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TRUMAN DID NOT PROMISE TO SUPPORT PALESTINE PARTITION, DR. SILVER TELLS ZIONIST CONGRESS

BASLE, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- President Truman has not committed the United States to the proposal of the Jewish Agency for the partitioning of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states, but has merely said that the U.S. Government will support a compromise between this proposal and the British "federalization plan," Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, told the World Zionist Congress today.

Speaking this morning on the activities of American Jewry, Dr. Silver made it clear that he did not intend at present to embark on a discussion of the position of American Zionists on "the partition proposal presented in Washington by a representative of the Jewish Agency" but would reserve that for a later session.

"It is too early to say how firm and persistent Secretary of State Byrnes will be in pressing for Jewish rights in Palestine and for a just and early solution of the Palestine problem," he declared. The Secretary of State, however, now understands "the full gravity and urgency" of the Palestine question, Dr. Silver added. He praised Truman for dealing forthrightly "for the first time" with the "unwarranted intervention" of King Ibn Saud in the Palestine issue.

Audience Applauds Silver's Opposition to Partition Plan

A statement by Dr. Silver that many Zionists regarded the partition proposal of the Jewish Agency as "an error in judgment" and that this proposal was presented in "a most unfortunate way" was a signal for a short demonstration by part of the audience, which stamped its feet and applauded. The delegates also applauded when he warned against trusting "constant unrepentant sinners" with the task of negotiating on Palestine.

"The establishment of a Jewish state in our time is the only conceivable recompense of any that can be conceived at all for the slaughter of 6,000,000 Jews," he said. Referring to the recent announcement by Byrnes that the United States will send an official observer to the London Conference on Palestine if Jews and Arabs participate in the parley, Dr. Silver said that the Byrnes statement was "made seemingly with an eye on the World Zionist Congress," and was not very revealing.

The leader of the American Zionist movement blamed American Jewish organizations for their failure to convince the American Government of the necessity of removing Jews from Europe immediately after the war. Simultaneously, he criticized the inadequate efforts of the U.S. Government in solving "the greatest humanitarian problem in modern history." The United States, he said, could admit 250,000 Nazi and Fascist war prisoners, but not its Jewish allies.

The cooperation of all Zionist groups in the American Zionist Emergency Council was lauded by Dr. Silver. He also praised the work of the American Jewish Conference saying that it triumphed "over the vestigial oligarchy of self-appointed Haus-Juden."

BEN GURION DEMANDS JEWISH STATE; WARNS TERRORISM MAY PLUNGE PALESTINE INTO CIVIL WAR

BASLE, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- A vigorous appeal for the creation of a Jewish state was made today by David Ben Gurion, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, in an address to the Zionist Congress in which he emphasized that the establishment of such a state is the only way of saving the surviving Jews in Europe and "the most advantageous instrument for securing peace in Palestine, stability in the Middle East, and a relationship of cooperation and mutual help between Jews and Arabs in Palestine and in the neighboring countries."

Ben Gurion lashed out against terrorism, warning that the activities of the extremists may lead to civil war. He assailed a "state of affairs where every gang of youths with enough money to buy a kilogram of dynamite and a machinegun is permitted to conduct national policy and proclaim a separatist war," and said that continuation of terrorism can plunge the Jews of Palestine into the "greatest tragedy that can happen to us in this period of great crisis--civil war."

Rejecting the Morrison federalization plan, he charged that its general outlines had been submitted to the British Government by the Arabs several years ago. "We oppose the plan because it is only a slight modification of the White Paper and the changes are not always to the advantage of the Jews," he stated, adding that it was a violation of the Mandate.

Says That "No Foreign Power" Will Halt Immigration

Describing immigration as the "central, decisive front," he warned that "no foreign power will overcome it. Refugees will continue to find their way to Palestine. They will leap into the waters and swim to the shores of the homeland, and every Jew, because he is a Jew--be he Zionist or not--will stand behind them. Fleets and air forces whose strength lies in physical force alone will not halt immigration."

Defining what he meant by a "Jewish state," Ben Gurion said that "it goes without saying that a Jewish state can be based only on a democratic system in which there will be full equality of rights--civil, political and religious--for all inhabitants without exception, irrespective of race, religion or sex.

"It is self-understood that Jews outside the Jewish state will be citizens of the countries in which they live, just as Englishmen and Frenchmen in America are citizens of America, even though England and France exist as independent countries. Just as Irishmen in America or Australia are citizens even though Eire exists as an independent country to which they are bound by ties of tradition and affection."

