concept of democratic equality and thus to the very purposes and ideals to which the United Nations are pledged."

The statement emphasizes that the American Council for Judaism is dedicated to the view that Jews, a religious community, shall have, as of right and not on sufferance, full equality all over the world. "We ask for no special privileges for Jews anywhere in the world," the statement says. "We will resist to the utmost the imposition of any disabilities on Jews anywhere in the world. There is no compromise on this basic demand."

NEW YORK CITY OFFERS \$500 REWARD FOR PERSONS COMMITTING VANDALISM AGAINST SYNAGOGUES

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia announced yesterday that New York City will offer a reward of \$500 for information leading to the conviction of any one committing or abetting vandalism against any synagogue, church or cemetery.

Discussing the general situation in the city, the Mayor declared that an "impartial survey" showed that racial antagonism was neither wide-spread nor organized, estimating that it was carried on by "a contemptible one percent." The Mayor also appealed to private groups interested in stamping out intolerance to increase the reward of \$500, which is the limit that he could offer under municipal regulations,

DR. ARTHUR COMPTON, NOTED PHYSICIST, GIVEN TOLERANCE AWARD BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Arthur H. Compton of the University of Chicago yesterday received the annual award of the Jewish Education Committee for his "effective promotion of justice, amity, understanding and cooperation among the peoples of all creeds in our beloved land and in other lands." The award was presented at the annual luncheon of the League of Fraternal and Benevolent Organizations of the Jewish Education Committee, which was presided over by Roger W. Straus, co-chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE ASSAILED BY AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Emergency Council, representing all major Zionist groups in the United States, today assailed the League for a Free Palestine, declaring that its founders are "a small group of persons who, within recent years, acting in accordance with the opportunistic impulses of the moment and exploiting the miseries which have befallen our people abroad, have established one paper organization after another."

In a formal statement, the Council charged that "far from advancing the cause of a Jewish Palestine, or the interests of the Jewish people, the League will be productive of nothing but public confusion." The statement listed "paper organizations" created by the League's founders as follows: the Friends of a Jewish Palestine, the Committee for a Jewish Army and the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe. "None of these organizations or committees have had any official relationship, direct or indirect, with any responsible body in American Jewish life," the Council added.

It pointed out that while "the promoters of the new organization acknowledge the great contribution made by the World Zionist movement to Palestine and to the Jewish people, they allege that the Zionist movement is purely sectarian in character and that therefore it is necessary 'to fill the long-felt need for a Palestine Freedom movement' with a non-sectarian organization. The new organization differentiates between 'European and Palestinian Jews who have no other desire than to live in Palestine,' who are members of the 'Hebrew' Nation, and Jews living in all other lands, who presumably do not belong to the 'Hebrew' Nation." This definition was described by the Council as "specious nonsense."

AMERICAN JEWISH POST-WAR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT "YIVO" CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The prospects of American Jews in a post-war economy were outlined by Dr. Nathan Reich, assistant professor of economics at Hunter College, addressing the 18th annual conference of the Yiddish Scientific Institute which closed last night. Dr. Reich predicted that for the next ten years there will be no crisis in the so-called Jewish industries in the United States. He predicted, however, that many of these industries will probably move from New York to provincial cities thus causing the transfer of a large number of Jewish workers. He also predicted that the number of Jewish small merchants will decrease, because it will be difficult after the war to engage in small business.

The conference authorized the Institute to launch a 1944 campaign for \$125,000 to finance its activities. It expressed its thanks to the Jewish Federations and welfare funds and to other organizations for the financial support given to the Institute, and honored the Jewish martyrs in Europe after a stirring address delivered by S. Mendelsohn, Polish-Jewish labor leader, on the heroic battle in the Warsaw ghetto. Other speakers at the conference included Prof. Max Laserson, Ilja Djour, Dr. Julius Brutzkus, Samuel Niger, Dr. Milton Konvitz, Mark Wischnitzer and others. Hayim Greenberg, Zionist labor leader, was the principal speaker at a dinner which concluded the three-day sessions of the conference.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE STUDENT BODY OPPOSES WHITE PAPER, ASKS JEWISH COMMONWEALTH

CINCINNATI, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The Student Association of Hebrew Union College today issued a statement demanding abrogation of the British White Paper on Palestine and called for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth there.

The statement also voiced support for the American Jewish Conference and criticized the withdrawal from the conference of any groups. It urged that at future meetings of the Conference "no organization shall be excluded which represents any segment of American Jewish life."