

Jewish Arms Cache

N. Y. Importer Tells of His Help
In Buying of Palestine War Material

MT. VERNON, N. Y., Jan. 10 (AP)—Leonard Weisman, 32-year-old importer and exporter, said today he had helped a firm known as Foundry Associates, Inc., to obtain arms and military equipment for Jews in Palestine.

Later the Jewish Agency said in a statement in New York that it had "legally procured" a consignment of explosives found Thursday in Asbury Park, N. J., and that the explosives were awaiting "legitimate shipment" when discovered.

In an interview at his home here after talking with FBI agents, Weisman said "I consider it an honor, first as an American, and second as a Jew to legally procure the means of self defense of the Jewish state against the Arab marauders armed by the British."

Weisman's connection with the purchase of arms for Palestine came to light after three trucks containing 67 tons of war-developed explosives were purchased from the War Assets Administration and obtained at the Seneca Army Ordnance Depot at Romulus, N. Y., were seized last night in Saugerties, N. Y. Waybills showed the explosives were being shipped by Foundry Associates, Inc.

Foundry Associates have desk space in offices of the three companies which Weisman heads, Pratt Steamship Line, Inc., Materials Redistribution Corporation and Paragon Design and Development Corporation.

Declaring that he had advised Foundry Associates on how to procure the equipment, had given them office space and the use of his office staff, Weisman said it all started a month and one-half ago when "A man came to me from Palestine."

"He was a Jew and requested my help in locating various materials to defend the Jews of Palestine in the event the British withdrew suddenly leaving large amounts of armaments in the hands of the Arabs," he said.

"I told him that I did not want

any of these goods to be shipped to Irgun or the Stern Gang, as I do not approve of terrorist activities, but I said I would be happy to get such goods for Hagana or the Jewish Agency."

Weisman said he demanded proof "that these materials were for Hagana or the Jewish Agency."

The Jewish Agency statement continued: "The Jewish Agency for Palestine has the responsibilities of a state about to be born. It must protect the lives and homes of the 700,000 men, women and children of Palestine."

"The U. N. decision (to partition the Holy Land) made no provisions for an international force, but did provide for a Jewish militia to defend the Jewish state and to maintain public security. It therefore devolved upon the responsible defense forces of the Jewish community of Palestine to rush preparations in a race against time in view of the threatened Arab aggression in defiance of the U. N. decision and the announced early withdrawal of British troops."

Army Runs Down Last of Palestine Explosives Shipment

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Jan. 10 (AP)—The last of a 199-ton consignment of war surplus explosives, which police said was earmarked for Jewish forces in Palestine, was accounted for today at the Army's Seneca Ordnance Depot at Romulus, N. Y. Lieutenant Colonel Robert R. Judson, commanding officer, said the Army had refused to deliver the last 64 tons of "Composition C," composed of 90 per cent TNT (trinitro-toluene) and half again as devastating.

The explosive had been purchased by Foundry Associates, Inc., of New York, identified by way bills as the

U. N. Will Be Asked to Wait Until British Troops Leave

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 10 (AP)—A British spokesman said today that Great Britain will ask the United Nations Palestine Commission to stay out of the Holy Land until British rule ends.

The commission is expected to begin talks with the British next week on the details of executing the U. N.-ordered partition of Palestine.

The commission held a secret one-hour meeting today on plans to implement the partition by October 1.

The British are understood to be ready to end their mandate May 15, or earlier if the U. N. is ready to take over, but are cautioning against U. N. entry into the Holy Land until a week or so before the changeover in authority.

"UP TO U. N." The British spokesman emphasized the date for terminating the British mandate is fluid and depends principally on when the U. N. will be ready, along with the physical problems of winding up British

Fund Raising For Palestine Labor Movement

A campaign to raise money for the Histadrut, the General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine, will be launched here today at a luncheon and evening mass meeting.

Katherine Dunham, the dancer, will be guest of honor at the luncheon, to be held at the Hotel St. Francis Colonial ballroom. A conference of the Histadrut committee for the Western United States will follow.

The evening meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Sutter street and Van Ness avenue. "DP—Destination Palestine," a dramatic sketch written by David Marshall, local writer, will be presented.

Histadrut has a membership of 168,000, according to Rabbi Franklin Cohn, director of the local committee, with offices at 935 Market street. Funds raised in the campaign will be used for a training program for new immigrants in Palestine.

shipper of 67 tons more seized by New York State police at Saugerties, N. Y., last night, Hudson said. The Army refused to deliver it after the War Assets Administration had frozen deliveries in the New York region "as a precautionary measure" to prevent their misuse, he said.

