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WEIZMANN RECOMMENDS ZIONIST PARTICIPATION IN LONDON CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE

BASLE, Dec. 12. (JTA)--A forceful appeal for Jewish participation in the conference on Palestine which will resume next month in London was made here today by Dr. Chaim Weizmann at a meeting of European delegates of the General Zionists to the World Zionist Congress.

Speaking in Yiddish, the leader of the world Zionist movement said that there is no alternative other than participation, since taking part in the London parley will, at least give the Jews a chance to present their views. He pointed out that the U.S. Government has promised to send an observer to the parley if the Jews agree to participate, and stressed that if the Jews do not attend, decisions are likely to be taken there without them.

(... London, Foreign Under-Secretary Christopher Mayhew announced in the House of Commons that the conference will be resumed next month. The British Government, he said, will try at that time to arrive at a plan acceptable to both Jews and Arabs in Palestine.)

Hadassah President Differs With Weizmann On Continuation Of Mandate

Mrs. Judith Epstein, President of Hadassah, addressing the plenary session today, took issue with Dr. Weizmann's view--expressed in his opening address--that continuation of the British mandate was possible, if the British would live up to the terms of the Balfour Declaration.

Charging that there is no longer any possibility of continuing the mandate, the leader of the American Women's Zionist Organization said: "One must not lull oneself into a false sense of security and prevent action to solve the problem now." She traced events in Europe and Palestine for the last fifteen years and declared that those who believed that the mandate can be revised so as to wipe away the past, are indulging in "a false dream."

Calling for independence, Mrs. Epstein emphasized that the Zionists must find a way to establish the kind of a freedom in Palestine "that will give us the right to create an economic capacity for the absorption of hundreds of thousands of immigrants."

Resistance is Ugly, But Necessary, Mrs. Epstein Tells Congress

Dealing with the resistance in Palestine, the Hadassah leader said it was ugly, but necessary. She emphasized that she accepted "uncertified Jewish immigration" into Palestine unqualifiedly. "No political casuistry will convince the immigrants that a National Home is not a place where one can enter as one wills when one needs to and wants to," she declared.

Mrs. Epstein did not rule out cooperation with the Big Powers. She urged the continuation of Zionist work on the diplomatic front, both in the United States

and other lands, "to bring on our side the great nations without whose aid we cannot achieve success." She said that it is possible to get increased support from the United States for the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine on the basis of enlightened self-interest--that a Jewish State would appeal to the United States' desire for the establishment of a stable highly-developed industrialized economy in the Middle East.

#### Dr. Goldmann Says Zionism Must Be Ready for "Tragic Concessions"

Dr. Nahum Goldmann told the plenary session that Zionism must be ready for "tragic concessions" to break the political deadlock in Palestine, get rid of foreign rule and open the gates of the country to large immigration.

Assuring the delegates that no agreement has been reached with Britain on the basis of the partition resolution which the Jewish Agency executive adopted at its Paris conference this summer, Dr. Goldmann said the executive is not asking the Congress for blanket powers to conduct negotiations with the British Government, but asks only that it not be forbidden to negotiate in order to ascertain what proposals can be worked out. Such proposals, he said, will be brought before a special Zionist Congress for approval, if necessary.

Recalling that he was one of the authors of the Biltmore Declaration he told the assembly that at the time the Biltmore Declaration was proclaimed no one, including himself, thought of partition. It was drawn up on the assumption that millions of Jews would be transferred to Palestine after the war, but this did not materialize. Even the 100,000 recommended by the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee are not allowed to enter, he pointed out.

#### Partition Is Only Solution of Palestine Problem, Goldmann Believes

Under the circumstances, partition is the only way out, Dr. Goldmann argued. He warned that if no solution of the Palestine issue is found Britain will place the problem before the United Nations, or the Jews--or the Arabs--will themselves have to do so.

Should the issue go to the United Nations, he added, the Zionist movement must be prepared well in advance to state its aims. "The Jews must know that nothing is more harmful to a cause than a policy of waiting. The situation of the Jews both in Europe and in Palestine is bound to deteriorate."

