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LABORITES SCRAP PARTITION, CALL ON ZIONIST CONGRESS TO REAFFIRM BILTMORE DECLARATION

BASLE, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- In a move which will greatly strengthen the forces opposing the Jewish Agency's partition plan for Palestine, the Palestine Labor Party--second largest group represented here--today adopted a resolution calling for re-affirmation of the Biltmore Declaration. The resolution contained the following recommendations:

1. The Congress should not adopt any political resolutions.

2. David Ben Gurion, chairman of the world Zionist executive, should declare at a plenary session of the Congress that the Biltmore Declaration, which demands the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth, remains the political program of the Zionist movement.

3. The executive which the Congress elects should participate in the London Conference on Palestine not on the basis of the Agency's partition proposal, but on the basis of the Biltmore Declaration.

4. The Zionist struggle for large-scale Jewish immigration and colonization in Palestine, as well as for Jewish security, should continue.

Although the Labor Party's statement of policy is certain to be endorsed by many of the delegates, it is unlikely that its suggestion that no political resolutions be adopted will be followed, or that the opponents of participation in the London parley will be swayed by its call for attendance on the basis of the Biltmore Declaration.

Shertok Urges Participation in London Parley; Sneh Opposes Participation

Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, last night called on the Congress to vote for participation in the London Conference. He was criticized sharply today by Dr. Moshe Sneh, member of the Agency executive, who warned the Congress against participation.

In defending his view, Shertok pointed out that "if we go to London, it will be a new opportunity for putting up a fight for our future." He assured the assembly that the delegation which will attend the London parley "will not preside over the liquidation of Zionism." Any discussion of the "federalization plan" of the British Government is out of the question, he declared.

Dr. Sneh, strongly attacking participation in the conference, told the plenary session of the Congress this morning that "Britain does not seek a solution of the

Palestine question and is not examining now as to when, how and to whom, to yield the strategic Palestine key." He expressed the opinion that "England has decided against Zionism."

Britain Charged with Preparing New Restrictive Laws Against Jews

Dr. Sneh said that Britain is planning new restrictive laws against Jews in Palestine. He urged the Zionists to seek the cooperation of the entire world and not merely of England. Asserting that the United States is more friendly to Zionist aims than Britain, he declared that he was not ruling out cooperation with Soviet Russia and with the Arabs.

While urging active resistance in Palestine, Dr. Sneh stressed that he favored only "responsible resistance." He attacked the extremists, saying that their means did not justify the end. At the same time, he appealed for Jewish unity all over the world, especially between the Jews of Palestine and American Jewry.

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, another member of the Agency executive, told the plenary session that he favored Jewish resistance, but was against acts of terrorism. He strongly urged Jewish participation in the London Conference. At the same time he disclaimed any preference for partition as an ideal solution of the Palestine problem.

Shertok Urges Expulsion of Revisionists, If They Refuse to Check Terrorism

The question of terrorism was also dealt with at great length by Shertok. He said that the Revisionists had a clear choice: either to bring the terrorist organizations into "the fold of national discipline" which they are now defying, or to disavow them unequivocally. If the Revisionists do not adopt either of these alternatives, there will be no room for them within the ranks of the Zionist organization, he declared.

Turning to the demand for Jewish statehood, as expressed in the program of the executive, Shertok declared that the emergence of a whole system of independent Arab states around Palestine compelled the Zionist movement to claim statehood. "It is on that basis alone that we can achieve equality of status and thereby, peace," he said.

Shertok denied that the Zionist position had been weakened as a result of the appearance of Zionist leaders before the Anglo-American inquiry committee. On the contrary, he said, the position of the Zionist movement was strengthened by the testimony of the leaders of the Jewish Agency. Even if Jews had not attended the round-table conference in St. James Palace in London before the war, the British White Paper would have been issued, he said, adding: "Has our fighting capacity against the White Paper regime been impaired by having attended this round-table conference?"

Turmoil at Congress Caused by U.S. Delegate Denouncing Revisionists

The Congress was thrown into a turmoil for three-quarters of an hour when the Revisionist bloc took violent exception to the reading of an interpolation by Louis Segal of New York, who, in behalf of the World Zionist Laborites, wanted clarity on the position of the Revisionists within the World Zionist organization.

Segal denounced the Revisionists for alleged connections with the terrorist groups in Palestine and with the Bergson group in the United States. Shouts and boos from Revisionist delegates made Segal's attempts to read the statement inaudible. The chairman was forced to threaten to adjourn the meeting if the disorders were repeated.

Order was finally restored after the chairman, David Remez, ordered Segal to delete the offending passage from his statement. Segal was then permitted to continue.

Dr. Arish Altman, leader of the Palestine Revisionists, addressing the Congress this morning, launched a violent attack against Dr. Weizmann, declaring that he symbolizes the defeat of Zionism, which has brought it to the present crisis." He denounced the executive for following Weizmann's policy and maintained that the Zionist movement today faces two courses: either that of Vladimir Jabotinsky, the late leader of the Revisionist movement, or that taken by Hitler, meaning to let itself be destroyed. "If Zionism had understood this before the war, we could have had a Jewish state which could have saved European Jewry," he said.