Artichoke Farmers Guard Against Theft

Artichoke farmers in San Mateo county from Pescadero to Half Moon Bay yesterday guarded against artichoke thieves. Many of them established a 24-hour watch with the aid of dogs. An organized gang was believed to be operating, Max J. Leonard, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner, reported. In one case, 25 acres of artichokes were stripped.

affairs and withdrawing troops. He emphasized the stand is in line with London's original position that the British government cannot undertake to enforce any solution in Palestine which is not acceptable to both Jews and Arabs.

The commission today was understood to have discussed informally the problems ahead, and no action was taken on plans for going into Palestine, pending conferences with the British.

RUSSIAN MEMBER

George Barnes, director of the U. N. press division, who will accompany the group to the Holy Land, said delegates did not touch on the problem of security for U. N. personnel or how partition would be enforced in the face of Arab opposition. Arkady Sobolev of Russia, assistant secretary general, attended the session.

(United Press reported authoritative sources as saying Sobolev will accompany the commission to Palestine as top U. N. officer.)

U. S. Figures Each Nation's Need for Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—The State Department estimated today that Great Britain needs \$5,348,000,000 in outside financial help under the Marshall Plan—almost twice as much as any of the other 16 participating countries.

This information, given the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, represents the first administration effort to break down how much assistance from all sources each nation may get from the Western Hemisphere.

Second to Britain in need in the State Department estimates is France, which it said requires a total of \$3,701,000,000 for metropolitan France, the French zone of Germany, and dependencies during the four and one-half years beginning April 1.

Italy ranks number three with a deficit figure of \$2,913,000,000 and the combined American-British zone of Germany next with requirements of \$2,499,000,000. The Netherlands stands fifth, with \$2,436,000,000.

The State Department documents emphasize the United States does not plan to make up the full amount of the deficits in all the countries.

OTHER SOURCES

Canada, the Latin American republics and the World Bank are counted on to furnish about \$4,100,000,000—about 15 per cent of the overall total deficit, which is put at \$19,400,000,000 to \$20,100,000,000. The State Department originally called upon Congress to appropriate \$17,000,000,000 as the American contribution, but last week erased this over-all price tag in favor of yearly donations and loans.

In explaining the deficit table presented to Senators, the State Department said it "is a measure of the (recipients) country's need for outside assistance to supplement use of its own resources in achieving certain levels of consumption and investment."

The major commodities to be purchased in the western hemisphere with aid money are grain, fats and oils, coal, fertilizer, petroleum, coal and agricultural machinery, steel, cotton, tobacco and other raw materials. The State Department made no attempt to estimate how much these recipient countries would get, and whether they would be paid for by gift or loan funds.

SWISS, SWEDEN

Two of the countries—Sweden and Switzerland—are scheduled to get little or no financial help whatever during the program because they have a surplus in trading with the western hemisphere. The department estimates Switzerland will have a favorable balance of \$100,000,000 and Sweden \$76,000,000.

The other countries listed in the documents in terms of their dollar shortages in the period 1948-1952 are Belgium-Luxembourg, \$1,419,000,000; Austria, \$713,000,000; Denmark, \$382,000,000; Ireland, \$497,000,000; Greece, \$473,000,000; Norway, \$234,000,000; Portugal, \$150,000,000; Iceland, \$38,000,000, and Turkey, \$18,000,000.

Britain's deficit actually was estimated to total \$6,855,000,000, but a surplus by its dependencies during the same period of \$1,307,000,000 brought this down to \$5,548,000,000.

Not Guilty Plea In Weapon Case

Mrs. Grace Hammond, 33, wife of a wealthy San Mateo electrical contractor, pleaded not guilty when arraigned yesterday on a misdemeanor charge of displaying a deadly weapon.

She was charged with the offense as the outgrowth of the shooting of her 17-year-old stepson, Harold Jr. He was shot January 2 as the climax of a long family feud.

Pittsburg GI Was Held by The Russians

A Pittsburg youth, serving with the U. S. Army in Berlin, was held by the Russians between January 3 and 6, according to his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Caudell, 91 Robinson street, Pittsburg, Contra Costa county, said they were informed early last week by the War Department that their son, Corporal Clyde W. Caudell, 19, had "been captured by the Soviets while on active duty on pass near Berlin."

A second telegram yesterday said: "Wish to inform you that your son has been released from Soviet custody."

Other than the dates involved, other information of the incident was lacking. Washington disclosed that War Department files were locked up over the week end.

According to his parents, Caudell was in charge of two machine shops utilizing German labor in the American sector of Berlin.

Marshall Plan Nations May Convene Soon

LONDON, Jan. 10 (AP)—A "new meeting soon of the 16 Western European nations participating in the Marshall recovery plan emerged tonight as a strong possibility because of British belief that economic unity will prove a big bulwark against Communism."

Plans already have gone beyond the speculative stage. The Foreign Office disclosed officially that Britain and France have discussed the get together "at an official level" and that a tentative agenda was under consideration.

Herve Alphand, chief of economies in the French Foreign Ministry, is coming to London Monday to discuss the matter.