Turning to what he called "diplomatic realities," Dr. Goldmann reported that only small nations who could not play power politics have offered aid to the Zionists. He warned the Congress that there is a vast difference between the world situation of 1918 and that of the present with regard to Palestine. The belief that a United Nations trusteeship would be preferable to the British mandate is a mistaken one, he continued.

He emphasized that, meanwhile, the status quo continues in Palestine and time works for the Arabs as long as there is no Jewish immigration into the country. He expressed personal opposition to terrorism, but added that people are entitled to use any weapon in order to protect themselves.

#### Warns U.S. Will Not Endanger Its Relations With Britain Over Palestine

Dr. Goldmann warned that the situation in Palestine is getting more explosive. He also warned that the belief that the United States may endanger

its relations with Britain over Jewish rights is delusional. The American Government, he said, would protest as it protested against the developments in China, India and elsewhere, but that will be all.

In the course of his address, which was frequently interrupted by applause, Dr. Goldmann criticized delegates who have delivered "fighting speeches against partition." He said he doubted whether the British Government would agree to the partition scheme, but there is a better chance to get partition than a new mandate.

#### President of U.S. Revisionists Wants a Provisional Jewish Government

In the most fiery speech delivered on the floor of the Congress, Meir Grossman, president of the United Zionists-Revisionists of the United States, called for the establishment of a provisional Jewish government for Palestine.

In the face of open hostility from most of the delegates, marked by frequent shouting and heckling which at one point forced him to halt his address, Grossman insisted that "there must be no retreat from our basic formula--a Jewish state within the historic boundaries of Palestine, based on a Jewish majority." The most vociferous opposition demonstration occurred when he declared: "If the Congress compromises, subsequent events in Palestine may nullify its decision."

Grossman spoke as much to the members of the praesidium seated behind him as to the audience, turning frequently to emphasize points which he hurled in a ringing voice. Revisionist delegates seated in a bloc rose to their feet in a body when he mentioned the name of "Jabotinsky," late leader of the world Revisionist movement. The remainder of the delegates maintained an icy silence. The same demonstration was repeated when he offered greetings to all the young men and women who "stand with arms in their hands" in Palestine.

Turning to the praesidium, Grossman cried: "Three months before the Congress you dared to negotiate on partition behind our backs, now you dare to come to the Congress and tell us there is no other way out except partition." He charged that the members of the Jewish Agency executive had negotiated with every one except with "the mounting power of the new resistance" in Palestine. "We are at war with the British," he shouted, "and this war should be recognized by the Congress."

#### Urges Removal of Present Zionist Executive

Declaring that "every Jewish boy and girl who fell in the resistance struggle is a martyr" and has changed the character of Zionism to a "fighting movement," he stated that the members of the executive had failed in their task, and urged their removal. Analyzing the "continuous contradictions" of Zionist diplomacy, Grossman voiced sharp criticism of David Ben Gurion and Dr. Nahum Goldmann. He concluded with the declaration that the case of "Ireland can repeat itself in other countries" and insisted that the "struggle must go on until Jewish national aspirations are fulfilled."

Rising in answer to Grossman, Jacob Chasan, Palestinian delegate of the Hashomer Hatzair, denied that the Jews alone hold the solution to the Palestine problem. He charged that to say they do "helps the growth of terrorism, which we abhor. We abhor murder from ambush." At this point prolonged heckling from the Revisionists forced him to pause.

#### Hashomer Hatzair Leader Appeals For a Bi-National State

Turning from his attack on the Revisionists, Chasan made a stirring appeal for the establishment of a bi-national state in Palestine under the supervision

of the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union. Criticizing the Biltmore Program, he asserted that a Jewish State cannot be established with an Arab majority in the country.

He called for an Arab-Jewish agreement, stating that there are Arabs with whom an understanding can be reached, adding that the Jewish Agency is pressing a plan which has "only repulsed every friend." There are 1,200,000 Arabs in Palestine, he said, and "we must take them into consideration, whether we want to or not." He then aimed a blast at Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who he said favored partition de facto, but "wants others to do it for him."