Britain Does not Want Arab-Jewish Agreement, Altman Says

The Revisionist leader strongly supported "activism." "You cannot go half-way," he said. Regarding the Arab problem, he declared: "An agreement with the Arabs is political naivete. As long as there are three factors in Palestine - Jews, Arabs and British, and the third is the decisive one - there cannot be Arab-Jewish agreement because England does not want it. It is politically naive to say that the Arab states are independent and that the Arabs dominate the Middle East. It is England which does it, and the Arab world does what England wants."

Pointing out that there is no Arab-Jewish conflict, but an Anglo-Jewish conflict, the Revisionist leader said that the Palestine Mandate cannot be placed under the control of the United Nations in which England plays a leading role. "There must be an independent sovereign Jewish state which will take the fate of the Jewish nation into its own hands," he said, adding that any other alternative, such as partition, means the end of Zionism.

Itzhak Rittin, speaking in behalf of Hashomer Hatzair, said that "peaceful life and development" is not possible in Palestine without an agreement with the Arabs on the basis of bi-nationalism. A bi-national state in Palestine, he said, would open the whole country to Jews and would compel England to change its political line. Strongly opposing partition, he argued that partition would create a constant irredeemable in the whole Middle East.

Dr. Goldmann Denies He Advocated Palestine Bases for Britain

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, in a personal statement, said that reports stating that he told a press conference in Washington that a partitioned Palestine would gladly give military bases to Britain is incorrect. What he actually said, Dr. Goldmann emphasized, was that all bases in the Middle East, including Palestine, should be placed at the disposal of the United Nations in the interests of world peace.

Today's session of the Congress was opened by Chief Rabbi Alexander Shafran of Rumania, who described the difficult economic position of Rumanian Jewry. The Congress adjourned for the Sabbath this afternoon. The political debate will resume tomorrow evening.

CANADIAN DELEGATION STRIPPED OF VOTE AT CONGRESS; THREATENS TO LEAVE BASLE

BASLE, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The nine-man Canadian delegation attending the Zionist Congress was deprived of the right to vote today because of alleged irregularities in the election of delegates.

The Canadians announced that they would leave Basle Sunday unless the decision is reversed. Samuel J. Zacks, head of the delegation and president of the United Zionist Council in Canada, pointed out that the Council had sold 50,000 shekels.

ONE BRITISH SOLDIER WOUNDED AS TROOPS RESUME ATTACKS ON JEWISH CIVILIANS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Rioting by British soldiers was resumed last night, with groups roaming the streets of Tel Aviv and assaulting passers-by. One soldier was injured when Jewish youths defended the targets of their attack.

Earlier, a bomb was thrown onto the balcony of a Jewish house on the boundary of Tel Aviv and Jaffa. There were no casualties and little damage was done. It is believed that the bomb was planted by the Najada, Arab underground force, in reprisal for the raid by Jews on the Arab village of Salama on Wednesday.

MANY INJURED IN CLASH BETWEEN HISTADRUTH, REVISIONIST UNION MEMBERS IN PETACH TIKVAH

PETACH TIKVAH, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Thirty Jews were wounded today--two seriously--when several hundred members of rival Jewish trade unions clashed over employment at a local textile mill.

The owners of the mill, which was recently set up, signed a contract with the National Workers, a trade union affiliated with the Revisionists. Members of the Histadruth, which represents the overwhelming majority of Palestine Jewish workers, protested a clause in the contract which provided that at least 60 percent of the employees must be Revisionists.

Early this morning, both groups organized strong detachments of their adherents from neighboring settlements and a pitched battle ensued when they met before the plant. It continued for four hours.

The district officer hurried to the scene of the outbreak and warned that unless the violence was halted, he would summon troops. At the same time, representatives of the Jewish Agency and the Industrialists Association were endeavoring to persuade the two factions to accept arbitration.

ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETS IN SECRET SESSION; ADOPTS DECISIONS ON PALESTINE

CAIRO, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- At a secret meeting of the Arab League Council here today certain decisions concerning Palestine were adopted, including the dispatching of a memorandum to Britain asking for the suppression of "Jewish terrorism" in Palestine, a spokesman of the League disclosed.

He also announced that the League intends to enforce its boycott of Jewish-made goods from Palestine by appealing to the member states of the League to supply Palestine Arabs with goods which they can now obtain only by trading with Jews.

The Council also decided to ask the British Government to permit the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, now residing in Alexandria, to return to Palestine.

SAUDI ARABIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN ON PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, (JTA) -- Prince Emir Feisal, Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister, called on President Truman today and in a twenty-five minute talk touched on the question of Palestine in general, among many other questions, a spokesman for Feisal said. He added that the President and Feisal had not entered into any detail in their discussion on Palestine.

JEWS ATTACKED BY HOOLIGAN BANDS IN TRANSYLVANIA; AUTHORITIES ORDER PROBE OF OUTBREAKS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Several villages in the Transylvanian district of Satu-Mare, which was held by Hungary during the war, have been the scenes of violent anti-Semitic outbreaks in recent days, according to information reaching here.

