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CABINET COMMITTEE GROUP MEETS IN WASHINGTON ON PALESTINE "FEDERALIZATION" PLAN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- No statement concerning President Truman's attitude on the British-proposed Palestine "federalization" plan will be forthcoming today, though a series of meetings on the Palestine question were inaugurated this morning by Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson, who met with the Cabinet Committee alternates, headed by Henry F. Grady, and the six American members of the former Anglo-American inquiry committee, headed by Judge Joseph C. Hutcheson.

An announcement to this effect was made this afternoon by Charles G. Ross, White House press secretary. He said that President Truman has not yet fixed a time to confer with the Cabinet Committee. He declined to comment as to whether the President has communicated with the British Government on the "federalization" plan.

Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder told his press conference today that President Truman has so far expressed neither dissatisfaction nor satisfaction with the plan. Asked about Mr. Truman's reported disapproval of the proposal, Secretary Snyder replied that he was not informed of the President's stand and that he did not believe Mr. Truman had yet talked with Grady and his associates.

The members of the Anglo-American inquiry committee met among themselves this morning prior to the conference at the State Department with Acheson and the alternates of the Cabinet Committee. Judge Hutcheson is understood to believe that his group has at present solely one task: to render judgment as to whether the plan under consideration implements the inquiry committee report, which was to be the basis for the negotiations by Grady with the British. In Judge Hutcheson's opinion, it is thought, the plan does not meet this test.

Resent British Stalling on Admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine

The inquiry committee members seem agreed that Grady and his associate alternates not only failed to implement the Anglo-American report on Palestine, which was to be the basis for their negotiations, but reversed the report's positive recommendations. These were for immediate entry of 100,000 displaced European Jews to Palestine, removal of land restrictions and continued immigration of Jews to Palestine. What is felt to be stalling by British officials on the admission of the 100,000 is resented by the inquiry committee members.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Dr. Nahum Goldman, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, arrived in Washington last night for today's special meeting of the executive committee of the Zionist Emergency Council. Dr. Goldman flew in from Paris. They went into conference with Dr. Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the ZOA, reviewing developments preliminary to the meeting.

David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, conferred briefly with President Truman this morning on Palestine and Jewish refu-

gees. He confined himself to saying that he had made certain suggestions to the President, whom he found sympathetic.

The "Washington Post" in the second of several recent strong editorials on Palestine, assailed the partition plan and expressed confidence that President Truman would not be stampeded into its acceptance.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT DENIES INTENTION TO DEPORT VISALESS JEWS TO CYPRUS CAMPS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government has no intention of deporting Jewish refugees who have already arrived off the shores of Palestine, it was stated today by the government's information officer, Richard Stubbs.

Stubbs told a press conference that the government had no knowledge that camps were being constructed in Cyprus to house visaless Jews attempting to enter Palestine. He also denied that any persons have been transferred to Eritrea,

A Reuters dispatch today from Famagusta, Cyprus, however, said that 100 large tents were being erected there, while a nearby detention camp has been rewired. It quoted official quarters as admitting that large numbers of Jews were expected, but said that it is not known whether they will be arrested terrorists or visaless immigrants. The Palestine censor has forbidden mention in the local press of reports that camps are being prepared in Cyprus.

The Jewish community here is still uneasy and apprehensive as persistent reports continue that the authorities are planning to deport the refugees who are still aboard several vessels in Haifa harbor.

Special troop maneuvers will be held in Haifa today during which the military authorities will attempt to establish how fast they can move troops to the harbor area if and when British marines begin transferring Jews to ships to take them to Cyprus.

Four-motored long-range Lancaster bombers are reported to be patrolling the Mediterranean to spot vessels heading towards Palestine and to summon naval patrols to divert the refugee ships to Cyprus. The air operations may be part of a large-scale blockade of the Palestine coast which the British authorities are reportedly ready to impose.

It is believed that several small vessels carrying 10,000 refugees are somewhere in the Mediterranean near Palestine, waiting for instructions. One or more vessels may already have been taken to Cyprus, although there is still no confirmation of these rumors.

It was officially announced tonight that 1,700 of the persons detained at the Raffa camp have been released as of today and the remaining 970 will be freed as soon as possible.

A delegation of Jewish lawyers called on High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham today and pointed out that the government's recent requisition of offices and shops threatened the livelihood of 3,000 people.

They cited the case of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, whose modern banking building has no duplicate here. Replying, Gen. Cunningham said that all the requisitions were motivated by the bombing of the King David Hotel and the need to take additional security measures.

Meyer Weisgal, general secretary of the Jewish Agency office in New York, left Palestine today for London to report to Dr. Chaim Weizmann on the latest developments here.

BRITISH CABINET MEETS ON PALESTINE; POSTPONES FINAL DECISION ON "FEDERALIZATION" PLAN

LONDON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The British Cabinet met today to discuss the Palestine problem, but postponed a final decision on the proposed "federalization" plan because no formal reply has been received from President Truman. Another session of the Cabinet will be held as soon as the attitude of the United States has been clarified.