#### Locker Questions Ability of U.S. Zionists to Assume Leadership of Movement

Berl Locker, a member of the executive, said that although "a real miracle had been worked in the field of Zionism in the United States," the question still remained whether American Zionism was sufficiently mature to take over the leadership of the World Zionist movement, which, he said, was still based on European Jewry.

Replying to Grossman, Locker warned the Revisionists that the Zionist movement would not allow itself to be terrorized. "I warn you that terrorism against outside objectives also involves terrorism in internal affairs," he said. "Mr. Grossman, you will not terrorize the men of Ein Harod and Rukhama. You are not talking to German Social Democrats, but to the Jewish workers and citizens of Palestine."

Commenting on the question of Arab Opposition to a Jewish state raised by Chasan, Locker said that the Arabs already have seven states and are tremendously powerful as compared to the Jews. He rejected the Hashomer Hatzair suggestion for tri-power supervision of a bi-national state saying "there was some illusion some time ago that Russia was interested in a Zionist Palestine, but the situation has since changed. England strives to stay in the Middle East and Russia tries to get in--the game is the same, the interests are the same." He said that a bi-national state appealed neither to the Arabs, Zionists or England.

Locker supported the position taken by the executive at Paris, stating that with Jews on the road from Poland and ships on the high seas headed for Palestine, there could be no delay in establishment of a Jewish state. At the same time, he defended Dr. Goldmann's attempts to secure U.S. support for the decision taken at Paris.

#### Labor Opposition Leader Attacks Partition

Isaac Tcbenkin, representative of Achduth Avoda, which together with the Hashomer Hatzair make up the left-wing Labor opposition, loosed a double-barreled attack upon partition and Britain, which he declared is opposed to a Jewish homeland because it wants to use Palestine as a military base for a third World War.

Zionism is the "cradle of peace," he said, "our aggression lies in building a peaceful life. Immigration is not illegal, but the law barring immigration is illegal. As long as immigration is not permitted, our lives are endangered." Jewish leaders, Tcbenkin, insisted, should not sit at the same table with those who "throw Jewish immigrants into the sea." He opposed partition because it would not include Jerusalem in a Jewish state, and without the city the state would not be Jewish.

Other speakers today included S.Z. Shragai, of the Labor Mizrahi, who said that the Agency executive and the Zionist Actions Committee should be empowered to decide whether to participate in the London conference; Felix Rosenbluth of the



Aliyah Hadasha, the party of post-Hitler immigrants, who pleaded for an end to "activism;" and David Braver of the Central Committee of Displaced Jews in Germany.

Before the political debate was resumed this morning it was decided to limit the time allotted each party to three minutes per speaker, but the party itself has to decide which of its delegates should use the time allotted to the entire group. The gag rule does not apply to replies by members of the executive. The political debate is expected to end Sunday night and will be recessed during the day on Saturday.

Pamphlets in English and French calling for recognition of the Stern Group as "fighting for the liberation of Palestine from the yoke of an alien ruler" were delivered to all delegates today. The pamphlets were delivered in official Congress envelopes by hotel porters who were under the impression that they were official communications.

They warned the delegates that "the world is watching with no sympathy the Anglo-Jewish alliance. Let the Congress abandon this alliance which brings nothing but disaster," they said, "let the Jews free themselves from servitude." The pamphlets concluded with the warning that "our war will be waged everywhere by every means."

(The Tel Aviv newspaper Haaretz today received a joint letter from the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Sternists announcing that they will "not infringe on national discipline" and will refrain from taking any action for the duration of the Congress.)

Thirty uniformed Jewish employees of the Jewish Agency in Germany are visiting the Congress as spectators, among them Sylvia Newlander of New York, who is the only American. Except for one Yugoslav Jew, she is the only non-Palestinian in the group, all of whom are dressed in British and American uniforms with blue-and-white shoulder patches embroidered with the initials "J.A.F.P." All are liaison workers in UNRRA centers and displaced persons camps.