Although only few Jews reside in the area, since most of the pre-war residents were murdered, local bands of hooligans have been making almost nightly attacks on Jewish homes and assaulting Jews in the streets. Three gravely injured Jews were recently brought to the hospital in the city of Satu-Mare.

The national authorities have ordered an investigation of the incidents and the reports that the local police have either failed to curb the outbreaks or participated in them. One non-commissioned officer of the gendarmerie has been arrested.

JEWISH DELEGATION CALLS ON HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT; ASKS SUPPRESSION OF ANTI-SEMITISM

BUDAPEST, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A Jewish delegation including representatives of many provincial communities today called on Hungarian President Zoltan Tildy and appealed for a stronger government campaign to suppress anti-Semitism.

The members of the delegation also asked that more severe penalties be invoked against participants in the Kunmadaras anti-Jewish riots. Last week the Hungarian Supreme Court reduced the sentences of three persons condemned for their part in the riot, acquitting one of the three. The Jews pointed out that unless persons convicted of anti-Jewish acts were punished severely, anti-Semitism would spread.

Tildy expressed his sympathy and repeatedly condemned anti-Semitism and promised protection for the Jews. He said he believed the government would eventually be able to prevent all outbreaks of violence.

The same delegation will visit Premier Ferenc Nagy tomorrow. It has already called on Justice Minister Istvan Ries who declared he is examining the records of the Kunmadaras trials and will order them reopened if possible.

BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY GROUP CHARGES JEWISH DP IMMIGRATION ORGANIZED FROM OUTSIDE

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The charge that Jewish refugees who come to the American zones in Germany and Austria en route to Palestine are backed by a highly organized movement with ample funds and great influence, was made here today in a report of a sub-committee of the House of Commons Select Committee on Estimates.

The report, however, admitted that it was unable to obtain any evidence as to what persons were involved in the movement. The unit, which recently visited Austria, declared that the migration almost amounts to "a second exodus."

JEWISH FARMERS IN POLAND GET UNRRA HORSES; MORE JEWS TO BE SETTLED ON FARMS

WARSAW, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Fifty horses given to Poland by UNRRA have been assigned to Jewish farmers in Silesia and Pomerania, it was announced here.

More Jews are to be settled on farms in these provinces under an agreement just negotiated between ORT and the Central Jewish Committee. A special organization has been set up to place Jews on farms and to assist those already engaged in agriculture.

LONDON SYNAGOGUE DESECRATED BY BRITISH FASCISTS IN REPRISAL FOR PALESTINE TERROR

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A fascist organization calling itself the "National Guard," last night set fire to a synagogue in the East End after burning one of the Holy Scrolls. The synagogue is in a section of the city which was the scene of clashes between Jews and fascists before the war.

An anonymous caller phoned a newspaper office this morning, describing himself as a representative of the National Guard, and said that the desecration of the synagogue was a "warning to terrorists in Palestine that unless their policy against British troops ceases, the National Guard will meet terror with terror."

A spokesman for the synagogue expressed great concern at the resumption of anti-Semitic activity, while a spokesman for the Jewish Agency said: "We have never heard of the National Guard. There are a lot of Fascist organizations about these days, operating under all sorts of names."

AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPER DEFENDS JEWISH IMMIGRATION; CITES SUFFERINGS UNDER NAZI RULE

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- In the midst of attacks on Jewish immigration to Australia in Parliament and in most of the press, the Sydney Daily Telegraph has rallied to the Jewish cause with a reminder to the Australian people of the Jews' suffering under Nazi rule.

In an editorial, the Telegraph said: "Surely we have not forgotten that the particular blackguardism which most deeply stirred the British people before the war were pogroms and concentration camps. This was the most decisive factor in organizing our hatred of the German regime and our will to break it. We must never forget our own horror at the Nazis' ruthless determination to deny a racially different minority the right to exist."

71 YEAR-OLD BRITISH-JEWISH OFFICER RECEIVES U.S. AIR MEDAL FOR SERVICES DURING WAR

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Wing Commander Lionel Cohen of South Africa, 71 year-old veteran of four wars, was today awarded the United States Air Medal for his services to American naval squadrons during the last war. The presentation took place at a ceremony at U.S. Naval Headquarters in London.

During World War II, at the age of 68, Cohen received the Distinguished Flying Cross for "untiring energy and courage." He was awarded the British Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross during World War I. He has already completed more than 50 years of military service.

LE GOGLU, NOTORIOUS CANADIAN ANTI-SEMITIC NEWSPAPER, RESUMES PUBLICATION

MONTREAL, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Le Goglu, notorious Canadian anti-Semitic newspaper which suspended operation during the war, has resumed publication. Its editor is Joseph Menard, well known as a pamphleteer in anti-Semitic circles.

DUTCH PEOPLE ASKED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MEMORIAL FOR JEWISH MARTYRS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The Hollandsche Schouwburg Committee, headed by Prince Bernhard, today appealed to the Dutch people to subscribe the sum of 30,000 guilders (about \$12,000) to rebuild the Hollandsche Schouwburg at Amsterdam in memory of the Jews who were tortured and murdered by the Nazis.