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PREP SET FOR NEW SHOWDOWN AT SAN FRANCISCO; PROPOSALS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ADOPTED

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28. (JTA) — Arab delegates today indicated that they have not given up their fight within the trusteeship committee of the UNCIO and that they intend to offer a new amendment to the big powers' proposal on trusteeships which would modify this proposal so as to jeopardize Jewish rights in Palestine. The Arabs made several unsuccessful attempts to secure such modifications last week.

Meanwhile, efforts by Jewish and other consultants to the U. S. delegation to secure establishment of a Commission on Human Rights today culminated in the adoption of the Big Four's recommendation on this subject by the Committee on Economic and Social Cooperation.

The recommendation as passed by the committee in the form of an amendment to the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, reads: "With a view to the creation of conditions of stability and well-being which are necessary for the peaceful and friendly relations among nations, based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, the organization should facilitate solutions of international, economic, social, cultural and other humanitarian problems, and promote respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, language, religion or sex. Responsibility for the discharge of this function should be vested in the General Assembly, and under the authority of the General Assembly, in the Economic and Social Council."

Another amendment passed jointly by the Committee on Political and Security Questions and by the Committee on Economic and Social Cooperation, reads: "The General Assembly should initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of promoting international cooperation in political, economic, social and cultural fields to assist in the realization of human rights and basic freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, language, religion or sex, and also for the encouragement of the development of international law."

Implementation of these recommendations by establishment of a commission for the promotion of human rights by the Committee on Economic and Social Cooperation is expected within the next few days, through a joint amendment of the big powers to the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. This amendment reads: "The Economic and Social Council should set up commissions in the fields of economic activity, social activity, cultural activity, promotion of human rights and any other field within the competence of the Council. These commissions should consist of experts. There should be a permanent staff which should constitute a part of the secretariat of the organization."

Rabbi Elmer Berger, executive director of the American Council for Judaism, addressing a press conference here expressed doubt as to whether the majority of the Jews in the United States are in favor of proclaiming Palestine as a Jewish State. The

1,500,000 American Jews have not expressed their opinion on this subject and the Council is endeavoring to find out what their opinion is, he said.

Collaboration of Jewish Representatives at San Francisco Lauded

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) — Tribute to the collaboration of the Jewish representatives at San Francisco was paid today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, representative of the Jewish Agency, upon his return to New York.

Addressing a press conference, Dr. Goldmann said that while there was no "united Jewish front" at San Francisco, the American Jewish Conference, the World Jewish Congress and the Board of Deputies of British Jews worked together on all points while the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Labor Committee also lent their full support in the fight against trusteeship proposals which would prejudice the rights of the Jews in Palestine and their immigration into Palestine. The activities of the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation and of the Zionists-Revisionists, however, made an "evil impression," Dr. Goldmann added.

Although the word "Palestine" was not mentioned in the official proceedings of the San Francisco Conference, it was in the minds of many of the delegates and in the long debate on the trusteeship plan over mandated areas, Dr. Goldmann reported. He declared that the Jewish representations at San Francisco regarded as a great gain the fact that the danger that Jewish rights in Palestine would be whittled down was averted. The inclusion of the "safeguarding clause" in the trusteeship plan, providing that in any change in the status of mandated territories the rights of the people affected shall be protected, was a distinct victory over the Arab demands, Dr. Goldmann said, although he warned against minimizing the danger of Arab influence since five Arab countries are represented at the Conference.

Dr. Goldmann also regarded as a victory for the Zionists the fact that the conference failed to recognize the Pan-Arab league as one of the regional security organizations of the world. The Jewish Agency and cooperating Jewish organizations took the position that while there could be no objection to the Arab states organizing into a league, the United Nations conference could not recognize such a league, because two of its member nations, Transjordan and Yemen, were not members of the United Nations.

Palestine Conference Says Jewish Efforts at San Francisco Were a Failure

TEL AVIV, May 28. (JTA) — Declaring that Jewish efforts at San Francisco resulted in failure, a Palestine-wide conference of the Movement for Labor Unity, an opposition group within the Histadruth, today adopted a resolution stating that there is no possible solution of the Jewish problem other than the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State.

A pessimistic note was struck by all speakers in discussing Jewish activities at the United Nations Conference with regard to Palestine. They also emphasized that Jews suffered serious setbacks during the war.

TRANSFER OF PALESTINE MANDATE TO ARAB LEAGUE URGED BY CANADIAN ARAB LEADER

MONTREAL, May 28. (JTA) — Transfer of the Palestine mandate from Britain to the recently-formed League of Arab Nations was proposed here by M. S. Massoud, secretary of the Canadian Arab Friendship League, addressing a meeting of that organization.

Declaring that transfer of the mandate would solve the Palestine problem, Mr. Massoud declared that the Arab nations have helped hundreds of thousands of Jews by allowing them to enter Palestine, "but are opposed to their political aims within Arab-ruled territory."

BIRO-BIDJAN VOTES 30,000,000 RUBLES BUDGET FOR 1945, 74 PERCENT FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

MOSCOW, May 28. (JTA) — An annual budget of 30,000,000 rubles for 1945 was adopted at the twelfth session of the executive committee of the Jewish Autonomous Region of Biro-Bidjan, it was disclosed in a report made public here. This exceeds by 10,000,000 rubles the 1944 budget. Of the total amount for 1945, 74 percent was allocated for cultural activities.

