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ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE ADJOURNS WITHOUT TAKING DECISION ON LONDON CONFERENCE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The Small Zionist Actions Committee which was convened to decide on whether to accept or reject the British invitation to participate in the forthcoming London parley on Palestine, adjourned today without reaching any definite decision.

Instead, the meeting adopted a resolution stating that it "noted the negotiations" which are now being conducted between the British Government and the Jewish Agency with regard to the conference on Palestine, and has also taken into consideration the statement of the executive of the Jewish Agency that the results of these negotiations will be submitted to the Actions Committee after they are concluded.

Early today it was indicated that a communication to the Agency might be expected from British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin within the next 24 hours, enabling the Agency to attend the London conference. It was reported that the decision of the Agency's executive, submitted by Dr. Chaim Weizmann on Aug. 16 to Colonial Secretary George Hall, contained the following conditions:

1. The Agency cannot and will not participate in the conference on the basis of the "federalization plan" outlined to the House of Commons by Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council.
2. The Agency will participate if the basis is the creation of a Jewish state.
3. The Agency reserves the right to appoint its own representatives.
4. The Agency is agreed that other important Jewish bodies shall be invited to the conference, but the invitations must come from the Agency.

Opinion in the Zionist Actions Committee appeared to favor upholding the demands of the Jewish Agency executive, which amount to a rejection of the British invitation, since the British Government has so far insisted upon the "federalization plan" as the basis for negotiations. There is, however, an evident desire to keep the matter open in view of the reported last-minute efforts being made by Foreign Minister Bevin to secure the participation of the Jewish Agency.

The Hashomer Hatzair, left wing of the Palestine Laborites, today adopted a resolution declaring that the participation of the Jewish Agency in the London conference must depend on the following three conditions: 1. A guarantee for the integrity of Palestine; 2. A guarantee that 100,000 European Jews will be admitted to Palestine irrespective of the outcome of the conference; 3. The detained members of the Jewish Agency executive and of the Jewish National Council must be released.

The Central Committee of the Mapai, Palestine Jewish Labor Party, today adopted a decision rejecting the British "federalization plan" as a basis for negotiations. It urged the Jewish Agency to participate in the London conference only if the question of the establishment of a Jewish state is introduced during the talks and if the Agency is given the right to invite all Jewish representatives outside of its own ranks.

PARLEY ON PALESTINE MAY BE POSTPONED; BEVIN TO DISCUSS PARTITION WITH ARAB STATES

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The round-table conference on Palestine, scheduled to open Sept. 9, will probably be postponed until Sept. 16 or 23 to give Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin time to discuss with representatives of the Arab states the reported willingness on their part to consider the partition of Palestine.

The belief was expressed here today that there is now a strong likelihood that the Jewish Agency will participate in the London conference, as a result of a meeting which took place in Paris this afternoon between Bevin and Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

It is understood that Bevin wants some measure of agreement with the Arab States before opening the talks with the Jewish Agency, recognizing the hopelessness of the conference unless such a preliminary agreement along lines favorable to the Jews, is obtained.

During earlier talks with Dr. Goldmann, Bevin promised that British representatives in Cairo would raise the question of partition based on an independent, self-sufficient Jewish state with Arab statesmen there. Whether such discussions have already been initiated has not yet been determined, but information available here indicates that Arab leaders representing the Arab states have reversed their former stand on partition for internal political reasons, and are willing to support such a policy provided the British approve.

For the first time in many weeks Jewish quarters have appeared optimistic and considerably heartened by the sudden change of events. They point to Bevin's willingness to engage in talks with Dr. Goldmann as one of the most hopeful signs. They are also pleased by Bevin's request to Goldmann to help in framing the replies to Arab arguments opposing partition, such as fears of the future development of Jewish irredentism in the Arab part of Palestine.