#### PALESTINE ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE CALLS COUNTRY-WIDE GENERAL STRIKE FOR SUNDAY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA)--A country-wide general strike has been called for this Sunday by the Palestine Arab Higher Committee. The Committee said that the strike was being called "as a first step to protect Arab rights and existence."

The announcement followed a press conference at which Fassein Khalidi, secretary of the Higher Committee, called for immediate independence of the country, with the Committee taking over the government and with the Arab defense groups being amalgamated into an Arab army. He called for withdrawal of the British and an immediate end to Jewish immigration.

It was rumored today that the Higher Committee has decided to take steps against the Haganah in reprisal for a raid yesterday on the Arab village of Salama by a band of Jewish youths who were allegedly members of the Haganah. An Arab who was kidnapped by the Jews returned to the village last night, reporting that he had been held for several hours in a house in Tel Aviv. He said that he had been questioned concerning an arms cache belonging to the Haganah which was recently stolen.

The Palestine Government is planning to establish an Arab university here, it was announced today by the head of the Education Department. Financial details and a schedule of courses have already been mapped out, the announcement said.

NO AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN U.S. AND BRITAIN ON COMMON SOLUTION OF PALESTINE ISSUE

LONDON, Dec. 12. (JTA)--Well-informed British quarters today authoritatively denied reports that Britain is inclined to accept the Palestine partition scheme as a result of the talks Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin has had with President Truman and with the Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

The same sources also declared that "there is no truth whatsoever" to reports that Britain and the United States have reached an agreement in general on the Palestine problem and will propose an as yet undisclosed common solution when the conference on Palestine is resumed next month in London. They revealed that the conference is not expected to meet before the third week of January.

A common Anglo-American approach, they pointed out, could only be reached if Britain supported the partition scheme. They cite the fact that in the recent exchange of correspondence on the Palestine question between Bevin and Byrnes, the Foreign Secretary gave a categorical assurance that Britain will not come to the London parley committed in advance to any solution, not even to the "federalization plan" originally proposed by the British.

STATE DEPT. HOPES BEVIN-BYRNES TALKS MAY RESULT IN HALT OF DEPORTATIONS FROM PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA)--The State Department is hopeful that the current conversations between Secretary Byrnes and Foreign Minister Bevin will result in a solution which will halt the deportation of Jewish immigrants to Cyprus, it was stated by Loy Henderson, chief of the Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs.

In a letter to the Agudas Israel World Organization, made public today, Mr. Henderson said that "it is hoped that these conversations will prove helpful in arriving at a solution which will prevent the recurrence of incidents similar to those which have taken place at Haifa."

The letter was in reply to a telegram sent Mr. Byrnes by Jacob Rosenheim, president of the Agudas Israel, who had appealed for American intervention to prevent further deportations.

JEWS ASSAULTED AND ROBBED IN JERUSALEM BY GROUPS OF BRITISH SOLDIERS AND POLICE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA)--In what appeared to be well-organized rioting, British soldiers and plainclothes police late last night assaulted and robbed Jews on the streets of Jerusalem.

The rioters stopped pedestrians at random and asked if they were Jewish. If the answer was in the affirmative, they set upon their victims, beating them and robbing them of money and valuables.

The incidents occurred simultaneously in different parts of the city. When the persons assaulted called for help, the attackers fled to military armored cars which apparently were waiting for them.

The gratitude of the Jewish community for the assistance given to the stranded immigrants on Sirini by the Royal Air Force was expressed today by Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, during a visit to Air Commodore Dawson, commander of the RAF in the Levant.

Ben Zvi asked that his thanks be conveyed to the men of all ranks who engaged in the rescue operation. Dawson replied that the operation was "carried out benevolently and joyfully in accordance with the RAF tradition of rushing aid to all disasters."

FRIGHTENED COLUMBIANS REPORTED QUITTING ORGANIZATION ON EVE OF GRAND JURY PROBE

ATLANTA, Dec. 12. (JTA)--On the eve of Grand Jury hearings tomorrow, at which 15 subpoenaed Columbians are expected to testify about the activities of the anti-Jewish, anti-Negro organization, many members have deserted the group, it was reported today.

