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ZOA CONVENTION REJECTS PARTITION, CALLS FOR JEWISH STATE IN ALL OF PALESTINE

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The 49th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America tonight rejected any proposals for the partition of Palestine, in a political resolution reiterating "the historic claims of the Jewish people to the whole of mandated Palestine."

The resolution, which demanded establishment of a Jewish state, urged the Jewish Agency to submit any proposals made to it by the British Government to the World Zionist Congress for approval and expressed doubt of the wisdom of Jewish participation in the London Conference on Palestine.

The Committee on Political Resolutions unanimously recommended the resolution to the convention after a heated debate at a closed session of the group. Earlier, the committee rejected a proposal by Robert Szold, a former president of the ZOA, that Dr. Nahum Goldmann be invited to address the convention.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Re-elected to Presidency

The action of the convention represented a clear-cut victory for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who was this afternoon re-elected president of the ZOA for a second term. In an address to the body last night, Dr. Silver had bitterly attacked the Jewish Agency executive for informing the British Government that it was prepared to discuss the establishment of a "viable Jewish state" in part of Palestine.

Dr. Silver criticized Dr. Goldmann for allegedly ignoring and flouting agreements reached with the American Zionist Emergency Council and charged that "we agreed unanimously, Dr. Goldmann concurring, that neither he nor we would propose a partition plan to the Cabinet Committee or other American officials."

In his address last night, Dr. Silver also criticized Dr. Stephen S. Wise, although not mentioning him by name, for supporting the U.S. loan to Britain, which issue, he said, could have been utilized by the Zionist movement to apply pressure on the British to secure Jewish demands in connection with Palestine.

The ZOA president also sharply scored the Labor Government's policy in Palestine and, while welcoming President Truman's sincerity, expressed doubts that the American Government had "employed its full strength to get results" on Palestine.

U.P.A. Received \$40,000,000 from U.J.A. for Work in Palestine

Reporting to the convention this morning, Rudolf G. Sonnenborn, of New York, acting national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, said that \$40,000,000 was received this year by the UPA from the United Jewish Appeal. Of this amount, half will go to the Jewish National Fund and half to the Palestine Foundation Fund.

Despite the obstacles created by the British Government, more than 20,000 Jewish refugees entered Palestine during the eight months from Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 1946,

he said. Also, more than 5,000 others reached the shores of the Jewish homeland but were deported by the British to Cyprus.

Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund, reporting for the J.N.F., said that 35 new settlements had been established during the past year and more than 40,000 dunams of land redeemed "despite the vicious and restrictive land laws of the British." To make possible this achievement, the J.N.F. remitted to Palestine the sum of \$12,000,000 since September, 1945. Judge Rothenberg expressed particular gratification over the founding in one night by 1,000 Jewish pioneers, including 300 girls, of 12 new agricultural settlements in the Negev.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, re-elected a vice-president of the Z.O.A., voiced an appeal for unity. "There is nothing so dear to the heart of British diplomacy as the desire to introduce division into the camps of the adversary. There can be no division into moderates and extremists, where basic Zionist principles are concerned. There must be no partitioning of the Zionist movement," he said.

Daniel Frisch, who was re-elected chairman of the national administrative council, declared that British brutality as practiced on the Yishuv is a perfect replica of the British mistreatment of colonial America. "The early American," he said, "just like the halutzim of today, aspired to build in their new land a home free of oppression."

Full Text of Z.O.A. Political Resolution

The full text of the resolution adopted tonight reads as follows:

"1. The annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America reaffirms the historic claims and aspirations, and the legally established rights of the Jewish people to Palestine. These rights have been formally embodied in solemn international covenants applied to the whole of mandated Palestine, undivided and undiminished, as the territory in which the Jewish people shall re-establish its national existence as a free and equal member of a family of nations. Any further attempt on the part of the British Government, by unlawful, unilateral and arbitrary action to curtail or destroy these rights, or to deny to the Jewish people free access to any part of its national homeland, will be resisted to the utmost by all sections of the Jewish people, with the support of democratic forces the world over.