It is felt here that the swing toward partition as a solution opposed to the "federalization" scheme has now become marked. Jewish circles believe Bevin has been won over to at least a serious conference discussion of such a solution for four compelling reasons. They are:

1. Partition is favored by many Conservatives in addition to Labor M.P.'s, therefore it is most likely to win support in Commons;
2. It is supported by the dominions including Canada, South Africa and Australia;
3. It is backed by the United States;
4. Even the Arab states are now ready to support it.

Only one other interested party--the Palestine Arabs--are still opposed to partition. But it is pointed out that they have heavily compromised their position by "festooning it with the Mufti," whom British public opinion can never accept because of his collaborationist record.

JEWISH AGENCY REPORTED TO HAVE SUBMITTED NEW PROPOSALS ON PARTICIPATION IN LONDON TALKS

PARIS, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- New proposals for the participation of the Jewish Agency in the forthcoming London talks on Palestine are reported to have been submitted today to British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin by Dr. Nahum Goldmann in behalf of the Agency's executive. British sources indicated that Bevin will issue a reply to these proposals.

Bevin was said to have requested the Jewish Agency, which reportedly has rejected the British invitation, to postpone any further decision until his reply was received. The Agency, it is understood, wants a guarantee that its own plan for the partitioning of Palestine would be discussed at the London conference.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT DENIES IT IS PLANNING TO ISSUE NEW STATEMENT ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA). -- Both the Foreign Office and the Colonial Office today denied a report that the British Government intends to issue a new statement on Palestine.

A Foreign Office spokesman confirmed that Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin met during the week-end with members of the Jewish Agency executive in Paris "presumably under the latter's initiative and apparently to follow up suggestions by the Jewish Agency to participate in the London conference." The Government's reply to these suggestions is anticipated shortly, the spokesman said.

London newspapers emphasize that they will not be surprised if the Jewish Agency rejects the invitation to attend the conference on Palestine, as did the Palestine Arab Higher Committee. However, they predict that the British Government will impose a solution of the Palestine problem which will be acceptable to both Jews and Arabs.

In order to counteract the anti-Zionist campaign which is developing throughout Britain, the Board of Deputies of British Jews today issued a fifteen-point pamphlet on the Palestine issue, giving facts on its political background and describing the character of the Haganah. The pamphlet will be distributed all over Britain.

ARAB NOTABLES IN PALESTINE REJECT HIGH COMMISSIONER'S INVITATION TO LONDON TALKS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Following the rejection by the Palestine Arab Higher Committee of the British invitation to participate in the London conference on Palestine, the High Commissioner today proffered the invitation to the Arab mayors of Nablus and Jaffa, and also to two prominent Christian Arabs. All four declined the offer.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Arab Committee today met to discuss an urgent request from Emir Abdullah, ruler of Transjordan, to send a delegation to consult with him on the Committee's rejection of the British invitation. It is assumed that Abdullah is seeking to act as mediator between the Palestine Arabs and the British Government, since he, himself, has already accepted the British invitation.

The Arab Committee last night cabled the seven Arab governments which have been invited to the parley asking them to support the Palestine Arabs in their boycott of the conference. The cable did not specifically request the governments to boycott the conference, but merely asked for "support" of the Palestine Arabs stand.

AGUDAH WORLD EXECUTIVE MEETS IN PARIS TO FORMULATE POLICY TOWARDS LONDON PARLEY

PARIS, Sept. 2. (JTA) --- The world executive of the Agudas Israel organization met today to formulate the organization's policy towards the projected London conference on Palestine, scheduled to begin next week. Delegates from 18 countries attended the meeting.

Some delegates expressed their desire to cooperate with the Jewish Agency in its dealings with the British Government, but others insisted that the Agudah follow an independent course of action, adding that Jewish immigration to Palestine should precede any discussions of the political form of a Jewish state.

SEVENTY TEL AVIV JEWS RELEASED FROM RAFFA CAMP; HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITS JEWISH COLONY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Seventy Tel Aviv residents detained at the Raffa camp since July 30 when hundreds of the city's Jews were arrested by British troops, were released today. A speed-up in the discharging of other detainees is expected to continue throughout the week, it was reported.