Prior to the Cabinet meeting the British Government received a communication from President Truman which did not indicate either acceptance or rejection of the plan. However, it is understood that it indicated that the first reaction of the President to the plan was unfavorable.

Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, chief of the British Imperial General Staff, attended the meeting. John Strachey, Food Minister, who is not a member of the Cabinet and is normally invited only when matters pertaining to his department are involved, was also present. Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, who has been ill recently, participated in the meeting but he is going to the Peace Conference and Prime Minister Attlee is expected to handle future Palestine developments.

Alternative Plans for Palestine; No Change in Mandate Expected

There are conflicting reports here as to whether the British Government has considered alternative plans to the "federalization" scheme, if Truman finally rejects it. One source said that several other plans have been broached, while Reuters today reports that it is understood that the Government has no alternative plan should the United States decide against the proposal.

Reuters added that the Cabinet for the time being is not considering the question of the Palestine mandate. "Even if Britain were to hand over the mandate, there is nobody to whom it could be passed, as the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations has not yet been set up," it pointed out.

The Government still hopes that an agreement can be reached with President Truman if he suggests modifications of the "federalization" plan, the diplomatic correspondent of the Star, a London newspaper, said today. The same paper reported that at today's session of the Cabinet, Colonial Secretary George Hall reported on his recent discussions of the plan with Dr. Chaim Weizmann. It is understood that Dr. Weizmann recommended to the Cabinet that it invite representatives of Jewish groups in various countries, in addition to representatives of Palestine Jewry, to the round-table conferences, the report states.

A report from Egypt today said that members of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee met in Alexandria under the chairmanship of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and decided that the Palestine Arabs will participate in the forthcoming London round-table talks only if the Mufti is allowed to lead the delegation and if Jews will not participate.

Jewish Agency's Criticism of Plan Merits Consideration, Times Says

The Times, in an editorial, asserts that the Jewish Agency's criticism of the plan for the partition of Palestine into four sections merits "serious consideration." It declares, however, that the Agency's rejection of the plan as a basis for discussion is unjustified and that the Agency's attitude is inexplicable unless based on the hypothesis that it will not accept any compromise short of the full Zionist program. The newspaper suggests that the Agency statement may have been made to influence policy in the United States "where powerful forces are at work making substantial modification inevitable."

JEWISH AGENCY ASKS FOR A HEARING AT PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE; POINTS TO U.N. PRECEDENT

PARIS, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive today announced that it will request a hearing before a committee of the Peace Conference to discuss provisions in the contemplated peace treaties which affect Jews.

An Agency spokesman, who said that the request would be sent to Paul Henri Spaak, chairman of the Conference's procedure committee, pointed out that the United Nations has established the practice of giving hearings to "non-governmental" bodies and suggested that the peace meeting adopt the same policy.

Dr. Jacob Robinson, head of the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress, will draft amendments which the Agency will ask to be included in the treaties with former enemy countries in order that Jewish rights and property may be safeguarded.

Jewish Groups Seek Unity of Action at Peace Parley

A meeting of the representatives of all Jewish groups here will be held tomorrow in an attempt to reach an agreement under which all of the organizations will coordinate their efforts. Delegations from the American Jewish Conference, the American Jewish Committee, the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the World Jewish Congress and other groups will attend. The general feeling among the Jewish representatives is that unless concerted action is decided upon immediately, it will be too late.

The American Jewish Committee delegation announced today that Prof. H. Lauterpacht of Cambridge University, author of a volume on an international bill of rights, will act as its legal consultant here. He is expected to arrive this week-end.

Private discussions among members of the Jewish Agency on various matters are continuing. Pending the return from Washington of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who made a flying visit to the United States in connection with American action on the "federalization" plan, the discussions here are expected to be limited to internal matters.

Golda Meirson, American-born leader of the Histadruth, last night appealed to the Socialists of the world to raise their voices on behalf of the Jews of Palestine. Speaking at a reception tendered here by the French Socialist Party, Miss Meirson discussed the work of the Socialists in Palestine and scored the "deception" of British Labor.

Agency Member Warns Palestine Jews Will Not Allow Deportation of Refugees

At a press conference here today Miss Meirson and Berl Locker, London member of the Jewish Agency, said that they had received information that the Palestine Government was preparing to deport 1,500 Jews now on ships in Haifa harbor. They warned that the Palestine Jewish community will not sit by quietly and allow the British authorities to deport visaless immigrants.

Locker said that the present influx of "illegal" immigrants was not aimed at embarrassing the authorities, but was a spontaneous mass trek by thousands of Jews who have no other place to go. He denied that the Agency was organizing transportation of visaless Jews, but added that it will refuse to do anything which would prevent these Jews from entering Palestine.

He declared that if women and children were allowed to enter, while men were deported, it would result in breaking up families which have, in most cases, already been rent asunder by the war.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT PASSES LAW FACILITATING RETURN OF CONFISCATED JEWISH PROPERTY

VIENNA, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government today published a law which will have the double-barrelled effect of making it easier for Jews to regain their property and harder for the Russians to claim as reparations everything the Germans once held.