"2. The tragic experiences of the past year, the unparalleled calamities which have overtaken the Jewish people and the record of British maladministration in Palestine have demonstrated beyond argument that the purposes underlying the Balfour Declaration and the mandate can be fully realized only through the establishment of a Jewish state with freedom and equality for all its inhabitants irrespective of race and religion. Only the early establishment of a free Jewish state can guarantee free entry of Jews into their homeland, full opportunity for colonization and economic development, security against oppression and the achievement by the Jewish people of national freedom on their ancestral soil. These aims have received the sanction and support of the American people through expressions of public opinion, Presidential declarations, the Anglo-American Convention on Palestine of 1924, the action of both major political parties in 1944, the joint resolution of Congress in 1922 and the concurrent Congressional resolution of 1945.

"The convention directs the officers of the ZOA and requests the delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress to pursue a firm policy for the fulfillment of

the legal rights of the Jewish people to Palestine, and the early re-establishment of a Jewish state.

"3. The convention notes the failure of the London Conference on Palestine to achieve a solution of the Palestine problem. The course of the conference to date and its adjournment for two-and-one-half months without the slightest change in the status of Jewish immigration into Palestine, confirms the view that it represents a further dilatory device following a long series of delaying tactics invented by the present British Government to deflect public criticism.

"The wisdom of Jewish participation in the conference is left open to question. The convention is confident that representatives of the Jewish Agency for Palestine will continue to decline an invitation to this or any conference unless there is adequate assurance that the purpose of the discussions will be the implementation of the legally established rights of the Jewish people, the furtherance of immediate immigration and the early establishment of a Jewish state.

"Such negotiations as may be entered upon by the Jewish Agency should be conducted in such a manner as to avoid any commitments on behalf of the Zionist movement. Any proposals made by the British Government must, in accordance with Zionist procedure be submitted, prior to acceptance, to a regular or extraordinary session of the World Zionist Congress, or failing that, to a plenary session of the General Council of the World Zionist Organization, which will be elected at the forthcoming Congress, and which should be given the necessary power to act on behalf of the movement."

Another resolution adopted by the convention voiced appreciation of the services of the American Zionist Emergency Council under Dr. Silver during the past year and called upon all persons in official positions in the Zionist Organization to give that body ~~its~~ complete cooperation.

The newly-elected administrative and national executive committees comprise the following:

Past-presidents (with voting rights on the executive): Dr. Harry Friedenwald, Baltimore; Dr. Solomon Goldman, Chicago; Dr. Israel Goldstein, New York; Edmund I. Kaufmann, Washington; Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Philadelphia; Louis Lipsky, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Robert Szold and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, all of New York.

Vice-presidents: Rabbi Leon Fuer, Toledo; Jacob Fishman, New York; Abraham Goldstein, Hartford; Dr. James E. Heller, Cincinnati; Mortimer May, Nashville; Rabbi Irving Miller, Woodmere, L.I.; Dr. Emanuel Neumann, New York; A.A. Redelheim, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt, New York; Charles J. Rosenbloom, Pittsburgh; and Eliahu Stone, Boston. Abraham Goodman was elected treasurer.

BYRNES INSTRUCTS U.S. DIPLOMATS TRUMAN'S STATEMENT IS OFFICIAL POLICY ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Secretary of State James F. Byrnes has informed American embassies in London, Paris and elsewhere that President Truman's Yom Kippur statement is now the official U.S. policy on Palestine and has instructed them to guide themselves accordingly, it was reliably reported here today.

The President's statement reiterated his demand for the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine and supported the proposal of the Jewish Agency executive for a "viable Jewish state" in part of the country.

JEWISH AGENCY AIDE KILLED, MANY INJURED IN CRASH OF PARIS-JERUSALEM PLANE IN EGYPT

CAIRO, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- One Jewish Agency official was killed and several injured when a plane which was carrying them from Paris crashed in the hills of North-ern Egypt four days ago, it was revealed here today with arrival of the wounded at the Cairo Jewish Hospital.