Spoken here emphasized at a news conference that the other 14 nations would be sounded out both on the advisability of holding a new meeting at this time and upon the scope of the discussions.

Twin factors apparently crystallized Anglo-French determination to speed co-ordination of Western Europe's economic machinery even before positive assurance Congress will pass legislation on the Marshall Plan.

The first—and perhaps most important—has been the intensification of the economic struggle between Moscow and the Western world. The second has been the theory, constantly hammered home by the British press, that the Western European nations must demonstrate their ability and their willingness to work out their own economic salvation.

By beginning now to set up the machinery for economic collaboration, the Western Powers would be taking a cue from Russia itself. The Soviet Union, ever since the birth of the Marshall Plan, if not before, has been engaged in binding together its neighbors with a series of trade pacts designed to make the area self-sustaining.

No date or site for the next meeting has been set. But Whitehall officials and those in Paris informally expressed belief it will come some time next month and probably before Congress completes action on a measure to finance the program.

The Foreign Office discounted the likelihood the conference would revise or "tamper" with the basic structure of the program.

Yanks in Greece

ATHENS, Jan. 10 (AP)—Twenty U. S. Army officers arrived by plane from Washington today. They will be attached as observers to Greek army fighting units down to the division level.

Orthodox Leader Here To Be 'Tried'

The world head of the Russian Orthodox Church yesterday announced from Moscow that the North American leader of the church, Metropolitan Theophilus of San Francisco, and four bishops would be placed on trial "for their stubborn attempts to split the church."

Metropolitan Theophilus said here the trial would "not affect the life of our church." He indicated he would not return to Russia to face his accusers.

"We have been autonomous since 1924 and our church in the United States is 155 years old," said a spokesman for the Metropolitan.

Dispatches from Moscow said the churchmen charged with the Metropolitan were Archbishop Leonid of Chicago, John of Alaska and John of Brooklyn, and Bishop Nikon of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania.

N. Y. ARCHBISHOP

Patriarch Alexei, 70-year-old world leader of the church, was called "on all believers to rally around Archbishop Makarius, Exarch of the Russian Orthodox Church in North America."

In New York Exarch Makarius was identified as the official representative of Alexei in the United States.

"In the early 20's of this century," the statement from Moscow declared, "for a number of reasons, part of the Orthodox Church in America discontinued communion with the Russian church and began an independent administration."

"BAD EFFECT" This separation has had a bad effect on the life of the Russian Orthodox parishes in America. Certain leaders of the American Orthodox Church, by demanding establishment of an autonomous church in America, are only widening this split, whereas a majority of the clergy and believers desire to be associated with the Moscow patriarchate with the right of autonomy.

"This is shown by the decision of the All-American Church Congress held in Cleveland at the end of 1945."

"The congress decision is being, however, stubbornly resisted by Metropolitan Theophilus, who imposed a 'curse' on Bishop Makarius of New York for his reunion with the Russian Orthodox Church."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE In New York R. M. Arkush, general counsel of the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of North America, declared the trials were ordered because the so-called defendant had refused to pledge allegiance to the Russian government.

"The original difference between us (the American and Russian Orthodox churches) was because loyal citizens of the United States and Canada would not pledge loyalty to the Soviet regime," Arkush said.

"We realize the mother church is under the thumb of the Bolsheviks and has to require the pledge, but we neither can nor want to recognize allegiance to the Soviet Union."

NAACP Branch Elects New Officers

Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett is the new president of the San Francisco branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Other officers: A. B. Goolsby, first vice president; Robert Flippin, second vice president; Mrs. Mary Sheppardson, third vice president; Mrs. Margery Pogue, secretary; Mrs. S. Anna Magruder, financial secretary; Clyde Bonner, treasurer.

Vital Minerals Listed as Gains Under Marshall Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (UP)—Millions of tons of vital minerals were listed by the State Department today as possible gains for U. S. strategic stockpiles under the Marshall Plan.

The special report was submitted to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in response to questions of what this country can expect in raw materials for the aid sent Europe under the proposed recovery program.

Listed were many minerals which are scarce in this country, but which could be stored up against the possibility of a future U. S. rearmament program.

Notably absent from the list was the key atomic energy source material of uranium. It was explained that the State Department has no jurisdiction over acquisition of uranium, that matter being handled directly by the Federal Atomic Energy Commission.

This explanation apparently satisfied Committee Chairman Vandenberg (R., Mich.), who recently asked the department to explore the

possibility of obtaining uranium from the Belgian Congo—one of the handful of known sources.

Among the materials which the State Department reports this country may obtain annually are: Bauxite, 850,000 to 1,400,000 long tons; 50,000 to 85,000 tons of copper; 25,000 to 40,000 long tons of tin, and 125,000 to 200,000 long tons of chrome.

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