At the same time it was announced that High Commissioner Cunningham, in what is described as an attempt to re-establish normal relations with the Jewish community, yesterday visited a Jewish settlement for the first time in several months. At the Zichron Jacob colony he inspected the famous wine cellars and met with the settlement's administrative committee. Later he paid a visit to the Athlit clearance camp.

British military authorities here denied today reports that Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, who last week commuted to life imprisonment the death sentences imposed on 18 Jewish youths, was to be transferred to another post. It was officially confirmed, however, that Sir John Shaw, Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government, is to leave the country soon to take up new duties elsewhere.

SEARCH IN PALESTINIAN VILLAGE OF DOROTH ENDS AFTER SIX DAYS; HUNT CONTINUES IN RUKHAMA

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The arms search in the Jewish settlement of Doroth ended today, six days after British troops swooped down upon it and the nearby village of Rukhama, it was officially announced here. However, the hunt for weapons continues in Rukhama.

The original troops who entered the villages have been replaced by fresh units and the officer in charge of the operations has informed the inhabitants of Rukhama that "we won't leave until all the arms here are found." The situation in the village is getting tenser by the hour as relations between the troops and the settlers degenerate.

Both settlements have been damaged extensively during the searches and a number of buildings demolished. In one village the bakery was completely destroyed while in the other a clothing supply building was taken to pieces in the hunt. Excavating machines, capable of digging down eight feet, were used. The inhabitants have reported numerous thefts of personal belongings.

The military authorities today denied a report that 200 settlers in the villages have gone on a hunger strike in protest against the continued searches and accompanying destruction.

Jewish Bodies Investigate Damages in Both Settlements

The Jewish National Council and the Small Zionist Actions Committee yesterday dispatched a delegation to the two settlements to investigate the extent of the damage there, which newspapers here said included the blasting of cellars and the tearing up of bedding and clothes. Press photographers invited on the trip were not allowed to photograph any of the damage.

In her first press conference since assuming the acting directorship of the Jewish Agency political department, Goldie Meirson declared that the manner in which the searches at Doroth and Rukhama have been carried out is "most disturbing." She charged that the hunt was "obviously aimed" at taking away arms meant for the defense of desert villages, and that the removal of these arms is an "invitation" to the Arabs

to destroy Rukhama for a third time--the village was attacked and razed in 1929 and again in 1936.

She emphasized, however, "if Britain gives us tangible assurance that the Arabs will not attack, we will have no use for the arms." The result of such searches and the attitude displayed by the government is a provocation to the Jewish community and cannot have a quieting effect upon it, she added.

Asked whether the Jewish Agency wanted peace and quiet in the country, she replied: "If peace and quiet means a ghetto Palestine, if it means that the Agency must say to the European survivors, we are not interested in you, if it means we must live as second-rate citizens--I do not know any Agency which wants such peace and quiet. We do not want the peace and quiet of the cemetery, and that is not why Britain obtained the Palestine Mandate," she concluded.

#### AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ENVOYS TO PEACE CONFERENCE ISSUE STATEMENT ON ACHIEVEMENTS

PARIS, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein and Judge Philip Forman, who represented the American Jewish Committee here in connection with the Peace Conference, expressed the hope, prior to their return flight to the United States, that the peace treaties being written at the Conference would include the amendments proposed by leading Jewish organizations in their joint memoranda. In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, they declared:

"The American Jewish Committee is gratified that accord has been reached by the major Jewish bodies in submitting the joint proposals to the peace conference, and that the Committee participated in the formulation of them and in setting up procedures for implementation. This united course of action not only avoids duplication of effort but is making possible the concentration of energy on the common objectives.

"These requests (for treaty amendments) seek to help establish a new order in Europe in which Jews shall be able to live in dignity and security and on a basis of equality with all other citizens. This is the essence of the Jewish requests with regard to human rights, restitution and indemnification, and the right of Jews to perpetuate their traditional communal life.

