BRITAIN TO RETAIN MANDATE UNTIL ARAB, JEWISH INTERESTS ARE SECURED, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, May 22. (JTA) -- Britain will maintain its mandate in Palestine until both Arab and Jewish interests are secured and thereafter will keep sufficient military forces on hand to protect British interests, Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald said in the House of Commons today as the debate on the White Paper opened.

American Jewish investments will be protected, Richard A. Butler, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, stated.

"The United States Government has been fully informed of all proposals affecting the future status of Palestine," he said, "and will certainly be informed of any proposals which it may eventually be intended to put before the Council of the League for termination of the mandate."

"The Government's proposals," Mr. MacDonald continued, "are conceived in a spirit of absolute impartiality between Jews and Arabs. We must be satisfied that the interests of both majority and minority in Palestine are secured before we surrender completely our mandatory control. In our treaty with Palestine, there must be provision for maintaining sufficient military and air forces to secure our interests, provision for appropriate consultation on all military matters, and for mutual assistance in case of trouble.

"No doubt physically," the Colonial Secretary went on, "we could force on the Arabs of Palestine any kind of Jewish national home, but we could not do that with any moral justification. His Majesty's Government will use its utmost endeavor to see established a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine. A national home for the Jewish people. What is the meaning of that novel, carefully chosen expression? The authors of the Balfour Declaration did not say a 'Jewish State.' They used a less definite expression. They had high hopes, but they felt the need of proceeding cautiously.

"It has sometimes been suggested that it meant definitely that Palestine should become a Jewish State. Certainly the possibility of a Jewish State was not excluded. But it was recognized that Jewish settlement in Palestine on a grand scale was an experiment, the extent whereof must depend upon certain then-incalculable factors."

The Colonial Secretary went on to admit that the British Government itself had adopted economic absorptivity as the sole criterion of Jewish immigration into Palestine.
The application of this principle, he brought out, had sent Jewish population up from 80,000 in 1922 to 450,000 today. On the other hand, he said, as a result of social services established by Britain with Jewish collaboration, the Arab population had risen in the last 20 years from 600,000 to more than 1,000,000.

"We must keep our promises to the Jews, but we must also keep faith with the Arab world," Mr. MacDonald said. "The Government is disappointed that the Arabs have preferred liberty to the prospect of material progress. It is a question of forcing continued Jewish immigration on the Arabs. In the eyes of the Government, the political absorption of new elements is just as important as their economic absorption.

"This isn't a military problem, it is a political problem. If we don't do something to remove the unrest which the Arab feels, if we merely go back to a policy of unlimited immigration which would confirm and augment his fear of being dominated, then we are only sowing dragon's teeth which will one day spring up again as armed men.

"We propose that the influx of Jews should continue for another five years, even regardless of Arab wishes. We have decided on that largely because we believe Palestine could and should still make further substantial contribution towards relieving the tragedy of the Jewish refugees of Central Europe.

"It was said in a statement issued by the Jewish Agency that our proposal transferred authority over Palestine to the present Arab majority and put the Jewish population at the mercy of that majority. If that criticism were true, I agree that this proposal should be condemned. We cannot in honor put the Jewish national home at the mercy of a possibly hostile majority. But I do not believe the limit assigned to immigration could hurt the development of the Jewish community."

A federal solution of the Palestine problem, extending beyond the artificial frontiers created 20 years ago, was advocated today by members of the Royal Commission which in 1937 concluded there was an "irreconcilable conflict" in the Holy Land and recommended tripartition. Pending "fullest consideration" of such a solution, the commissioners, in a joint letter to the Times, counselled acceptance of federal principles as a provisional basis of agreement, declaring they believed this to be the "only honorable truce and just solution between Arabs and Jews."

If an independent state is to be unitary, the letter said, it was difficult to expect Jewish cooperation since the majority of Arab nationalists had not concealed their antagonism to a Jewish national home. An Arab majority in a unitary state, the commissioners contended, would mean Arab domination and cessation of Jewish immigration would doom the Jews to a permanent minority status.

5,000 Women Stage Protest Parade in Jerusalem; Passive Resistance Mapped

JERUSALEM, May 22. (JTA) -- Three thousand Jewish women today paraded through Jerusalem's streets in protest against Britain's Palestine policy as Jewish leaders studied a five-point program of non-cooperation with the British administration.

