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PRESIDENT STATES FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE COMMITTEE NOT SHORN OF POWERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7. (JTA)-- President Roosevelt said at his press conference today that he very much doubted that the Committee on Fair Employment Practice had been subordinated to the War Manpower Commission under the new set-up announced this week. The Committee's job is to fight discrimination against minorities in the Government service and war industries.

The WMC on Tuesday made public a letter from the President to its chairman, Paul V. McNutt, telling him that the Committee had been transferred to his jurisdiction. Previously the Committee had been directly responsible to the President. According to the letter, the Committee will be preserved as an entity within the Commission.

At his press conference, the President said he had just received a memorandum on the subject last night and had not yet gone into it. Some members of the Committee and its staff have been uneasy about the Committee's transfer, charging that it had been obtained by Southern members of Congress known for their anti-Negro and anti-Semitic attitude. Members of the Committee's staff said that the President had only recently asked them to draft a plan expanding their powers, budget and personnel. This was done, but apparently the plan was rejected.

The President's letter to McNutt said he felt that the Committee's coordination with the WMC was essential to "the complete utilization of our human resources in the war effort." Within the past two months the minority group's branch of the War Production Board's labor division has also been transferred to the WMC.

FREE WORLD DISAPPROVES VICHY'S TREATMENT OF JEWS. NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE DECLARES

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA)-- "The free world neither understands nor approves Vichy's treatment of an unhappy people," declares the New York Herald Tribune today in an editorial discussing the recent intensification of anti-Jewish activity in France.

It points out that "the Vichy regime is anti-Semitic. It bans Jews from many private occupations and all public ones and has passed legislation providing for confiscation of their property. It has not yet, however, gone in for the more brutal forms of anti-Semitism as practiced by the Germans."

Discussing recent reports concerning Papal intervention with Marshal Petain concerning the persecution of Jews, and the aged Marshal's subsequent intercession with the Germans, the paper writes: "Apart from confirming the Vatican's outspoken hostility to anti-Semitism, the story about Petain's attempt to temper the harshness of the Nazis toward the Jews may have been released to American correspondents in an effort to clear the old marshal's skirts from the odium of measures which will show Vichy in a very unpleasant light to the civilized world. The truth or falsity of this hypothesis must rest on future developments; if arrests and deportations of Jews on a wide scale are confirmed in Vichy, that puppet government will have lost more of its rapidly dwindling stock of respect. If there is no confirmation, however, Vichy's moral position can hardly be said to have improved."

BRITISH LABOR PARTY ORGANIZING MASS-CAMPAIGN TO HALT NAZI ATROCITIES

LONDON, Aug. 7. (JTA)-- The British Labor Party, which has decided to launch a nation-wide campaign to protest the Nazi atrocities against the civilian populations of the occupied countries of Europe, has instructed all of its local branches to arrange protest meetings, it was learned today. At these gatherings resolutions urging the United Nations to warn the Nazis of reprisals will be adopted and sent to President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

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AMERICAN ZIONISTS WELCOME PALESTINE JEWISH BATTALIONS AS "MARKED ADVANCE"

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA)-- The announcement by the British Government yesterday that Jewish infantry battalions are to be organized as part of a Palestinian regiment was welcomed here today as "a marked advance" by the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, on behalf of the organized Zionist movement in this country.

The statement approved the fact that "the Jewish infantry companies which had been previously mobilized on a restricted and irregular basis will now be incorporated into battalions" and that "the limitation that Jewish companies may be raised only to the extent that Arabs enlist, is now discarded." Hope was also expressed that "the failure to give the Jewish units full training and equipment will now be remedied."

"At the same time it is impossible to understand," the Committee's comment continued, "that the battalions, when formed, should not be organized into the normal military brigade formations; also that the 10,000 Palestine Jews at present scattered in various military service companies - apart from the infantry companies - are not to be included in the new Jewish battalions but will remain as scattered and unrelated units. Essentially the refusal to grant to the Jews of Palestine proper recognition and status, remains," it concludes.

British Press Hails Announcement of Palestine Regiment As Wise Decision

LONDON, Aug. 7. (JTA)-- The British press today greets the announcement by Sir James Grigg, Secretary for War, of the formation of a Palestine regiment of Jewish and Arab battalions, as a wise decision which is a compromise between the Zionist demand for a separate Jewish fighting force and the British Government's refusal to establish any separate Jewish unit larger than a company.

The Daily Telegraph, one of the leading London dailies, carries an editorial stating: "It is a wise decision to form a Palestine regiment representing the population of the country as a whole - both Jews and Arabs - and not merely one section of it. It is surprising that so obviously useful a step has been delayed until the end of the third year of the war." Recalling the alleged apathy of the Malayan population before the fall of Singapore, the Telegraph writes: "There is no apathy in Palestine." It states further that service side by side will reconcile the Jews and Arabs.

The Manchester Guardian, influential liberal organ, stresses that of all the countries of the Middle East "there is only one population which is heart and soul against Hitler - and that is the Jews of Palestine. Yet we steadily refused to make the most of the military help which this people desired to give us or to allow it to do all it could for its own defense. The Government is indeed improving." The Guardian introduces the question of what distinguishing signs or emblems the Jewish battalions will be allowed to wear. It also urges extension of the Jewish home guard in Palestine.

The Yorkshire Post expresses the hope that "Jews everywhere will loyally accept the Government's decision even though it does not grant their full demands."

FRANKFURT INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH PROBLEM OPENS BRANCH IN POLAND

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 7. (JTA)-- A branch of the notorious Frankfurt Institute for Research into the Jewish Problem has been established in Lodz under the direction of Adolf Wendel, who heads the parent institute, it is reported in the Litzmannsteader Zeitung reaching here today.

According to reports from other sources, the chief task of the new branch will be to prepare "scientific justification" for the Nazi policy of exterminating the Jews of Poland.

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