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NEW PARTITION PLAN FOR PALESTINE; NEGEV TO BE INCLUDED IN JEWISH TERRITORY

CAIRO, Nov. 16. (JTA)-- A new plan for the partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab territories is now under consideration as a solution of the Arab-Jewish problem, it was authoritatively learned here today. The plan has been submitted to several Arab leaders to obtain their reaction.

Details of the plan have already been worked out, but they cannot be disclosed for the time being. It can be stated, however, that the proposal differs widely from the partition plan proposed by the British Royal Commission in 1937, which was headed by Lord Peel. (The Peel Plan envisioned the division of Palestine into an Arab State comprising about two-thirds of the country, a small Jewish State, and neutral areas to remain under British rule.)

While the Peel Plan sought to bring all the Jews of Palestine within a proposed Jewish section of the country and leave no Arabs there, the present project involves leaving a substantial Jewish population outside of the proposed Jewish area which would include a good sized Arab minority. It is understood that under this plan the southern undeveloped part of Palestine, known as the Negev, will be given to the Jews.

No Connection Between Partition Project and Pan-Arab Federation Talks

It was emphasized here today that there is no connection between the new partition project and the discussions on the establishment of a pan-Arab Federation which are now going on in Cairo. There were no concrete proposals on Palestine made during these talks. It is noteworthy, however, that prominent Arabs, in discussing the Palestine problem here, speak of partition as one of the two possible solutions. The other solution, said to be suggested by the Iraqi Premier Nuri Pasha, is based on the premise that the majority of Jews in Palestine would prefer after the war to return to their native lands in a democratic Europe. Under this scheme, they are to be aided financially to return to their original homes and thus the Palestine Jewish community would be reduced to a small number of native Jews.

In an address on Sunday to a gathering of the Wafd party, of which he is the leader, the Egyptian Premier Nahas Pasha spoke of Palestine but did not indicate any specific proposal. He said that Egypt has been following a consistent policy of aiding the Arabs in Palestine and promised that the Palestine question "will continue to engage Egyptian attention as well as that of all other Arabs."

Zionists Reject Old Partition Scheme, Says Jewish Agency Official

LONDON, Nov. 16. (JTA)-- Zionist leaders are not prepared to negotiate the partition of Palestine on the basis of the 1937 plan offered by the Peel Commission, because the reasons for such a partition no longer hold good, Prof. L.B. Namier, political adviser of the Jewish Agency, writes in the Manchester Guardian today.

"The existence of a Jewish State, even in a partitioned Palestine, would have enabled the Jews to play a part in the present war as a nation," the article

says. "The name and the flag of Hitler's foremost victims and enemies would have appeared among the United Nations. Now the Jewish-Arab problem is seen in a wider setting. The Arab aims for complete independence, national unity and elimination of European political influence cannot be attained with Palestine included. If at the price of Palestine, the Arabs would obtain complete independence everywhere else plus ample financial compensation, they would strike a favorable bargain."

Prof. Namier points out that a Jewish State in Palestine would welcome the presence of British forces "which are resented elsewhere." He adds that "if a Jewish State is established, Jews will see to it that Christian and Moslem holy places are put under British or international control." He emphasizes that Jews in Palestine will never accept a minority status.

Important Decisions on Palestine Will Be Made Shortly

LONDON, Nov. 16. (JTA)-- Important decisions with regard to Palestine will be made shortly, it was predicted here today by Lord Strabolgi, pro-Zionist peer. He emphasized that Britain may be compelled to use force again in Palestine "as in the past."

Addressing a meeting of the Cambridge University Society for International Affairs, Lord Strabolgi charged the British and American governments with showing insufficient generosity and understanding for the French Committee of National Liberation. He declared that he would like to see appeasement in the direction of the French rather than of the Arabs "who have displayed no active help in the Allied war effort."

"Very important decisions," he said, "will be made shortly in Palestine where appeasement of the Arabs failed. Britain had to use force in Palestine in the past and might have to do the same again."

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT OPPOSES BAN ON ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE IN THE MAILS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (JTA)-- Serious difficulties in administration were cited today by the Post Office Department opposing the Lynch-Dickstein bills to ban incitements to racial and religious hatred from the mails.

Post Office Solicitor Vincent M. Miles was the only witness against the legislation during the two-day hearings at which four Congressmen and 39 civic, religious, and labor leaders appeared. Subcommittee Chairman Samuel Weiss, Pa. Dem., said that he had received 15,000 pieces of mail on the measures during the past week, all of them urging passage.

Miles testified that it was his "personal opinion that there is not as much racial prejudice as some believe," and that the legislation would cause more racial tension than already exists. Rep. Samuel Dickstein, N.Y. Dem., denounced the Post Office stand as "entirely unjustifiable." Dr. Samuel Margoshes, columnist of the New York Jewish Newspaper, The Day, who testified today, was among those who urged passage of the bill.

GERMANS EXECUTE EIGHT CZECHS FOR ASSISTING JEWS TO FLEE COUNTRY

ZURICH, Nov. 16. (JTA)-- The German-controlled Prague radio today announced that eight Czechs were executed on Nov. 5 for assisting Jews to cross the frontier. The accused Czechs were charged with "sabotaging measures taken by the government to solve the Jewish problem in Bohemia and Moravia."

FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS URGE CONTINUANCE OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. Nov. 16.(JTA)-- A resolution urging the continuance of the United Jewish Appeal on the basis that "maximum results in joint fund-raising depend on the spirit of harmony" was adopted at the tenth annual conference of the West Central States Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, held in Kansas City, Nov. 13-14. The conference, which met at the Hotel Muehlebach here, was attended by eighty delegates from fifteen cities, comprising the nine-state region.

In opening the conference, Frank L. Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, emphasized the necessity of meeting war-created problems without delay. He pointed out further that the effectiveness of local agencies was dependent upon the maximum extent of coordination and cooperation among Jewish groups.

A session arousing considerable interest among delegates was the one dealing with budgeting principles and procedures. Attention was directed to the importance of following a democratic budgeting process which would involve all elements within each community. It was pointed out, however, that this would be possible only with the development of better criteria to deal with the needs of the various agencies.

Post-War Jewish Community Organization Discussed

The closing session of the conference was given over to the subject of community organization both today and in the post-war period. The need for a central local organization which would deal with matters of common Jewish concern including broad group problems came up for a good deal of consideration. Such an organization, it was felt, would have to be representative in structure and democratic in action. It was agreed that questions such as civic-protective activity, community planning, Jewish education, and fund-raising for social welfare purposes could plausibly lie within its scope.

Another session dealt with the question of the organization of all types of Jewish education on a community-wide basis. The conference adopted a revised constitution for the region which provides proportionate representation in the executive committee and future conferences to member agencies.

Officers elected are Louis S. Myers of Kansas City, president; E. N. Gueskin of Sioux City, first vice-president; Avery Carp of Granite City, second vice-president; Milton Livingston of Omaha, third vice-president; Sidney Chhn of Chicago, secretary.

SITUATION OF JEWS IN YUGOSLAVIA DISCUSSED IN PALESTINE; KING PETER VISITS COLONY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16. (JTA)-- Representatives of Yugoslav Jewish settlers in Palestine met here today with Yugoslav Minister of the Interior Vladeta Millechevitch who is visiting Palestine in the company of King Peter. Millechevitch told the Jewish representatives that the King was acquainted with the problems of the Jews in occupied Yugoslavia and was anxious to take all possible steps to aid them. He expressed the opinion that a liberated Yugoslavia will be interested in developing its agriculture along the lines of the Jewish settlements in Palestine.

Earlier, the King together with the Interior Minister, visited the colony of Shaar Haamakin, located in the Valley of Zebulun, where he inspected a nearby grove of trees planted in honor of his late father King Alexander. King Peter lunched at the colony and was officially greeted by representatives of the Jewish Agency.

JEWISH FAMILY WHICH GAVE EIGHT SONS TO U.S. ARMED FORCES IS LAUDED IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (JTA)-- Tribute to a Pittsburgh Jewish family whose eighth son entered the U.S. armed services last Friday was paid in the House of Representatives by Rep. Samuel A. Weiss, who also inserted in the Congressional Record an article published in the Pittsburgh Press stating that of the ten sons in this family only two married men are still civilians.

"The city of Pittsburgh, Pa." Rep. Weiss said, "is indeed proud of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Grossman, residents of that city, in view of the fact that last Friday Michael Grossman became the eighth son to enter the services of his country. Only two married sons and a daughter of this splendid family remain at home. Mr. & Mrs. Grossman were honored by the American Legion and by the selective service board of the city of Pittsburgh, and they acknowledged these honors with pride and said they were happy that their boys could serve this great country of ours to help preserve the ideals that make it possible for Catholics, Protestants, and Jews to live together in a spirit of brotherhood and fellowship.

CHICAGO JEWISH FLIER AWARDED TWELVE DECORATIONS FOR BRAVERY

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (JTA)-- The Jewish Welfare Board today reported that T/Sgt. Herman Sachnoff, 26, of Chicago, now home after a year of intensive air combat across North Africa from Egypt to Tunisia, holds a dozen decorations; the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star, the Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster. With the first American crews to land in Africa, Sergeant Sachnoff, a radio operator and technician, fought through forty-eight combat missions and was wounded when his craft, a B-25, was hit by flak.

Capt. Harold M. Jaffe, 26 of the Bronx, has been awarded an Air Medal, four Oak Leaf Clusters and a Distinguished Flying Cross, the Jewish Welfare Board also reports. Returned from the Mediterranean area after fifty combat missions, Captain Jaffe is now on duty in this country. He was navigating a Flying Fortress on the African front.

Capt. Philip M. Adler, 28, of Lebanon, Ind., combat pilot serving in the China theatre, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and Purple Heart according to another Jewish Welfare Board report. The Adlers are the only Jewish family in Lebanon.

CANADIAN LABOR CONGRESS WANTS GOVERNMENT TO ADMIT MORE REFUGEES TO CANADA

MONTREAL, Nov. 16. (JTA)-- The Canadian Congress of Labor today announced its intention to place before the government its recent resolution urging Canada to offer asylum to refugees. The announcement was made in a letter to the Canadian Jewish Congress made public here.

NATION-WIDE JEWISH BOOK MONTH WILL BE OBSERVED BY ALL LARGER COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (JTA)-- Jewish Book Month will be ushered in on Saturday, Nov. 20th by a series of Jewish book programs to be conducted over the air, in the libraries, schools, clubs, societies, centers and religious institutions and other agencies throughout the country, it was announced here today.

New York, Chicago, Boston, Detroit and other of the larger communities have organized city-wide committees for the planning of special observances for Jewish Book Month and Week, officially designated by the Jewish Book Council of America for the period November 20th through December 19th.