Since the Russians, who opposed the law before the Allied Council here, could not get unanimous Big Four disapproval, the measure has now gone into effect. Passed by Parliament on May 15, the new statute calls null and void all legal transactions which, with or without compensation, took place after the Anschluss (March 12, 1938) depriving Austrians of property they had previously held legally.

The effect of this will be to change the whole burden-of-proof procedure in countless current property disputes. Previously, a Jew trying to regain his property had to prove that he had been forced to surrender his property or, in any event, had been cheated on the deal. Now the present owner will have to prove that he acquired a given piece of property under fair conditions, for the legal assumption now is that all such transactions were concluded under some form of duress and are no longer binding.

The law also affects the legal status of the Russian claim to so-called German assets in Austria. Heretofore the Russians gladly accepted the Nazi records of what was German and what was non-German property since that gave them the largest possible so-called German assets to take as reparations. But now they, too, must assume the legal burden of proving their claims.

The Red Army, meanwhile, since July 6 has proceeded with the seizure of 7,887 hectares of land of more than 20,000 hectares claimed. Of 22 properties already taken, ten belonged to Jews until the Nazis squeezed them out.

DEPUTY COMMANDER OF OSWIECIM DEATH CAMP CAPTURED; WILL BE TRIED NEXT MONTH

WARSAW, Aug. 7. (JTA)-- The Warsaw radio announced today that the militia in Katowice has arrested former S.S. leader Joseph Zagorza, one-time deputy commander of the Oswiecim death camp.

Zagorza, who is now in prison at Sonowiec, will be tried at Katowice in September together with Rudolph Hoess, the commander of Oswiecim, who was seized several months ago by U.S. troops in Germany and turned over to Poland.

HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT HEARS DEMAND FOR ARREST, EXECUTION OF MISKOLC POGROMISTS

BUDAPEST, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A demand that the perpetrators of the anti-Jewish riot in Miskolc last week, during which two Jews were lynched and a Jewish police officer beaten to death, be arrested immediately and executed if proven guilty, was made today in Parliament by a Jewish deputy named O. Antl. He also demanded arrest of the police who made no attempts to curb the disturbance.

Replying, Premier Ferenc Nagy assured Hungarian Jews that they need not fear for their lives and that every effort will be made to prevent further attacks on Jews. Later, Antl told the JTA that Nagy had assured him privately that while measures against the Miskolc guilty will take some time, they will be "ruthless."

Laszlo Stoeckler, president of the Jewish Community Council, has decided to postpone his scheduled trip to London for conferences with Jewish leaders, because of the disturbed situation here.

POLISH GOVT. ESTABLISHING AGENCY TO AID IN REHABILITATION OF JEWS WHO WISH TO REMAIN

WARSAW, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A special government agency, which will be called the "Department for Productivization of Jews," has been established by the Polish Government. An official announcement will be made later this week.

The new department will assist in the rehabilitation and resettlement of those Jews who want to remain in Poland. It will be headed by Major W.M. Wrzoz and will be a section of the executive office of the President, to whom it will be directly responsible.

The government's action follows representations by considerable numbers of Jews who wish to remain in Poland, but lack houses, jobs and tools. The government hopes to carry out an extensive program of assistance for these persons.

The department's activities will center largely on finding employment for Jews either in plants now operating or by turning over small shut-down factories to co-operative groups or by furnishing workers and artisans with tools.

A hint that assistance from Jews abroad, in terms of equipment and tools which can be utilized in the new program, would be welcome, is contained in the fact that the department will work closely with the Office of Jewish Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

ATLANTA JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONDEMNNS LYNCHING OF FOUR NEGROES IN GEORGIA

ATLANTA, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The committee on community relations of the Atlanta Jewish Community Council has adopted a resolution condemning the lynching of four Negroes in Walton County, Georgia, it was announced today. The resolution declared:

"Concerned with the good name and welfare of the State of Georgia, and desiring to join the voices of decency, the Committee on Community Relations of the Atlanta Jewish Community Council places itself on record as deprecating and condemning the recent unprovoked attack upon the lives of four Negro citizens of Walton County, Georgia.

"We commend the efforts of our State and Federal officials in taking prompt action to apprehend those guilty. We urge that they continue their efforts until the guilty are brought to justice.

"We believe the time has come for all good citizens of Georgia to recognize that any violation of the sacredness of human life by mob action is a real threat and danger to the rights and privileges of every citizen."

JOINT ARAB-JEWISH CITRUS GROWERS DELEGATION ARRIVES IN LONDON TO DISCUSS CROP DISPOSAL

LONDON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- For the first time in several years, a joint Jewish-Arab delegation of citrus growers, consisting of four Jews and four Arabs, arrived here to open negotiations with the Ministry of Food for disposal of their crops, it was learned today.

The delegation expects to proceed to the continent following its discussions here. The Jewish members of the group left Tel Aviv on the first day of the British-raid and were escorted in military cars to Lydda, where they boarded a plane.