When he mentioned "progress," the Agency chairman stated, he meant that "we want to have the sovereign right to root out from the life of Palestine poverty, disease, illiteracy, unhygienic housing conditions in town and country, the oppression of women and children and the shortage of the right food from which an overwhelming majority of the Arab population and not a small section of the Jewish population probably suffers.

"We want sovereign independence for the Jewish people in their historic homeland by virtue of its becoming an ensured majority, liberated from the perennial curse of exile, the curse of perpetual minority status, the curse of constant depend-

ence and the curse of dispersion and of everywhere being strangers and foreigners. We want our independence and sovereignty and to be represented at the United Nations like every other free people."

"Why should the Jewish people be denied what is accorded even to small countries and tiny peoples like Luxembourg, Lebanon, Albania and others?" Ben Gurion asked. "It is only because there is no Jewish state. We demand independence for our people... We are capable of conducting our own affairs and protecting ourselves. We are living de facto in a Jewish state, although we have not obtained the position de jure."

If Britain feels that the Mandate is unworkable--which even today the Zionists do not recognize is the case--it should allow the creation of a Jewish state as promised by the Mandate, he asserted.

DR. WEIZMANN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ZIONIST CONGRESS; FOUR AMERICANS IN THE PRAESIDIUM

BASLE, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann was today elected president of the World Zionist Congress to direct the sessions of the assembly, assisted by a praesidium of 15 which includes Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Mrs. Judah Epstein, Hayim Greenberg and Dr. Joseph Shechtman representing the Zionist Organization of America, the Hadassah, the Zionist Laborites and the United Zionist-Revisionists of America, respectively.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise disclosed after the balloting that Dr. Weizmann had proposed two days ago that Wise be named Congress president, but "nothing but the vulgar machinations of underlings--probably prompted by the high command--alone prevented the election of the first American president of the Congress." He had not declared himself a candidate for the presidency, Wise added, but Weizmann suggested that he be elected as "an honor owing to Dr. Wise as a life-long Zionist leader."

The elections were marked by sharp clashes which highlighted the political cleavages among the delegates. Following Dr. Weizmann's election by a vote of 191 to 48--with the Mizrahi delegates abstaining--Semson Yulichman, a Revisionist delegate, arose and bitterly attacked the aged Zionist leader, declaring that his policy had brought the movement to its present "catastrophic situation."

The Revisionists cannot "approve Weizmann's policy now when Zionism has entered a new phase of resistance and offensive," Yulichman stated. "Weizmann cannot symbolize the movement as a whole. We cannot believe that he will lead the movement to revival."

Revisionists Attacked By Left-Wing Zionists As "Jewish Fascists"

After the unanimous elections of the praesidium, which consists of four representatives of the Mizrahi, four of the Mapai, four General Zionists, two Revisionists and one Hashomer Hatzair delegate, the Revisionists came under fire from both the Hashomer Hatzair and the Tenua L'Achdut Avoda, which are at the extreme left of the groups represented at the Congress.

Moshe Erem, speaking for the L'Achdut Avoda, called the Revisionists "Jewish fascists," and charged that they should not be allowed to sit in the Congress, since the New Zionist Organization has not been dissolved. Eliezer Prai of the Hashomer Hatzair said his party considered the Revisionists "an element foreign to Zionism,

which perverts the real picture of our struggle." He also charged that the Revisionists were at the Congress illegally, since their readmission to the World Zionist Organization had never been approved by the Zionist Actions Committee or the Congress.

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Speaking in Yiddish, Weizmann said that the Crusades, the Russian pogroms and the Inquisition had been child's play compared to the havoc wrought among European Jewry by the Nazis. Declaring that the world will one day be judged for its failure to save the Jews, he added that "we still believe that the plough is the instrument to rebuild our future and national revival."

TWO DESTROYERS RESCUE 240 SHIPWRECKED JEWS; HEAVY SEAS STALL MERCY MISSION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The British destroyer Chevron and a Greek destroyer tonight took 240 of the 800 shipwrecked Jews off the island of Sirini for temporary shelter from the driving rains which have been drenching the castaways for several days, while a second Greek destroyer was speeding through heavy seas to bring eight wounded Jews to a hospital in Rhodes.

A Palestine Government communique announced that further rescue work had to be halted because of the increasingly bad weather. Meanwhile, a British landing ship equipped with an emergency hospital left Malva today for the tiny island. British naval sources estimate that the rescue may not be completed for a week. A Jewish Agency team of three doctors, two nurses and an Agency representative took off today for Rhodes in a Royal Air Force plane. They will continue their journey to Sirini by sea.