The passenger killed was Joseph E. Perlman, of the Agency's engineering department, who was recently sent to Europe to examine abandoned American army camps which the Agency is planning to buy to house future immigrants.

The injured include: Abner Shoulsh, Kan. Mintzer, Heller and Zacks (first names unknown,) Major and Mrs. Levine, Mrs. Yacobi, Mrs. Casto, M. Aeronovitz of the Histadruth and Elias Sasson of the Agency. All but the last two were taken to the hospital here by special ambulance. Sasson and Aeronovitz, who were less seriously injured, came by train.

The plane, which carried a total of 21 passengers, had been specially chartered in Paris for the trip to Palestine. It crashed into a hill during a sand storm about 90 miles from Cairo. The crash threw all the passengers from the craft, which broke in two and burned.

The survivors remained at the scene of the accident for 48 hours until they were discovered by a passing caravan, which gave first aid to the injured and arranged for them to be taken to the nearest hospital, 30 miles away.

AGENCY EXECUTIVE HAS NOT AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH BRITISH AGAINST TERRORISTS, KAPLAN SAYS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- "We have not agreed to cooperate with the government in fighting terrorism, although we were opposed to terror before the London conferences began and will be after they have concluded," Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency who recently returned from London where he participated in the talks with the British Government, said in Tel Aviv at a pre-election mass meeting called by the Palestine Labor Party.

Replying to persistent rumors that the Agency negotiators in London had agreed to join in the government fight on terrorists in return for the release of the Agency leaders in Latrun prison, Kaplan stated that "we will fight terror in our own way, but we did not promise anything as the price for release of the persons in Latrun." He reported that when he saw High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham last week, the latter demanded Agency cooperation in crushing terrorism, but was told that cooperation is impossible under the present circumstances.

The Stern Group today distributed leaflets in which they assumed responsibility for the blasts in Jerusalem on Thursday evening during which 12 British soldiers were injured. One of the wounded died last night.

RAF planes and naval patrols were reported operating off shore today following reports that three Jewish blockade runners were nearing Palestine. The curfew in Jerusalem is still being vigorously enforced, although it will be lifted for tomorrow night to enable fullest participation in the voting for representatives to the Zionist Congress.

An unconfirmed report tonight said that Col. Richard Webb, who delivered an anti Semitic harangue to several correspondents brought to his headquarters on Thursday night, has been suspended. Military headquarters announced yesterday that they were investigating the incident.

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS URGES FREEING OF SOME JEWISH INTERNEES DEPORTED TO ERITREA

LONDON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A committee of the International Red Cross, which has just completed an investigation of the camp at Asmara, Eritrea, where Jewish deportees from Palestine are confined, has recommended that investigation of the prisoners be speeded up, that those against whom no charges can be filed be released and that the living conditions at the camp be generally improved.

This was disclosed here today by the Prisoners of Zion Committee, which last summer appealed to the Red Cross to send an investigating commission to Asmara. The Red Cross is continuing negotiations with the British Government on conditions in the camp, it was also revealed.

(A Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Jerusalem reported today that British military authorities asked that the Asmara internees be returned to Palestine for security reasons, but were turned down by the Palestine Government, which thought it would be politically unwise.)

SITUATION OF JEWS IN CYPRUS CAMPS REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT, PROBER REPORTS

LONDON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The situation of the Jewish deportees at Cyprus "needs a lot of improvement," according to a report from Rabbi Isidor Gruenfeld, a representative of the Chief Rabbi's Emergency Council, who is now visiting the camps at Famagusta, which was made public today by the Council.

The report states that there are over 5,100 prisoners in three camps, all of whom live in tents furnished only with camp cots--without linen. "Family tents" are shared by three to five married couples, while girls and boys are segregated in other tents. There are two communal kitchens, one for the Orthodox and one for the non-Orthodox Jews. Breakfast usually consists of milk and rice, while the internees receive a piece of bread, a bowl of soup and a piece of meat for dinner. Bread and tea are furnished for the evening meal.