Fulton County Solicitor General Andrews said that one of the section leaders of the Columbians and numerous lesser fry have notified the authorities that they have resigned. At the same time, there was an unconfirmed report that Homer Loomis Jr. and Emory Burke, the leaders of the organization, were preparing to close down their Atlanta headquarters.

BAN ON MOSLEY TRIP ABROAD DUE PARTIALLY TO HIS ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES, GOVT. SAYS

LONDON, Dec. 12. (JTA)--Sir Oswald Mosley, fascist leader, has been denied permission to leave England, "because there is a chance he might make mischief abroad," Chancellor Jowitt stated in the House of Lords today.

Another reason for the ban, Lord Jowitt said, was the feeling by the government that Jews in countries Mosley planned to visit would be resentful. "If I were a Jew living in Europe, I should feel deeply annoyed by a visit to the country where I lived of a man who, rightly or wrongly, has been identified with being very anti-Jewish," Lord Jowitt added.

The Lord Chancellor warned that "it is only too true that Fascism and Nazism have not been rooted out. They are lying dormant, but it is possible that they may one more be fanned into flames."

MENACE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN BRITAIN SMALL, BUT JEWS FEAR EFFECTS OF PALESTINE TERROR

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA)--Anti-Semitic groups in Britain have not gained a wide following despite the activities of Sir Oswald Mosley and other fascist leaders, but British Jews are fearful that terrorist activities in Palestine may adversely affect community relations, Dr. Solomon A. Fineberg, director of the American Jewish Committee's Community Service Department, said today following his return from London.

Dr. Fineberg, who spent three weeks in England conferring with British leaders on methods of combatting anti-Semitic activities there and in the United States, said that "the American situation is more volatile than the British, where customs and attitudes are more deeply rooted and less subject to rapid alteration. Despite the havoc of war, there has been little change in the temperament of the British people."

DP CHILDREN TO GET SAME ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES AS GERMAN YOUNGSTERS, RED CROSS RULES

MUNICH, Dec. 12. (JTA)--DP children who have frequently been neglected, while the Red Cross arranged parties and entertainment for German children, are to be extended equal facilities, the regional Red Cross office ruled today.

In a directive sent out to local supervisors, Regional Director Gordon Runo included a list of all DP camps and the number of children in each and instructed the supervisors to contact the camps.

LEADERS OF JEWISH DP'S IN GERMANY PRAISE U.S. ARMY FOR ITS "HUMANITARIAN ACTION"

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA)--Four official spokesmen for more than 180,000 Jewish displaced persons in Germany paid tribute today to the American Army for its humanitarian action in permitting 100,000 Jews from Poland fleeing from persecution to find haven in the American zone of occupation. They emphasized that only through large-scale support of American Jews through the \$170,000,000 United Jewish Appeal campaign in 1947, will the homeless Jews of Europe be saved from despair resulting from the failure of intergovernmental action to make possible the resettlement of hundreds of thousands in Palestine, the United States and other countries.

The leaders of the Jewish DP's who expressed their views in a press conference at the national headquarters of the United Jewish Appeal, arrived by air this week to confer with American Jewish leaders on programs for supplementary relief, rehabilitation and resettlement assistance. The group of DP leaders included Leon Retter, 24, general secretary of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the American zone of Germany; Dr. Boris Pliskin, chairman of the Committee's Health Department; Samuel Shlomovitz, chairman of the Frankfurt Region of the Central Committee, and Norbert Wollheim, vice chairman of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the British zone of Germany.

In 1946 the sum of \$3,200,000 was made available by the United Jewish Appeal for the program carried on by the Joint Distribution Committee in behalf of the Jewish DP's in Germany and Austria. It was pointed out that the sum of \$17,500,000 will be required in 1947 for these areas alone in the large-scale relief and rehabilitation program carried on with the funds to be raised by the United Jewish Appeal.

Morale of Displaced Jews Reported Considerably Lower Than a Year Ago

The morale of the displaced Jews in the American and British zones of Germany is considerably lower today than it was a year ago, and the conviction is growing among the displaced Jews that permanent resettlement in other lands, preferably Palestine, is their only hope since "there is no future in Europe for Jews," the spokesmen of the Jewish DP's said.