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Meanwhile, informed circles here report that the Palestine Government has decided to admit to Palestine all sick and wounded among the castaways as well as children, pregnant women and aged persons. It has also been learned that High Commissioner Sir Allan G. Cunningham has requested instructions from London on whether to admit the remainder of the 800 castaways.

Circles close to the government point out that the legal status of the refugees is unclear because they landed on an Italian island. Although the island is under British military control, it has not yet been decided whether the British emergency regulations concerning visaless immigrants en route to Palestine apply in this case.

The Hebrew press today expressed its gratitude for the British aid being given the Jewish refugees and suggested that all the immigrants be admitted to the country after they are rescued. A Jewish Agency spokesman today voiced the thanks of the "entire Jewish people" for the assistance of the various military and governmental units involved in the mercy mission.

defended Dr. Goldmann's mission. He pointed out that it was undertaken with the authorization of the Agency executive. If the mission failed, he argued, it was a failure that all members of the executive should share, and if it was a success, the whole executive should share the credit. He made clear that he strongly believed that the mission was a success.

Neumann Opens Debate With Warning Against Joining London Parley

The debate was opened by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, with a slashing attack on the executive which, he said, has abandoned the principle of a Jewish state in an undivided Palestine. He also warned against the participation of the Jewish Agency in the London conference on Palestine.

Dr. Neumann charged in a speech which was frequently punctuated by applause that the "new line" adopted by the executive at its conference in Paris was a failure without any results to justify it. "The executive experimented and its experiment failed," he said. They speculated on the hope that a compromise would be accepted and they lost. It was a costly experiment. The Zionist movement will continue to pay a heavy price for it in many ways.

Criticizes Submission of Partition Plan to U.S. Government

As far as the governments of the United States and Britain are concerned, Dr. Neumann continued, the executive presented the partition plan to them as an expression of the Zionist policy. "If this policy is to be changed now it means that new methods are to be applied and new men elected," he declared.

The partition plan has not been accepted by the British as a basis for discussion, nor does it find favor with the Arabs, Dr. Neumann pointed out. He added that if some Arabs are inclined to accept the partition scheme, they are "discreetly silent" about it. "The Arab official position is as inflexible, as adamant as before," he asserted.

Discussing the question of participation in the London Conference, Dr. Neumann stressed that the Zionist movement had once before accepted an invitation to a round table conference in London, which resulted in the issuance of the White Paper. He also cited the report of the Anglo-American inquiry committee whose commendations the British Government refused to accept.

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JEWISH AGENCY REPORTED CLAIMING GERMAN PROPERTY IN PALESTINE AS REPARATIONS

LONDON, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency is claiming German property in Palestine valued at approximately \$200,000,000 as reparations for Jewish losses at the hands of the Nazis, Reuters reports today from Jerusalem.

Quoting Arab newspapers, Reuters declares that Arab leaders have been urged to intervene with the government to prevent the realization of such a claim. It quotes one newspaper as stating: "This transfer if effected means the acceleration of Jewish land acquisition by one and a half years."

The German property consists of approximately 19,000 acres, half of which is planted in citrus crops. The land was purchased from Arabs at various times since the beginning of the century.

ARMED JEWS RAID ARAB "DEFENSE" ORGANIZATION IN JAFFA; REMOVE LEAFLETS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Four Jews armed with submachine guns raided the headquarters of the Najjada, Arab "defense" organization, in Jaffa, it was reported here today. The raiders searched the premises and carried off a quantity of leaflets.

The English language "Palostine Post" today reports that the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Group have decided to halt their anti-British activities during the period of the World Zionist Congress.

The residents of the Machne Yehuda quarter of Jerusalem, which was the scene of two battles between extremists and police last week, have presented a memorandum to the local district commissioner requesting that he move the police barracks in that section elsewhere.

During the clashes, the memorandum states, a hail of machinegun and rifle bullets were loosed indiscriminately by the police and endangered the lives of the inhabitants of the area. It demands an investigation of last week's events, declaring that many of the bullets were aimed at Jewish homes.

Trial of Jewish Youths Adjourned When Arab Witness Disappears

The trial of two Jewish youths arrested Sept. 13 and charged with attempting to rob the Ottoman Bank in Jaffa and carrying weapons opened here today.

Shortly after its opening, the proceedings were adjourned indefinitely when the prosecution's only eye witness, an Arab official of the bank, failed to appear. The attempt to rob the bank was made by 14 Jewish youths, one of whom was killed and eight captured by police and an Arab mob.