The women, led by the wives of Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, Prof. David Yellin and Isaac Ben-Zvi, marched past the Jewish Agency offices, through the Talbieh quarter to the King David Hotel, where their leaders presented a memorandum protesting the White Paper to William D. Battershill, Government Chief Secretary. A large demonstration was also held at Hadar HaCarmel, near Haifa, which passed without incident.
The non-cooperation program was submitted by the Jewish National Council to the Emergency Committee of Palestine Jewry, to go into effect if the Palestine policy is finally adopted. The emergency committee empowered the council to communicate the plan to Jewish organizations for consideration of means to carry it out. The plan includes:

(1) Preparation of the younger element of the Jewish community for "emergency tasks." (About 100,000 Jews between the ages of 18 and 35 have registered as willing to answer "any emergency call.")

(2) Organizing of Jewish national economy for independence from foreign production. (Eighty per cent of Palestine customs -- a chief source of the Government's revenue -- is paid by Jews.)

(3) Severance of the Jewish community organizations, Jewish municipalities and local councils from the administration, placing them under the "national authority" of the Palestine Jewish community.

(4) Abolition of the Jerusalem municipal administration, which is based on the domination of the Arabs, comprising a minority of the population, over the majority.

(5) Suspension of tax payments and restriction of the use of fee-requiring Government services.

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**Paris Protest Rally Banned**

PARIS, May 22. (JTA) -- Jews thronging the entrances to Mutualite Hall for a scheduled meeting in protest against Britain's Palestine policy tonight found the doors barred by police who informed them that the rally had been banned at the eleventh hour. It was believed to be the first time a Zionist meeting was prohibited in France.

Only last night Zionist-Revisionists held a meeting in protest against the British White Paper. Today, however, the authorities "advised" Zionist leaders to call off tonight's meeting, at which an attendance of 6,000 was expected, on the ground that the rally would not be in harmony with France's international interests. The "advice" came a few hours before the scheduled time for the meeting. Negotiations proved useless. The organizers of the rally thereupon announced laconically that "for reasons for which we are not responsible tonight's meeting is postponed."

Simultaneously the Patriotic Union of French Israelites, an assimilationist group, issued a statement to the press condemning the idea of calling an "anti-British meeting" on French soil. The statement warned alien Jews in France against participation in such meetings and termed the White Paper an internal British affair. It is understood that the Alliance Israelite Universelle does not associate itself with this manifesto, although some individuals who are members of the Alliance are also members of the Patriotic Union.

The cancelled meeting was called by the French Palestine Association, the Palestine Foundation Fund, the Jewish National Fund, all Zionist parties, the Federation of Jewish Organizations and the Federation of Jewish Youth. It was to have been addressed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, of the World Zionist Executive; Rabbi Meir Berlin, of the Mizrachi Zionist Organization; Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency; I. Naiditch, Marc Jarblum and others. Zionist circles appeared to be depressed by the development but declined to comment.
Fish, In House, Urges "No Surrender"; 250 Leaders Ask U.S. Hold Recognition

WASHINGTON, May 22. (JTA) -- Representative Hamilton Fish of New York, co-author of the 1923 Congressional resolution supporting the Palestine Jewish homeland, urged in a speech on the House floor today "no retreat, surrender or compromise with the British betrayal of promises and pledges, no compromise with the perfidious proposal to repudiate Britain's plighted word."

"I hope the Zionists will not yield to the proposed breach of trust in order to cajole the Arabs and promote the interest of the British Empire by double-crossing the Jews in Palestine and selling them out for a mess of porridge in return for Arab support elsewhere," Mr. Fish said.

"I urge the President, the State Department and Congress to demand that there be no modification of our treaty rights in Palestine without our consent. We must oppose the proposed disgraceful and shocking repudiation of the Balfour pledges. There never was a time when there was more need for a homeland."

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Cordell Hull was urged today by a 26-state delegation of 250 Jewish leaders to refuse to recognize Britain's decision on Palestine because of the jeopardy to American rights guaranteed by the Anglo-American Convention of 1924. A memorandum containing the demand was presented to Mr. Hull by the delegation, headed by Dr. Stephen S. Wise. The group had been summoned by the National Emergency Committee for Palestine and 24 hours' notice and many of its members came to Washington by airplane. The action was arranged in connection with the opening of the House of Commons debate on Palestine.