Industrial enterprises in Biro-Bidjan exceeded their production quota in the first three months of this year, according to the report. State industrial enterprises fulfilled 111 percent of their quota, while local industry exceeded its quota by seven percent and the industrial cooperatives quota was nine percent overfulfilled. A textile mill with an annual capacity of more than 5,000,000 yards of cloth is being built and 7,000,000 rubles have been allocated for this project.

The report also reveals that during mining operations in the Sutarsk goldfields - which also exceeded their quota for the first three months of this year - two mammoth bones of a mammoth were unearthed. This is the second valuable archaeological find to be discovered in the Sutarsk goldfields in recent months.

INDIAN MOSLEM LEADER ATTACKS PRO-ZIONIST STAND BY BRITISH LABOR PARTY OFFICIAL

LONDON, May 28. (JTA) — Moslem India has been "shocked" by the support for Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine voiced at the British Labor Party's conference last week by Hugh Dalton, former president of the Board of Trade, according to Mahomed Ali Jinnah, president of the Indian Moslem League.

Jinnah is quoted in the Times today as declaring that the Dalton statement has aroused great resentment. He called on Clement Attlee, Labor Party leader, to clarify the party's official attitude on Palestine without delay since the remarks by Dalton are "bound to alienate and exasperate the Moslem world and lead to the most disastrous consequences."

It was announced today that Chief Rabbi Joseph Hertz has agreed to become honorary president of the Jewish Dominion of Palestine League, which is headed by Lord Bessborough. The League disclosed that it plans to sound out all parliamentary candidates on their attitude towards free Jewish immigration into Palestine and the advancement of Palestine, as a self-governing dominion, into the British Commonwealth of Nations.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN RECEIVES DELEGATION OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS; MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED

WASHINGTON, May 28. (JTA) — A memorandum felicitating President Truman on the American support at San Francisco for the establishment of a Commission on Human Rights, and expressing confidence that the American tradition of equal rights for all will be maintained and strengthened, was submitted today to President Truman by a delegation representing the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

The delegation was headed by National Commander Archie H. Greenberg, and included Charles Schwager, editor of the "Jewish Veteran," official organ of the JWV, and National Commander George Fredman and Irwin Gensberg, a member of the organization's executive committee.

While with the President, the delegation also urged that "authority be given to our National Commander to visit the battlefronts of Europe, to tour the cemeteries of our fallen heroes, to visit our heroic wounded, and to symbolize by his presence the equality of our American unity which has welded together into one people men of diverse faiths and origins."

THE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIAN SENATE ADVOCATES JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO LATIN AMERICA

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 28. (JTA) -- Jewish immigration into Latin American countries and a merciless fight against anti-Semitism is advocated in a statement given by George Regeros Ieralta, vice-president of the Colombian Senate, to Leon Kravitz, special correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"I am convinced," the statement read, "that Jewish immigration into Latin American countries would be beneficial to the lands to which the Jews would be admitted. The Jewish immigrants are fulfilling a progressive function which will yield fruits in Colombia much earlier than expected, as was the case also in Chile and in Argentina, both in the cultural and economic sense."

Expressing the opinion that Jews must join with the liberal elements in their respective countries in support of their democratic governments, the leader of the Colombian Senate emphasized that "on the other hand, it is the duty of the free nations of the American continent to combat mercilessly every trace of anti-Semitism, which is the most reactionary weapon" in the hands of the enemies of democracy.

SWH AFRICAN NATIONALISTS ASSAIL FILMS OF GERMAN ATROCITIES AS "JEWISH PROPAGANDA"

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, May 28. (JTA) -- Nationalist newspapers here are assailing films of German atrocities, which are being shown in all theatres, as "Jewish propaganda." One nationalist newspaper summed up its reaction to the films by declaring: "It is clear that Jewish capitalist war instigators are becoming afraid with the approaching peace, that the peace terms may be too Christian. Therefore the purpose of these films is to incite a tremendous hatred against the Germans."

At the same time, nationalists, who openly demonstrated their admiration for Nazi Germany all during the war, and who bitterly attacked suggestions that South Africa harbor several hundred Jewish orphans from Europe, are now urging that childless couples adopt German war orphans, and are asking funds for German relief.

RABBI HELLER ARRIVES IN PALESTINE, SWEDISH JEWS URGE PALESTINE ADMIT 1,000 REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, May 28. (JTA) -- Rabbi James G. Heller, president of the United Palestine Appeal in the United States, arrived here today by plane. He was met at the airport by representatives of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund.

The Agency disclosed today that the Jewish community of Sweden has cabled to it and to Prime Minister Churchill urging the admittance to Palestine of 1,000 women of the 3,000 refugees from Nazi camps who have arrived in Sweden in recent weeks.

SWH WELFARE BOARD ASSIGNS 41 MORE CHAPLAINS TO DUTY WITH ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Frank L. Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, today announced that 41 Jewish chaplains will be added to the United States armed forces as part of the post V-E Day program of the organization.

"There are now 267 Jewish chaplains in the Army and Navy," Mr. Weil said. "The Army and Navy have requested an additional 41 chaplains, reflecting an expanding need for the spiritual services which they render in the camps and in the field."

BECAUSE OF MEMORIAL DAY THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON THURSDAY