SCOTTISH LABOR UNIT HITS BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE; CALLS FOR ABOLITION OF WHITE PAPER

GLASGOW, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- A resolution condemning the Labor Government's policy on Palestine and calling for the removal of restrictions on Jewish immigration to that country were adopted here at the annual convention of the Ayrshire Labor Federation.

The resolution, which was adopted by a vote of 136-13, emphasized that: "The extreme measures taken to restrict Jewish immigration to Palestine is a continuation of the notorious White Paper policy which is utterly at variance with the policy of the Labor Party." It also urged implementation of the Labor Party's platform of 1944 and 1945 which called for a Jewish national home in Palestine.

MILITARY TRIBUNAL IN LODZ SENTENCES TWO POLES TO DEATH FOR MURDERING JEWS

WARSAW, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- A military tribunal in Lodz has sentenced two Poles to death for killing three Jews in Piotrkow-Trybunalski. The names of the murdered Jews were given as Lejzor Malc, Sara Uszerowicz and Rachael Rolnik. A number of other Poles involved in the murders were sentenced to from four to ten years imprisonment.

Two Jews removed from trains between Biala-Podlaska and Miedzyrzec were freed by their kidnapers after being confined in the woods for 10 days. They reported that they were released when they produced "aryan" identity documents. At present, there are no Jews left in Biala-Podlaska nor Miedzyrzec. The last groups of Jews from these cities have been transferred to Silesia.

A delegation of the Jewish Central Committee in Warsaw called upon the executive committee of the Polish Socialist Party and complained against an anti-Zionist article which appeared in the Kurier Popularny, organ of the party in Lodz, under the signature of M. Wachowicz, a Socialist leader who, until recently, was Vice-Minister for Security. The delegation was assured that the Socialist Party is deeply interested in the fate of the Jews in Poland and that no articles will henceforth appear in any party organs which can be interpreted as anti-Jewish.

CHIEF RABBI OF POLAND CHARGES CLERGY REFUSES TO CHECK ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES

PARIS, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Catholic clergy in Poland has been backing fascist bands which engage in anti-Semitic activities and has done nothing to check the anti-Semitism which is widespread throughout the country, Rabbi David Kahane, president of the Jewish Consistory of Poland and Chief Rabbi of the Polish Army, has charged here.

Dr. Kahane revealed that security authorities recently seized an anti-Semitic exhibit in a church in Leczyca and arrested the organizers. The exhibit consisted of a painting of bearded Jews draining blood from the body of a Christian boy and a glass casket containing the skeleton of a child allegedly killed on Passover for ritual purposes. The casket, the rabbi said, had been shown all over Europe as part of an anti-Semitic exhibition arranged by the Nazis.

Rabbi Kahane, one of the few survivors of the Jewish community in Lwow, remained in the ghetto there during the German occupation despite an offer by Archbishop Czeptleky to shelter him. He was eventually taken to a death camp, from which he escaped and sought refuge with the Archbishop, in whose home he lived for nine months until the Russians liberated the city.

CONFERENCE OF GERMAN GOVT. HEADS STRESSES NEED FOR PROPERTY RESTITUTION LAW

MUNICH, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The need for legislation to cover restitution of the confiscated property of Jews and other persecutees in the American, British and French zones of Germany was stressed at a conference of German government representatives from the three zones, held at Tegernsee, 30 miles from here. Such legislation is already in effect in the Soviet zone.

The two-day conference, which concluded today, was devoted to a discussion of the over-all needs of the persecutees for food, clothing and other material assistance. It was called by the Bavarian Government and attended by top officials of the provincial governments in the three western zones.

U.N. URGED BY ITS LEGAL COMMISSION TO DRAFT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST GENOCIDE

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Economic and Social Council of the United Nations was urged today to draft an international convention on genocide to be submitted to the U.N. General Assembly in 1947.

The recommendation was made by the Assembly's Legal Committee which unanimously decided yesterday that genocide - defined as "a denial of the right of existence of entire human groups" - was a crime under international law, for which principals and accomplices, whether private individuals, public officials or statesmen, are punishable, irrespective of whether the crime is committed on religious, racial, political or any other grounds.