At the same time, 27 writers, journalists and publishers wrote to President Roosevelt appealing to him to intercede with Britain against carrying out of the White Paper's terms. Signers included John Gunther, Dorothy Thompson, Oswald Garrison Villard, Henrik Willem Van Loon, Heywood Broun, Dorothy Parker and Edna Ferber.

The petition to Secretary Hull was drawn up at an emergency conference held earlier in the day at the Hotel Willard. It asked:

"(1) that no action be taken for the implementation of the new White Paper until this Government shall have an opportunity to examine its terms and to pass judgment on its bearings on the rights of Americans; and (2) that the United States Government, on the basis of its convention with Great Britain, cannot recognize the action taken under the new White Paper in view of the jeopardy created for American interests."

Polish Jews Strike; Bund Fails to Join

WARSAW, May 22. (JTA) -- Jews throughout Poland participated today in a two-hour general strike in protest against the British Government's White Paper on Palestine, while numerous protest meetings were held here and in Wilno, Lwow, Cracow, Lodz and elsewhere.

The Bund, Jewish Socialist party, refused to participate in the strike. As a protest against the Bund's action, the Left Poale-Zion decided to withdraw from the Trade Union Council in which it was jointly represented with the Bund. The Right Poale-Zion issued a statement protesting the Bund's action.
British Labor Party Urged to Press Fight; Congress Elections Dropped

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA) -- A cable by American Jewish labor leaders to the British Labor Party urging continuation of its efforts to obtain withdrawal of the White Paper was made public today by the National Labor Committee for Palestine. Signers of the message included Adolph Hild, Joseph Schlossberg, Abraham Cahan and Maurice Feinstone.

Because of the Palestine crisis, the Central Shekel and Election Board announced its decision to present a single slate of delegates for the 21st biennial session of the World Zionist Congress in Geneva next August. The board represents all groups and parties in the American Zionist movement. The action eliminates necessity of balloting for delegates, originally scheduled for June 11, and permits of continuation of the shekel registration campaign until that date.

HAMILTON DENIES LINK TO ANTI-SEMITES; DECRIES INTOLERANCE; GILBERT SEES FRANCO NEEDED HERE

WASHINGTON, May 22. (JTA) -- Testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Republican National Committee Chairman John D.M. Hamilton today vigorously denied any knowledge of or connection with any of the anti-Semites or anti-Semitic activities disclosed by the committee.

At the same time, Dudley P. Gilbert, New York socialite who has admitted financing the circulation of anti-Semitic propaganda, told the committee that the American people will "have to rise under some American officer of the Franco type" to avert a "leftist uprising" which he charges is being plotted.

Declaring "intolerance to my mind is as great an enemy of our institutions as Communism, Fascism, Nazism or any other alien 'ism,'" Mr. Hamilton reminded the committee that he had openly fought Gerald B. Winrod when the latter sought the Republican nomination for United States Senator from Kansas. He repeated what he had said at that time, that "as a Republican acting in the interests of my party and my country I certainly would not vote for anyone who has dedicated himself to a course of intolerance."

Referring to James I. Campbell, Major-General George Van Horn Moseley and other anti-Semites being investigated by the committee, Mr. Hamilton charged them with trying to link him by inference with their activities. "No man," he said, "who has a position such as mine can permit that challenge to go unanswered because it not only reflects on me but also on the great political party which I represent."

ERNST TOLLER, EXILED REICH AUTHOR, COMMITS SUICIDE

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA) -- Ernst Toller, playwright, poet and author in exile from Germany, committed suicide today by hanging himself in his apartment. The 46-year-old revolutionary writer had been in poor health for some time.

LATE LONDON NEWS

MacDonald Sees Possibility of Federal State

LONDON, May 22. (JTA) -- Possibility of the establishment of an autonomous Jewish province was broached today by Colonial Secretary MacDonald in his statement in defense of the White Paper. The Palestine state envisioned by the Government plan, Mr. MacDonald said, "may be a unitary state, it may be a federal state and it may be that it should be a state in which there is a predominantly Arab province and a predominantly Jewish province, each enjoying a considerable amount of autonomy but both bound to the Federal Government for dealing with matters of common concern."