Expressing their gratitude to the U.S. Army which they described as "the only Army in the world which offered salvation and a haven to our people," the spokesmen of the displaced Jews said that the German people's deep-rooted hatred of the Jews made the continued stay of the Jewish DP's in Germany "intolerable" and eliminated the possibility of Jewish settlement in Germany or elsewhere in Europe.

Mr. Retter, German-born veteran of the underground resistance movement, who speaks ten languages fluently, served as spokesman for the DP leaders from the American zone. He emphasized that failure of the Jews of America to provide new homes and large-scale relief assistance in 1947 though the \$170,000,000 U.J.A. campaign "would result in an overwhelming and absolute despair among the Jewish DP's from which there could be no recovery."

Mr. Retter reported that the great majority of the displaced Jews in the American zone wanted to emigrate to Palestine where they could begin their lives

anew. Others, he added, wanted to come to the United States or other countries which would receive them. Speaking for the displaced Jews in the British zone, Mr. Wollheim, who lost his wife, child and parents during the Nazi terror, reported similar sentiments among the Jews in his area.

### "Bitterness and Disillusionment" Grow Among Jews in Germany

Both Retter and Wollheim stated that the continued absence of adequate intergovernmental machinery to deal with the problems facing the DP's has resulted in considerable "bitterness and disillusionment." The DP leaders warned that the "Jews cannot stay in Germany any more. There must be some form of governmental action and that action must come soon to help the present situation. What we have now in the DP camps cannot go on indefinitely. If something doesn't happen soon, one cannot foretell the consequences. If help does not come soon, despair will come sooner."

The two DP leaders praised the Joint Distribution Committee for its efforts in bringing into the camps supplementary food and clothing allowances and medical supplies, without which, they said, the Jewish DP's could not have been able to get along.

### Food Rations for Jewish DP's Contain Less Proteins and Fats This Year

Dr. Pliskin, who served as a medical officer with the Polish Army at the outset of the war and subsequently was arrested three times by the Gestapo for his underground activities, said that the daily food rations now given DP's in the American zone, while of the same caloric content as the rations provided a year ago, included considerably less proteins and fats than were included in the DP diet last year. He said that many 12-year-old Jewish children in the DP camps have the physical appearances of six-year-olds in this country.

"The DP's in the American zone now receive 2,200 calories a day but this diet is made up of 72 to 75 percent carbohydrates, eight to 10 percent proteins, and eight to 12 percent proteins and an equal amount of fats were essential for a normal, healthy diet. "Our children cannot develop into normal, husky youngsters on our present DP diet," he added.

Mr. Wollheim declared that conditions in the British zone were even worse, pointing out that the food rations for the DP's in the British zone had recently been reduced from 2,200 to 1,550 calories daily. In addition, Mr. Wollheim said, British authorities, in an attempt to halt the influx of Jews fleeing renewed anti-Jewish terrorism in Poland, had refused to issue food rations to 3,000 Polish Jews who recently reached the DP camp in Belsen, making it necessary for the displaced Jews already in the camp to share their meagre rations with the newcomers.

The DP leaders agreed that any diminution of J.T.A. assistance to the displaced Jews in both zones, in the form of supplementary food and clothing allowances and medical supplies made possible by the United Jewish Appeal would be tantamount to "a catastrophe." The impending liquidation of UNRRA, they said, placed increased responsibilities on the Joint Distribution Committee which would have to be met through the United Jewish Appeal.

### AMERICAN JEWISH LABOR DELEGATION ARRIVES IN POLAND; BRINGS \$100,000 FOR RELIEF WORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA)--The American Jewish Labor Council today announced that a delegation of eight of its members has reached Poland to study the situation of Jews there and to distribute \$100,000 for the rehabilitation of Jewish survivors. The delegation was received by Polish Premier Osuga-Morawski who assured them that the government is determined "to do everything necessary" to combat anti-Semitism in the country.

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