COLUMBIANS PLANS TO DRIVE JEWS AND NEGROES FROM U.S. DISCLOSED BY SECRET INVESTIGATORS

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Columbians, anti-Jewish and anti-Negro organization whose activities in Atlanta in recent months have received nation-wide publicity, are a fascist movement modeled on the Nazis' and with the same aims and plan of action of the Hitlerites, it was charged today by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

Based on an investigation made by two of its field workers who joined the Columbians and on testimony of two former members of the organization, the League's evidence discloses that the Columbians aimed at first driving the Negroes out of Atlanta and then ousting the Jews and other minorities. Once they had secured control of Atlanta they planned to use the same pattern of activities to spread their influence throughout the country.

Prof. James H. Sheldon, chairman of the League, stated that as a result of the investigations, Homer Loomis Jr., and Emory Burke, the secretary and president of the Columbians, respectively, can be charged with: "1. Seeking to seize political power in the United States through terroristic gangs; 2. Systematically planning to intimidate and injure members of minority religious and racial groups; 3. Amassing a private arsenal of deadly weapons, presumably for use in riots or under other disorderly circumstances; 4. Planning the commission of arson," and several other crimes.

James Childers, 18, and Lanier Waller, an ex-Marine, former Columbians, quoted Loomis, organizer of the movement as endorsing Hitler's racial theories and also attacking Christianity. Loomis is reported to have said that when "all the Negroes and Jews are run out," he would launch an attack on Christianity. Loomis is said to have an extensive library of Nazi literature at the Columbians' headquarters, while Burke was in contact with someone in Germany.

Dynamite Cache in Atlanta Linked to Columbians; Many Rounded Up

ATLANTA, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Georgia Assistant Attorney General Daniel Duke said today that he had direct evidence linking the Columbians with a cache of dynamite uncovered here yesterday. The dynamite was seized when Lanier Waller, a former Columbian, led state investigators to the shack where it was kept and, while the investigators hid, purchased \$10 worth from the men living there. Many members of the Columbians have been rounded up and questioned in recent days in connection with Duke's investigation.

LAGUARDIA REPORTS INCREASED FRICTION BETWEEN DISPLACED PERSONS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Fiorello H. LaGuardia, director-general of UNRRA, reported increasingly serious friction between displaced persons and the military forces in the European area, in his third quarterly report to the UNRRA Council, which opened its sixth session here today. He recommended "extensive orientation" among occupation troops in the United States zone and "high level agreement" among all occupation authorities to mitigate the tension between the military and the DP's.

"Increased infiltration has not only placed a strain on accommodations and services for displaced persons," LaGuardia said, "but has also introduced new difficulties in the relationships between the military and the displaced persons. He pointed out that the U.S. Army has undertaken to operate transient centers because of UNRRA'S lack of facilities for the task.

BRITISH JEWS DENOUNCE STATEMENT BY SPOKESMAN FOR AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR FREE PALESTINE

LONDON, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The statement yesterday by Prof. John Smertenko, vice-president of the American League for a Free Palestine, defending terrorism in Palestine and stating that terrorist attacks against targets in Britain and elsewhere "will take place whenever a vulnerable target is found," was attacked today by the Board of Deputies of British Jews as "mischievous irresponsible" and "beneath contempt."

Pointing out that the American League for a Free Palestine had no connection with any body in England, the Board said that the Smertenko statement was "an abuse of hospitality by a visitor to these shores." Meanwhile, the Foreign Office denied knowledge of a statement attributed to Foreign Minister Bevin by Smertenko to the effect that British troops must remain in Palestine because of the "threat from Soviet Russia."

JUDGE ROTHENBERG RECEIVES J.N.F. DEED ON LAND IN PALESTINE AT BASLE CONFERENCE

BASLE, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, was today presented with a deed certifying that a tract of J.N.F. land in Palestine has been named "Nachlatch Rothenberg" in tribute to his activities for the J.N.F. in the United States.

The ceremony took place at the closing session of the world conference of the J.N.F. presided over by Dr. Abraham Granovsky of Jerusalem, head of the World J.N.F. Granovsky pointed out that under Rothenberg's leadership the J.N.F. of America has raised \$26,000,000 for Palestine land purchases during the past four years.

The ceremony was preceded by the adoption of a declaration in which the conference called upon the Jewish communities throughout the world to increase their support for the land acquisition program. Judge Rothenberg pledged the support of American Zionists in raising the current J.N.F. budget of \$37,000,000.

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND ANNOUNCES RECEIPT OF U.S. REMITTANCE OF \$2,100,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The sum of \$2,100,000, the largest single remittance ever received in Palestine, has just arrived there, according to a cable received here today by the Palestine Foundation Fund.

This remittance from the U.S. branch of the Fund is part of a total of approximately \$15,000,000 which will be sent to Palestine before the end of this year.

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