Dr. Gruenfeld says that the Jews appear to be healthy, but complain of being hungry. On behalf of the Council, he agreed to defray half the cost of additional food for the prisoners. The Joint Distribution Committee will furnish the remainder. The authorities have also agreed to permit the Jews to receive mailed parcels. Rabbi Gruenfeld disclosed that the internees will need a quantity of warm clothes to withstand the rigors of the approaching winter.

CAIRO GOVERNMENT SAYS ONLY EGYPTIAN JEWS CAN GO TO PALESTINE; BARS VISAS FOR ALIENS

CAIRO, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government today informed Chief Rabbi Chaim Nahum Effendi that it does not discriminate between Jewish and non-Jewish citizens in issuing exit visas for Palestine.

Answering Rabbi Nahum's protests that Jews in Egypt were not permitted to leave the country for Palestine, an under-secretary of state told him that Egyptian Jews were free to leave, but foreign Jews residing in Egypt are barred from travelling to Palestine under a temporary regulation recently issued by the passport department. At least 70 percent of the Jews in Egypt come under the category of resident foreigners, it was pointed out here.

U.S.N.A. DIRECTOR DECLARES U.S. GAINED \$1,000,000,000 IN REFUGEE IMMIGRATION SINCE 1933

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The United States has gained at least \$1,000,000,000 worth of trained workers and professionals in the 250,000 refugees who entered this country since 1933, Joseph E. Beck, executive director of the United Service for New Americans, declared last night at a dinner meeting held here. At the same time, he emphasized that this country had lost three times that sum by not filling its quotas completely.

Beck pointed out that of the 2,150,000 immigrants who could have been admitted since 1933 only 250,000 entered, of whom more than two-thirds were refugees from Nazism. He cited a Swedish Government estimate that every adult industrial worker who emigrated from that country cost the nation \$5,000 in capital value.

N.Y. TIMES PUBLISHER SAYS ZIONIST DEMANDS JEOPARDIZE HAVEN FOR DP'S NOW IN EUROPE

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Declaring that most of the displaced Jews in Europe wish to emigrate to Palestine but are prevented from doing so because of Zionist demands for a Jewish state, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times, today called for a reversal of Zionist policy which, he said, places sovereignty before refuge.

Speaking at a dinner marking the 80th anniversary of Mizpah Congregation here, Mr. Sulzberger said countless Arabs "would admit that there is room at the moment in Palestine for 350,000 Jewish refugees, but not room for a Jewish state." Discussing the situation of the Jews in Europe, he said, "I fear that there are places in Europe in which no sensitive Jew of this generation can live content."

DR. SCHWARTZ REPORTS MORALE OF JEWS IN DISPLACED PERSONS CAMPS IS SURPRISINGLY HIGH

MUNICH, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Concluding a two-day tour of DP camps and Joint Distribution Committee centers in the Munich area, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, JDC European director, said today that he was "impressed with the high spirit of the Jewish DP's--even those who are in the sub-standard camps."

"Of course, they would like to know more definitely about their future," Dr. Schwartz added, "but they are at present full of enthusiasm. I am surprised at the small amount of griping. I expected a lot more."

Dr. Schwartz also reported that in the older camps he found an "inspiring communal spirit," in the kitchens, workshops and schools. He said he was also impressed by the universal gratitude and recognition accorded the program of the JDC, as well as its staff, by the DP's.

SETTLEMENT FOR FORMER MAQUIS ESTABLISHED IN PALESTINE; FRANCE REPRESENT'D AT OPENING

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Fifty young French Jews, many of whom fought as Maquis during the war, today witnessed the formal opening of their new settlement, Neveh ilan, by officials of the Jewish Agency, the Jewish National Fund and the French consul-general in Palestine. The settlement, which occupies 1,700 dunams of J.N.F. land, is situated in the Judean hills near Maale Hamisha.