"The statesmen assembled in Paris should recognize the justice of these requests in view of the suffering which Jews have undergone in the former Axis countries and in order to assure an equitable peace in Europe.

"It was also possible while in Europe to deal with the status of the displaced Jews in Germany, Austria and Italy and of the Jews fleeing from Poland. Along with representatives of other Jewish organizations, discussions were held in Geneva with F.E. LaGuardia, Director-General of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, and in Frankfurt-am-Main with General Joseph T. McNarney, chief of the United States occupation forces in Europe, to whom suggestions were made with respect to additional places of refuge for Jews infiltrating from the East and methods for improving the situation of the Jewish displaced persons. In this connection, five D.P. camps in Germany were inspected."

Members of the staff of the American Jewish Committee, as well as of the other Jewish organizations, are remaining in Paris for the purpose of continuing working for the proposed amendments to the peace treaties. While in Paris and London, Mr. Blaustein and Judge Forman had a number of conferences with Zionist leaders and others concerning recent developments in Palestine.

J.D.C. AID TOTALS \$38,140,000 FOR EIGHT MONTHS; \$8,000,000 PROGRAM FOR POLAND REVEALED

NEW YORK, Sept. 2: (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has allocated \$38,140,210 during the first eight months of this year for relief, rehabilitation and emigration of Jewish survivors in Europe, it was announced yesterday by Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman. This figure is greater than the J.D.C.'s appropriations for all of 1945, he emphasized.

Mr. Warburg revealed that for work in Poland, "zone of the greatest distress among Jews in Europe today," the J.D.C. is engaged in a program which will total more than \$8,000,000 in funds and supplies during 1946. For assistance activities in Poland this year, cash allocations have been established at \$5,500,000, with the remainder going in relief supplies of food, clothing and medicines, he stated. Details of the Polish program, Mr. Warburg added, were formulated in conversations in New York and Poland with leaders of the Central Jewish Committee of Poland.

"While thousands of Polish Jews have taken to the road fleeing anti-Semitism there," Mr. Warburg declared, "the stark fact remains that thousands of ragged, hungry and destitute Jewish survivors are staying in Poland. Their relief is among the foremost tasks of the J.D.C. in Europe." He pointed out that 25,000 Jewish repatriates have settled in the Stettin area in Lower Silesia, where the J.D.C. is operating in cooperation with the Central Jewish Committee and Orthodox groups.

Mr. Warburg's statement also listed the aid which the J.D.C. is giving to Jews in camps for displaced persons in Germany and Austria, as well as with the relief activities conducted by the organization in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, France and other countries.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM REQUESTS HEARING OF ITS VIEWS AT LONDON PARLEY ON PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Sept. 2, (JTA) -- Emphasizing that "the representatives of the Jewish Agency do not and cannot represent those Jews who are profoundly concerned about their co-religionists, but who are fundamentally opposed to the Zionist program," Isaac Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism, addressed a letter to the State Department expressing opposition to the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, and requesting that the following views be conveyed to the British Government in connection with the forthcoming conference on Palestine:

1. That the Jewish Agency be recognized as speaking only for those who are Zionist or pro-Zionist and as having no right to speak for Jews who are not supporters of the Jewish nationalist philosophy of Zionism.
2. That the proposal for a Jewish state is a matter of profound concern to all Jews all over the world, whose status will be seriously affected by the establishment of a Jewish state; and that spokesmen for Jews who oppose a Jewish state therefore be given full opportunity to express their views.

The letter also asked that the United States Government "express its concern about and opposition to any proposal or procedure involving consideration of the establishment of a Jewish state."

RABBI SAUL SILVER, PRESIDENT OF CHICAGO HEBREW THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, DIES

CHICAGO, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Rabbi Saul Silver, founder and president of the Chicago Hebrew Theological College for 25 years, and one of the founders of the Miz-rachi Organization of America, died here yesterday at the age of 64. Funeral services will be held tomorrow.